

Gold Awards for Health Testing Set Record in 2016

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The automatic inclusion of dogs with CHIC numbers continues to make for a big increase in the number of GPCA Health Awards. In the report for 2016, which includes the fourth quarter of 2015 and the first three quarters of 2016, 53 dogs qualified for GPCA Health Awards, as well as seven owners and four breeders. It was a record year for the number of Gold dogs, which are those who have a minimum of six passed health tests. This year, an incredible 12 Great Pyrenees achieved this feat, which is a real testament to their owners' dedication to health testing. In addition, 41 other Pyrs received Silver certificates, which require a minimum of three passed clearances. But while health testing is going strong among GPCA members, on the down side, 2016 saw an ever-diminishing number of CHIC numbers going to dogs that do not have ties to GPCA members (by ownership or breeder). I noted only three such dogs for the whole year. Since most of the Pyrs out there aren't ours, it's evident that the public at large isn't getting the word on testing or doesn't consider it important.

CHIC requires hip and patellas tests and one other of an owner's choice. The GPCA awards require three tests total, not necessarily including hips and patellas. So, if you have a dog with three clearances but missing hips or patellas, it would still qualify. Just drop me an email at dgoolsbee@gmail.com and let me know. It should also be noted that a CHIC number does not automatically mean that a dog has passed the health test. A passing mark is required, however, for a GPCA award.

2016 GPCA HEALTH AWARDS

GOLD

Tanimara's Winters Dream
hips, patellas, Glanzmann's, elbows,
cardiac, CMR, eyes, NDG
Owner: Catherine Whitney Walker

Lota De Macedo Soares Pyrtection
hips, cardiac, elbows, patellas, shoulders,
thyroid
Owner: Nicole Sharpe

Euzkalzale Donegal's Lucky Charm
CMR, GT, eyes, hips, cardiac, patellas
Owner: Terry Denney-Combs

Wildrose Wind Chaser
hips, elbows, shoulders, thyroid, patellas,
cardiac, eyes
Owners: Malcolm and Suzanne
Beauchamp

Euzkalzale's Legacy Of Hope (upgrade)
CMR, GT, hips, patellas, cardiac, eyes
Owners: Terry Denney-Combs and
Wendy Olson

Euzkalzale Choo Choo Charley!
(upgrade)
hips, CMR, GT, cardiac, patellas, eyes
Owners: Terry Denney-Combs, Terrie
Strom and C. Chapman

R Pyr Euzkalzale River Walk (upgrade)
CMR, GT, hips, cardiac, patellas, eyes
Owners: Terry Denney-Combs and
Terrie Strom

Euzkalzale Ireland's Little Bear
cardiac, eyes, hips, patellas, CMR, GT
Owners: Terry Denney-Combs and Leo
Nunez Jr.

Pyrrpressure's Bon Ami @ Dastekde
hips, elbows, patellas, thyroid, cardiac,
eyes
Owners: Carolyn and Jerry Ferguson

Pyrrpressure's Bienveillant Copain @
Dastekde
hips, elbows, patellas, thyroid, cardiac,
eyes
Owners: Carolyn and Jerry Ferguson

Pyrrless Razzle Dazzle
hips, patellas, CERF, BAER, GT, CMR,
cardiac
Owner: Sue Blevens

Pyrrless & Ashby She's All That!
hips, patellas, CERF, BAER, GT, CMR,
elbows, cardiac
Owner: Sue Blevens

SILVER

Darlington's High Distinction
hips, elbows, eyes
Owners: Susie and Michelle Wong

Shadee Hill Coer Brise Snolea
hips, elbows, patellas
Owners: Jolyne and Rowyn Lea

Espinay Albine
patellas, elbows, hips, cardiac, CMR
Owner: Tracy Bassett

Shadee Hill Gay Patee
hips, elbows, patellas
Owners: Kathy Liles and Lee Goertz
Shadee Hill Sparkle Plenty
hips, elbows, patellas
Owners: Kathy Liles and Lee Goertz

Mapleway Soldiers Karolaska Bluestar
hips, elbows, patellas
Owner: Jay Saylor

Eagle Ridge Pocketful Of Sunshine
hips, cardiac, eyes, patellas
Owner: Sherri Perkins

