

BAER Testing and DNA Sample Collection at the 2016 Sheepdog Finals

As a service to ABCA members and to further research into the genetic conditions that affect our border collies, the ABCA Health & Education Foundation will be offering free BAER testing for ABC-registered dogs at the USBCHA Sheepdog Finals this year, and will also be collecting DNA samples to be used for [deafness research](#) and to be stored in our [DNA bank](#). We will be able to BAER test up to 85 dogs, and to collect DNA samples from an unlimited number of dogs. The BAER and sample clinics will take place on Sept 14th, 15th and the morning of the 16th at the trial site. BAER testing will be done by Dr. Colette Williams, whose credentials are excellent and who was the tester at last year's BAER clinic. We hope that our members -- especially owners of dogs with suspected hearing loss, from lines known to have hearing loss, or those from previous finals clinics recommended for follow-up -- will take advantage of this BAER testing opportunity,

To maximize the research value of these samples and tests, we are asking dog owners to fill out and submit a health questionnaire for each dog that will be tested and/or sampled. If you would like to enter a dog for BAER testing, please fill out this form and submit it by August 20, 2016. Dogs will be entered on the BAER list when questionnaires are received and will be required to submit a DNA sample at the clinic. If you are submitting samples for the DNA bank but are **not** seeking a BAER test, we encourage you to submit the questionnaire ahead of time as well, but questionnaires will be available for DNA donors at the clinic also. Be sure to have the ABCA registration number and date of birth for each dog with you at the finals clinic if you don't submit this form in advance!

All health information submitted to the Foundation will be treated as strictly confidential, and will not be used in any way that would disclose identifiable information or testing results to anyone but the dog's owner.



**Consent Form and Questionnaire for
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*Name of Owner: _____

*Address: _____

*Email: _____ *Phone: _____

*ABCA registration number of dog: _____

*Dog's date of birth: _____ *Gender of dog: ___M ___F

*Has this dog ever been BAER tested before: ___Yes ___No

*If yes, please give details (date, location, tester, results): _____

Have any immediate relatives (sire, dam, progeny, littermates, full siblings, half siblings) of this dog been diagnosed with early adult onset deafness (EAOD)? ___Yes ___No

If yes, please give details: _____

*Is this dog affected by (please mark with an A), or known to carry (please mark with a C) any other disease or disorder thought to be inherited? ___Epilepsy ___Hip Dysplasia ___CEA ___IGS
___TNS ___BCC

___Other _____

*Has the ABCA HEF collected DNA from this dog at any other time in 2016 or later?

___Yes ___No

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I consent to the provision of the above dog's BAER test results to the ABCA Health & Education Foundation, Inc (HEF). I understand and agree that the above dog's DNA sample, BAER test results and health questionnaire will be retained by the HEF and may be used for health and genetic research. I further understand that none of the health information or test results will be disclosed to any outside person other than the dog's owner in any form which would permit them to be connected with any individual dog.

Date Printed Name Signature

Please mail to: Eileen Stein, President
ABCA Health & Education Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 41
Shady Side, MD 20764
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**Must be received
by Aug 20, 2016**

UI _____ BAER Date _____ BAER tester _____ DNA sample _____