

**MESSAGE ON DMS FROM COLLIE HEALTH FOUNDATION**  
**From Robette Johns, CHF President**

I wanted to update all of you on the latest news from Wisdom Health and OptiGen. As you know, Wisdom Health bought OptiGen earlier this year. I have learned that Wisdom Health has been unable to add the DMS Risk Assessment and the rcd2-PRA to the Optimal Selection Panel at this time. The computer programs they use for testing are unable to do the required gene sequencing for these two tests. They are building a new website that will be the same for all countries when ordering tests. The DMS and PRA test will be offered but as separate tests to their panel test. They have not yet set a price, but I have inquired about handling these two tests like the Optimal Selection test where we pay the lab directly and our members pay the difference between our rebate and the cost. I don't have an official date yet when there will be a change over for these tests. I will let you know as soon as I know.

This is my understanding how the testing will work. The Optimal Selection™ will remain the same as it is now but it may have a new name on the new website. You will order the test and the embedded code swabs will be mailed to you. The other testing will be a separate order and they will not provide swabs for those tests. The Collie Health Foundation received a suggestion from one of our members to purchase swabs in a large quantity and then make them available at a reasonable price for health testing. We started this after this year's National. We are selling the swab kits at our cost. Here is the link: <https://www.colliehealth.org/product/chf-swab-kits/>

Without knowing what the cost will be once Wisdom Health starts running DMS and rcd2-PRA, I am unable to advise you whether you are better off waiting or sending in swabs to OptiGen as soon as possible. OptiGen will be closing this month, but I have been promised any testing received will be finished.

I did hear back from OptiGen today and they said the timing to get test results back has increased to much more than four weeks. Sue Pierce-Kelling, OptiGen's manager, has been told by Wisdom Health that the testing costs should not be more than the current prices. She suggests holding off until Wisdom Health has the website up and running which should reduce the time it takes for results.

**EXCITING NEWS FOR COLLIE HEALTH FOUNDATION MEMBERS**

The Collie Health Foundation has been working closely with Wisdom Health for the Optimal Selection™ panel test. Here is a memorandum from Krista Hansen:

**IMPORTANT CHANGE TO CHF REBATES!**

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!**

Optimal Selection ~ Wisdom Health

Instead of having to submit a rebate, CHF will be paying Wisdom Health directly! In addition, there will be a 15% discount per order

- So... that boils down to \$20 you pay per test, without the CEA add-on! \*\*

## How to you get this great deal?

- Before ordering your Optimal Selection kit(s), contact Krista Hansen, CHF Vice-President and Assistant Treasurer at mail to: [assistanttreas@colliehealth.org](mailto:assistanttreas@colliehealth.org)
- After verifying your membership and confirming how many tests you will be ordering, you will be given a unique one-time code for your order.
- The 15% discount is not available with any other offer.

## OptiGen

- OptiGen is no longer processing DMS Risk Assessment and rcd2 PRA tests.
- Soon, Wisdom Health will be taking over processing these tests. We will announce when Wisdom Health lets CHF know they are ready.
- If possible, please do not order any additional tests until the DMS and rcd2 PRA tests are incorporated into the panel test.

Keep in mind: this amazing benefit is for members only and is good until the end of this year. The Board will convene in late fall to decide if rebates will continue, and if so, by how much rebates will be next year

One last reminder...when you receive your results with Wisdom Health, you will be offered to add on the CEA test and the pred PRA test. Remember this PRA test is NOT for Collies!

Once you receive your code you will order from this link: <https://www.optimal-selection.com>

**\*\*Current Rebate prices are good until 12/31/19 The CHF Board will vote on new rebates for 2020 late this fall.**

**We continue to strive to make it easier for all Collie breeders to be able to test their Collies at a reasonable price. Please give me a few days to update our website.**

**One more way we are working together to preserve the Collie breed.**