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Informed Owner Consent Form

Prospective DNA banking for future genetic heart disease research in Borzoi dogs and other sighthound breeds

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1. Purpose of the project

The primary purpose of this project is to collect DNA samples on Borzoi dogs to be used for future genetic research. If a Borzoi-specific genetic mutation associated with heart disease is identified, these banked samples will be tested to identify how common such a mutation is in the general Borzoi population. In addition to collecting samples on Borzoi dogs, we will also bank samples on other sighthounds to determine whether any identified genetic mutations are present in other sighthound breeds.

2. Eligibility for participation

Sighthounds (including Borzois) of any age are eligible to enroll in this study.

3. Expected duration of participation

The procedure will take less than 5 minutes.

4. Description of procedure

A saliva sample will be collected using a cheek swab that is briefly rubbed between the cheek and the gums. The sample will be banked for future genetic studies.

5. Possible discomforts and risks

Temporary minor irritation may occur to the swabbed surface.

If you have any questions or concerns related to potential side effects from this study, please contact the investigator (See section 12).

6. Possible benefits of study

Your dog will receive no direct benefits from participating in this study.

Date _____

Owner/agent initials _____

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7. Alternative diagnostics, procedures, or treatments

There is no commercially available, Borzoi-specific, cardiac genetic screening test available at the present time.

8. Confidentiality

Owner and patient confidentiality will be maintained. No identification of individuals shall be made when reporting or publishing the data arising from this study.

9. Conflict of interest

The investigators associated with this study declare no conflicts of interest.

10. Financial obligations

If performed on-site at the Borzoi National Specialty show or other off-site cardiac screening event or on-site at Texas A&M University, there will be no associated fees. If cheek swabs are mailed to the home of an owner who wishes to participate, the cost of shipping the swabs back to Texas A&M will be the responsibility of the owner.

11. Compensation or therapy for accidental injury or complications

In the event of complications or accidental injuries associated with this study, the owner of any participating animal is financially responsible.

12. Primary contact person

To obtain further information regarding this study contact:

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13. Participation and right to withdraw

Enrolling your animal for participation in this study is voluntary, and refusal to participate involves neither penalty nor loss of care to which your animal is otherwise entitled. You have the right to withdraw your animal from the study without penalty at any time and for any reason.

14. Termination of participation by principal investigator

The investigator has the right to terminate the study for any or all participants at any time and for any reason.

15. Unforeseen complications

Unforeseen complications might arise at any time during the study. The investigators will promptly inform you of any new information that may affect your willingness to continue to have your animal participate in the study.

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