

SHAR-PEI HEALTH SURVEY FUND RAISER



The health of our dogs is always a concern of any dog owner. Everyone would like to see their breed free of any health issues and work towards that goal. The Shar-Pei owners are no different. As a group we have participated in different projects to find answers to our breed problems and to work towards eliminating all of them that we can. In order to eliminate the most common problems, you must start by determining what are the most common problems in the breed. The CSPCA Health Through Education Committee is working to find the answer to that question.

A Health Survey is being conducted by the CSPCA Health Through Education Committee. Dr. Jeff Vidt has posted a Chinese Shar-Pei Health Questionnaire on his website: <http://drjvw.com/wp>. It was put together with the goal of determining what are the most common health issues in the breed and how they are changing from year to year. This information is then used to help determine what research projects the Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust should invest in that would be the greatest help to our breed.

Last year there were only 233 surveys filled out by all the Shar-Pei owners. We appreciate those that took the time to fill out a survey so they could be part of improving the health of our breed, but we can do better than that. Surely there are more people that have an interest in finding out what our most common problems are so we can invest in the research projects that will give us the biggest benefit. The CSPCA Board of Directors has decided to create an incentive for participating in this health project. At the November 2015 Board of Director meeting, it was unanimously voted to sponsor funding raising project for the Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust and the CSPCA Rescue Fund.

We would like to announce that for the year 2016, the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America is going to donate \$2 to the Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust and another \$2 to the CSPCA Rescue Fund for a total of \$4 donation for each and every health survey that is filled out and submitted to Dr. Vidt in 2016. This will begin on January 1, 2016 and end on December 31, 2016. At the end of the year the total number of surveys will be counted and the checks written to both groups. It is a fairly quick and easy way to earn money for each of these groups and to help determine the most prevalent issues in the breed.

Any owner of a Shar-Pei can participate. All Shar-Pei are invited to be included, whether you are a show dog, a pet, a rescue dog etc. Dr. Vidt compiles the results which are used to help the Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust fund those research projects which can help improve Shar-Pei health issues.

You will find the survey on left side of Dr. Vidt's home page. Under the heading "Survey" you will have the choice to download the Health Survey Form as a pdf or to take the survey online. It is not necessary to have your dog's registration number, or even be registered. You will need the birth date or approximate birth date if the exact date is unknown. You can call your dogs- Dog A, Dog B, or you can call them Dog 1, Dog 2, or you can use your dog's call names. It is not necessary for you to remember from year to year what you called them

the year before either. Each year is looked at individually. How a specific dog has changed from year to year is not taken into consideration or even compared. Instead the statistics as a whole are compared one year to the next.

1. Fill out one survey for each of your Shar-Pei. Even if you dog has none of the problems listed on the questionnaire, please submit a survey for that dog.
2. You just put a check mark next to the disease or condition which applies to the dog.
3. Fill out your survey based on Veterinary medical diagnosis so as to insure consistency and accuracy.
4. Submit the completed for to Dr. Vidt.

Please take the time to fill out a survey on each of your Shar-Pei each year so we can make the appropriate investment into the health of our breed. As you know, health issues do change from year to year. That is why it is important to fill out a survey on each of your dogs every year. It only takes a few minutes to do. You can either fill it out online or print it, fill it out and put it in the mail to Dr. Vidt. <http://drjwv.com/wp/>. We thank you in advance for your contribution to our breed.

The CSPCA Board of Directors