

GSDCA DM Research – Sample Volunteer form

I am willing to collect and donate a cheek-swab sample from my purebred German Shepherd Dog.

Dog's Call Name: _____ Birth Date (MM/DD/YEAR): _____

Registration Number: _____

This dog is MALE - FEMALE and is INTACT – ALTERED (please circle)

I confirm that this dog is free from musculoskeletal disease as indicated by a normal (limp-free) gait at the time of this submission. (please initial here _____)

I also confirm that this dog has not previously been DNA-tested for degenerative myelopathy. (please initial here _____)

I understand that not all dogs with volunteered samples will be selected for the study, but that if this dog is selected a kit and instructions for collecting the cheek-swab sample will be sent to me by US mail. (please initial here _____)

I agree to promptly return the cheek-swab sample, and understand that the DNA from the cheek swab will be tested for the degenerative myelopathy mutation, and that the confidential test results will be sent to me by email. (please initial here _____)

Owner signature _____ Date _____

Owner Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Email: _____

Send this completed form PLUS a copy of this dog's pedigree (3 or 4 generations) to Liz Hansen at HansenL@missouri.edu, with "GSD DM Sample Volunteer" in the subject line.

Thank you for volunteering to help with the first phase of our Canine Health Foundation funded project to find as yet undiscovered factors in the genetic background of German Shepherd Dogs that make them more or less susceptible to the development of DM.

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