



Wendy & Matt Czarnecki Thyroid Clinic

IMPORTANT INFO REGARDING THE FREE THYROID TESTING

The Irish Setter Club of America Foundation, in conjunction with the ISCA Health Committee, will offer free thyroid testing at our National specialties thanks to the Wendy and Matt Czarnecki Thyroid Clinic.

ISCA Foundation will offer **FREE TESTING** for the **first 150 Irish setters** whose owners sign up for this exciting initiative.

This study is being undertaken in order to get a good cross section of thyroid function/values in Irish setters.

Both TESTS/SAMPLES must be done in order to qualify for the free testing.

The following tests/samples will be done:

1. Free DNA banking at OFA CHIC
2. Free Thyroid screening - OFA thyroid test plus analysis by Michigan State University

Dogs must be 12 months old to be included for the thyroid testing; ideally bitches should have had at least one heat cycle, and **not be in heat during the time the sample is taken**. Dogs should not have samples drawn if they have any current skin or ear infections, as results could be affected.

Thyroid results will be sent to the owner and to OFA for publication on the OFA website.

A summary report of all test results will be given to ISCA Foundation and the ISCA Health Committee by Michigan State University

If your dog already has DNA on file with CHIC, no problem! The additional DNA will be added to the DNA on file for that dog and provide an updated health survey for the dog.

To sign up to participate in this health initiative, you **must sign up ON LINE**.

Please review the list below of parameters of this study; the cost to run the thyroid profile will be covered by the ISCA Foundation.

1. All dogs eligible for the free thyroid testing must be pre-registered, with all forms completed on line.
2. To be eligible for free thyroid testing, a dog **MUST NOT** be receiving thyroid medication.
3. To be eligible for free thyroid testing, the owner of the dog(s) involved must agree that the results of the thyroid testing will be published on the OFA website (normal or affected).
4. There will be a limit of four dogs per owner for the free testing.
5. There will be a limit of 150 dogs/samples for the free testing.
6. Deadline to sign up for the Free Thyroid Clinic is April 6th **FIRM**.
- 7. Should the limit of 150 dogs not be reached, owners wishing to have more dogs enrolled can be placed on a "wait list" and will be notified if we can accept more dogs for free testing.**
8. What information do I need to have ready before I try to pre- register my dogs for the clinic?
See link in the clinic page.