The Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine is recruiting dogs with mast cell tumors for a research study.

**Eligibility**
- Cytological diagnosis of cutaneous mast cell tumor
- Body weight > 5kg
- Tumor size of between 1 and 10 cm in diameter

**WHAT IS BEING STUDIED?**
This study is designed to determine if administering prednisone prior to surgery affects the factors used to define the grade of mast cell tumors, and thus potentially affects prognosis and treatment recommendations.

**WHAT IS REQUIRED?**
Eligible dogs will undergo a biopsy procedure. Owners will then administer at-home treatment with daily prednisone for 10-14 days. Lastly, your pet will undergo surgical removal of the mast cell tumor.

Study covers pre-treatment biopsy, prednisone treatment, and $1,000 towards the cost of surgery.

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This research has been reviewed and approved by the Virginia Tech IACUC and the board of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

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