

# **Chief's Brittanys™**

## **Health and Identification Requirements as of 2012**

Please understand that Dave trains dogs from Brittany breeders all over the country. All of the dogs on premises are expensive proven hunting companion dogs. We simply cannot compromise. **Hunting dogs are more likely to encounter rarely seen preventable diseases.**

### **REQUIREMENTS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE!**

1. OFFICIAL STATE health certificate that was performed within 14 days of expected arrival from a qualified licensed Veterinarian with the following requirements:
2. Fecal test negative for coccidia, giardia, intestinal worms and other internal parasites. It is still possible for a dog to show signs of fecal worms after arrival but testing does lessen the chances.
3. Blood test negative for heartworms/ ehrlichia/ lymes (most vets stock a heartworm test that checks all 3 at the same time) and be currently taking heartworm preventative medications (last dose must be within 30 days). Bring 3 months supply of heartworm medicine.
4. If your dog tested positive for heart worms, fecal worms, coccidia, giardia or any other internal and/or external parasites such as demodex / mange/ ticks-fleas\*/etc., your dog cannot enter training until your Vet is willing to sign a health certificate stating your dog has been treated and is clear from disease, internal/external parasites, etc. This applies to all conditions.
5. \*If your dog had **fleas** when you took it to the Vet, we require your Vet to treat your dog for tape worms whether he finds any in the fecal sample or not. We have had instances where the Vet did not treat because he didn't see any only to have the dog with a full blown tape worm infection show up in the stool at our kennel within just a few days of arrival. If your dog had **ticks**, we require your Vet test your dog for ehrlichia, lymes, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, etc. Ehrlichia is common in Texas and Oklahoma.
6. We provide excellent BARRIER type flea/tick prevention at no extra charge. Drops that your Vet prescribes that allow the tick / flea to bite *before* dying is not recommended as your dog will be running through meadows, wooded areas, etc. **Barrier** products REPEL and kill. ANY dog arriving with parasites will be rejected.
7. Be current on 8-way vaccines including Corona, Lepto, Rabies, Lymes and Bordetella. We recommend an ANNUAL Rabies Vaccination as Texas reports actual cases of rabies each and every year. Dogs going to Montana MUST have had recent rabies vax (less than 8 months prior.)
8. No dangly ID tags please. **No Plastic clip collars!** Please do *not* bring your dog with a special/expensive collar. We recommend a cheap sturdy Day-Glow collar with a traditional METAL belt buckle style fastener. We use Boomerang slide on tags - see our web site links page.
9. Red Rock Biologics Snake vaccination **most strongly** recommended (not being confused with snake avoidance training which is also strongly recommended). We do both but recommend snake vax at least 2 months before you arrive if possible.

10. **Brucella test negative. There are reported cases coming from the central plains. In the last few years, there was a report of a Brittany in north Texas that did test positive.** ALL BITCHES / DOGS MUST BE TESTED for Brucella by your Vet, intact or not! The test must be within 14 days of arrival to our kennel. This is normally a MAIL OUT TEST so please schedule your appointment as close to 12 to 14 days as possible! NO DOG IS PERMITTED ON OUR GROUNDS WITH A POSITIVE BRUCELLA or QUESTIONABLE POSITIVE or SUSPICIOUS CONTACT HISTORY or pending results.

**Brucella Canis has recently been discovered to be passed through casual contact of bodily fluids contrary to old beliefs by many Vets.**

Brucella Canis is spread through ingestion of contaminated placental material or aborted fetuses, **mating - vaginal discharge** of infected female/**semen** of infected male, mammary secretions, infected saliva, nasal secretions, or urine contaminated with semen and/or prostatic fluid.

Blood tests: Rapid slide agglutination test (RSAT), Tube agglutination test (TAT). Both RSAT and TAT can have false positive, but are good for screening. Enzyme linked immunosorbent (Elisa) is less likely to have false positive. Agar gel immunodiffusion test (AGID) is most specific blood test and considered a confirmation test. Cornell University Vet lab is the GOLD STANDARD of testing facilities in the world. When in doubt, send it to Cornell!

11. Special medications must be Vet prescribed only and the drug must be in a Veterinary / pharmacy labeled container indicating the dog's name plus dosage and administration. There is a nominal fee for daily administration of special drugs and special diets.

12. If your dog is on a **special Vet ordered diet**, you must provide dog food. There will be a nominal charge per day to administer special diets and / or meds. If your dog runs out of this special diet and we have to procure more ourselves, normal labor, travel expenses will apply.

Otherwise, your dog will be placed on our premium dog food. We will send a small amount home with you to blend your dog back over to what you feed. You have the option to purchase a retail package of our dog food to take home with you. Ask about free coupons too.

Please bring a 1 gallon zip lock bag full of your dog's food so that we may blend it over to our super premium food. Treats labeled with your dog's name written on the package are allowed.

13. Permanent ID required. We accept a microchip or tattoo only. It must be registered with a full time, around the clock national rescue database. We provide microchipping and national database registration for a very reasonable fee upon arrival. *Permanent I.D. is required by AKC.* Any pup we sold gets a free chip implant upon arrival. All others must pay for the microchip. We have a scanner on premises. If you live in Texas, by law all humane shelters must now have universal scanners and scan all new dogs arriving at the shelter. Our chips are easily scanned and read by the universal scanner which incidentally is made by AVID. A chip in your dog could easily mean the difference in him being rescued vs. put to sleep at a terminal shelter.

14. **Rules for intact dogs (not spay or neuter):** PLEASE, We require that females NOT be in heat or about to come in heat. If the female has recently had a heat, we ask you wait at least 1 month before sending her to us for training to make sure your dog wasn't 'accidentally bred' without your knowledge.

**NO EXCEPTIONS TO OUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS UNLESS VETERINARY ORDERED, IN WRITING. Vet's call Dave 325 669 8166. Thank you very much. Visit us at [Brittanys.com](http://Brittanys.com)**