

Dear Keeshond Club of America Members and Friends,

We are pleased to announce an upcoming **CHIC DNA Blood Collection Event** hosted by the Keeshond Club of America. This event provides an excellent opportunity for owners and breeders to contribute DNA samples for future research to contribute to the long-term well-being of our beloved breed.

The CHIC DNA Repository, co-sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF), collects and stores canine DNA samples along with corresponding pedigree and health history information to facilitate future research and testing aimed at reducing the incidence of inherited disease in dogs. The program objectives are:

- Facilitate more rapid research progress by expediting the sample collection process
- Provide researchers with optimized family groups needed for research
- Allow breeders to take advantage of future DNA based disease tests as they become available
- Foster a team environment between breeders/owners and the research community improving the likelihood of genetic discovery

Event Details

Date: May 18, 2026

Time: Noon – 3:00 PM

Fee: There is no cost to you

Location: Roberts Centre – Hotel and Convention Center, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177. Franklin Graham room (across from the show hall).

About the Event

This clinic will offer professional blood collection services for submission to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) for DNA storage. Participation supports ongoing research and helps maintain accurate health records for Keeshonds.

What to Bring

- **Completed OFA DNA application forms (see attachment).**

We encourage all members to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to support responsible breeding and the future health of the Keeshond.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the breed.

Warm regards,

Keeshond Club of America Health Committee