

CONSENT FORM

Investigation of serum bile acids tolerance testing in Cairn Terrier puppies

Aim of the study

The objective of the proposed project is to investigate the minimum age that Cairn Terrier puppies may be tested in order to identify those with portosystemic shunts and those that are normal.

Experimental design:

One hundred Cairn Terrier puppies from Victoria will participate in the study. All 100 dogs will have their initial bile acids tolerance test performed at 7-8 weeks age. Those with abnormal results will be retested at 9-10 and 11-12 weeks age. Ten dogs with normal results will also be retested at 9-10 and 11-12 weeks age. Nuclear scintigraphy will then be performed on those dogs that had multiple bile acids tolerance testing to determine whether a portosystemic vascular anomaly is present. Sufficient blood will be collected from the puppies to enable extraction of DNA for a future project that will examine the genetic basis for the disease. The pedigrees of dogs with abnormal serum bile acids with or without a portosystemic venous anomaly will be examined for evidence of the mode of inheritance.

I _____ hereby give my consent for my puppy identified as _____ to participate in the study as outlined above.

Signed

Date