R Pyr Lone Star Gambler
hips, elbows, patellas
Owner: Terrie Strom

Pyrsong's Let's Make Music
hips, elbows, patellas
Owner: Francisco Salas

Rivergroves Moonlight Magic Of Cross
Timbers
hips, cardiac, patellas
Owner: Greg Mills

Rivergroves Renaissance Man
hips, cardiac, patellas
Owners: Josephine Stiles and Jean Boyd

Pyradigm Simply Irresistible
cardiac, patellas, hips, BAER, CMR,
NDG (note: NDG doesn't count yet)
Owners: Catherine and Wayne Straiton

Pyrless Pyradigm Can You Hear The
Thunder
cardiac, elbows, hips, patellas
Owners: Catherine and Wayne Straiton

Gaube Du Mas De Gavarnie
hips, elbows, patellas, shoulders
Owner: Nicole Lavergne

Mistry's Tailzz As Cold As Time
hips, elbows, patellas, cardiac
Owners: Kim and Deanna Lasley

Pyrless Sonnet Of Joker N Skeel
hips, elbows, patellas, cardiac
Owners: Kerry Kern Woods and Carrie
Stuart Parks

Palin's Untold Treasure
hips, elbows, patellas
Owners: Chris Wiesinger and Linda
McInturff

Palin's Perfection Personified
hips, elbows, patellas
Owners: Linda and Pat McInturff

Brynjulf Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood
patellas, cardiac, eyes
Owners: Darrell Goolsbee and Larry
Cupp
Pyragon's Night Sky Royal Crown
hips, elbows, patellas
Owner: Rhonda Dalton

Euzkalzale R Pyr Denali Express!
patellas, hips, elbows
Kathleen Raybon and Charles Raybon III
Joker Hemingway Of Skeel
hips, cardiac, elbows, patellas

Owners: Carrie Stuart Parks and Kerry
Kern Woods

Rivergroves Designed To Finish
hips, cardiac, elbows, patellas
Owners: John and Audra Payne and Jean
Boyd

Charbonneau's Blue Smoke
hips, elbows, patellas
Owner: Tamra Green

Karleo's Catch My Drift
cardiac, patellas, hips, elbows
Owners: Karen and Leo Melanson

Karleo's Polar Vortex
hips, cardiac, patellas, elbows
Owners: Karen and Leo Melanson

Bear Trax Unforgettable
hips, cardiac, patellas
Owner: Christine Kruzan

Bear Trax Heir To The Throne
hips, cardiac, patellas
Owner: Christine Kruzan

Brynjulf Wahoo Creek Don't You Feel It
hips, elbows, cardiac, patellas
Owner: Kimberly Fancher

Pyramor Pyrless Frequent Flyer
elbows, patellas, hips
Owner: Valerie Seeley

Pyrslus Mister Maverick
hips, cardiac, elbows, patellas
Owners: Cari Buckman, Christy Downs,
Roland Trinka and Paul Murphy

Espinay Azun
patellas, elbows, hips, eyes, CMR
Owners: Sally McDowell and Tracy
Bassett

Mistry's Frozen In Time
hips, cardiac, elbows, patellas
Owner: Kim Lasley

Isleta Du Royaume D'Ursita
hips, cardiac, elbows, patellas
Owners: Janet Ingram, Kathy Liles and
Joan Ziehl

Pyrcountry - D'Lyte's Better Dig Two
hips, elbows, patellas

Owners: Michelle Miller, Tamra Green,
Ashle Houk Davis and Darla Daugherty

Thorn Hill's White Tie Affair
eyes, hips, patellas
Owners: Lauren Hull and Patricia
Ramapuram

Rivergroves Manhattan Transfer
hips, cardiac, patellas
Owners: Jean Boyd and Marcia Stewart

Rivergroves Juicy Couture
hips, cardiac, patellas
Owners: Tove Robberts and Jean Boyd

Pyrless Petit Four
patellas, GT, CMR
Owner: Sue Blevens

Pyrless Panrong Dream In China
hips, patellas, BAER, GT, CMR
Owner: Sue Blevens

Pyrless Ellie
patellas, BAER, GT, CMR
Owner: Sue Blevens

Star Owners

(3 dogs with Health Awards owned)

Lee Goertz
Larry Cupp
Nicole Sharpe
Carrie Stuart Parks
Kerry Kern Woods
Sue Blevens
Christine Kruzan

Star Breeders

(5 dogs with Health Awards bred)

Kathy Liles
Valerie Seeley
Karen Melanson
Sue Blevens