



Consent for Blood Sample Donation

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Research Statement:

We would like to obtain a sample of whole blood from your dog. The blood extraction is to be done by a licensed veterinarian or a veterinary technician experienced in canine venous phlebotomy. DNA extracted from the blood sample will help us better understand genetic issues related to canine health, including disease susceptibility, morphology and patterns of genetic diversity between breeds. This study is being conducted under the leadership of Dr. Elaine Ostrander, Chief & NIH Distinguished Senior Investigator of the Cancer Genetics and Comparative Genomics Branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

What are the risks involved with obtaining a blood sample?

Blood is extracted with a needle, typically from a vein in the foreleg, using standard sterile technique. The risks involved are minimal. They include slight pain or discomfort during the draw, a potential temporary bruise caused by minor seeping of blood around the puncture and a small amount of blood loss. The chance of excessive blood loss is rare. NIH and its employees will not be liable for any damage or injury sustained by any person or persons or property as a result of the blood draw process. Compensation is not available in the unlikely event of physical harm to your dog resulting from the blood draw procedure.

Who will have access to the information and specimen?

Only the Ostrander lab staff and their direct collaborators will have access to the information and DNA sample provided from your dog. No personal identifiers will be shared. Also, no information regarding your dogs' participation in this study, nor its DNA will be shared with other members of your breed club, or AKC and its agents unless, and when, you approve so in writing. Your dog will be identified in public talks and published studies only by a unique Ostrander lab study ID number. Your dog's pedigree and AKC number, as well as your own contact information, will be kept strictly confidential. It is understood that you will receive no individual results regarding your dog, no unused DNA will be returned to you, and that study participants have no claim on intellectual property or patents resulting from the use of your dog's DNA sample.

We would like to be able to contact you for follow up information about your dog or progress on our research. If you do not wish to be recontacted, please check here:

No, I do not wish to be contacted regarding my sample donation.

Dog Owner Statement

I have read the information provided above and have had an opportunity to ask questions regarding the procedures involved. I am the owner or the agent for the owner of the dog described below and I have the authority to execute this release. My signature below indicates I voluntarily agree to give my dog's blood sample for this study.

Owner's Signature _____

Date _____

Please Print Your Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Dog's Registered Name _____ Dog's Call Name _____

Dog's Breed _____ Male Female AKC Number _____

Describe the Coat Color _____ Date of Birth _____

Has the dog been diagnosed with a disease? If so what: _____

Does your dog have any known relatives diagnosed with gastric cancer? Please describe: _____

Does your dog have a history of vomiting or weight loss? _____

If the dog has been diagnosed with cancer, please attach a copy of your vet's pathology report describing the method used to make the diagnosis.

Please remember to include a 3 generation pedigree. Thank you!