

BICHON FRISE CHIC 5



AWARD

The BFCA health committee has initiated the CHIC 5 Star Award in conjunction with our CHIC listings. The award reflects quality, as in a 5 star hotel, and commends the efforts of breeders who augment health testing of their Bichons prior to breeding. Each issue of the BFCA Health Times will list the names of Bichons with this award, and a certificate will be sent to the owner.

To qualify, the Bichon Frise must have:

1. A CHIC number, which indicates 3 tests (eyes, hips, and patellas) are completed but not necessarily passed.
2. Passed CERF and patella OFA certifications within one year of the date of the application.
3. Passed OFA requirements that rule out hip dysplasia.
4. Passed 2 other tests listed in the BFCA optional CHIC tests (DNA registered with AKC, legg-calve-perthes, cardiac OFA, urinalysis, and blood tests). See the CHIC web site for more information: <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/bichon.html>
5. At least one owner who is a BFCA member.

Therefore, the Bichon must pass 5 health tests (includes DNA registration with AKC) to receive this award. Mail or email the [application](#) to Paula Hendricks. Just like the CHIC certification, once a Bichon receives the award it cannot be revoked. The list published in the BFCA Health Times will be an ongoing, alphabetical list that will grow with time.