



Australian Shepherd Health & Genetics Institute, Inc.

Our Purpose: To provide owners and breeders with accurate information on health trends in our breed, support our breed health research, and provide tools that enable breeders to be proactive about health, both in the US and around the world through cooperation and partnership with clubs, researchers, and health-focused organizations. ASHGI provides:

Information

- Over 400 pages of web-based health articles
- A searchable Open Health Database tracking more than two dozen diseases and traits, with health data on over 3800 dogs
- Searchable pedigree database with over 100,000 dogs

Research Support

- A webpage devoted to studies seeking samples from Aussies
- Over \$180,000 given to-date for research on cancer, epilepsy, and cataracts.
- Assistance with sample collection for over a dozen studies.

Data collection

- Over 80,000 health records, both open and confidential, including DNA tests, screening exam results, plus specific diseases, dental faults, and disqualifying colors.
- Relationship and descriptive data on over 100,000 dogs

Services

- Annual research sample blood draw clinics at the ASCA Nationals
- Pedigree analysis service
- Individualized information and advice for breeders and dog owners dealing with inherited issues in their dogs.
- Educational programs for clubs and other groups.
- Coming soon:* Web-based pedigree service.

Research

- Partners with major granting agencies to provide financial support for specific studies.
- Assists researchers focused on Aussie health issues to recruit participants or samples.
- Reports on study results and new DNA and other testing.

ASHGI is a 501(c)(3) organization. We are an all-volunteer and totally dependent of the generosity of our donors to provide timely health and genetics information, education, and services to the Australian Shepherd community world-wide.

ASHGI needs your support!

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