Molecular Urinalysis

Client Consent Form

Purpose:
One of the missions of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine and its Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) is to create, disseminate, and apply medical knowledge through discovery, learning, and engagement. You are invited to participate in this mission by enrolling your animal in a clinical research study. This study seeks to determine if we can diagnose cancer, infections, kidney diseases, and urinary tract stone diseases by analyzing the molecular make-up of your dog’s urine. You have been chosen to participate in this study because your pet may have one of these conditions, or because your pet is healthy and thus falls into the “normal” control group.

Procedures:
If you agree to enroll your dog in this study, we will obtain a small urine sample +/- a blood sample (approximately 1 tablespoon of each) from your dog. The method of collecting each sample will be determined by the VTH veterinarian caring for your dog.

Risks and Benefits of Being in the Study:
When blood is drawn, your dog may experience a slight, momentary pain, and/or a bruise may form where the needle is inserted. Serious complications are extremely rare, but include uncontrolled bleeding from the vein from which blood is being collected.

Regarding urine collection, there are no risks involved in participating in this study beyond those involved in urine collection already being performed for clinical purposes in the course of your dog’s medical care. No additional urine samples will be collected from your dog for this study.

The benefit to participating in this study is that the knowledge generated may help in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases in other dogs and potentially humans. There is no cost to you for participating in this study.

In the unlikely event that your dog has a complication arising from a study-related procedure, we will begin treating him/her immediately and contact you. The cost of care for treating complications will be yours.

Confidentiality:
The data collected in the course of this study is confidential. In any sort of report we might publish, we will not include any information that will make it possible to identify a subject. Research records will be kept in a secured room; only researchers will have access to the records.
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Voluntary Nature of the Study:
Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with Virginia Tech or the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without affecting those relationships.

Contacts and Questions:
The VTH veterinarians conducting this study are Drs. Nick Dervisis, David Grant, and John Rossmeisl. You may ask your attending VTH veterinarian or one of the researchers any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you may contact us at the numbers listed below. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the study and would like to talk to someone other than the researchers, contact: Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC), Virginia Tech, North End Center, 300 Turner Street, Suite 4120, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061, (540) 231-2166 (office), (540) 231-0959 (fax), iacuc@vt.edu

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about this study:
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Statement of Consent:
I have read the above information. I have asked questions and have received answers. I consent to participate in the study.

Client Signature:______________________________________       Date:____________________________

Attending Veterinarian:________________________________

You will be given a copy of this form to keep for your records.