

## **Request for Cheek Swab Samples from the Canine Hereditary Cancer Consortium**

Below is a request for Vizsla cheek swab samples from the Canine Hereditary Cancer Consortium (CHCC). This cancer study includes Vizslas and is focused on Lymphoma and Melanoma. The CHCC also needs healthy non-affected Vizsla cheek swab samples to be controls. Samples submitted by VCA members would greatly assist this study. Please read the information from Dr. Roe Froman DVM below. Dr. Froman is also the Health Chairman for the Clumber Spaniel Club of America.

Dr. Froman has also been able to access the Vizsla Lymphoma samples sent to the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) DNA Repository that were obtained years ago through efforts of the Magyar Vizsla Society and its members. Dr Froman has found Vizsla Lymphoma samples to be very useful in this study.

I would like to thank the vizsla owners who generously submitted their Vizslas' blood samples to the Magyar Vizsla Society, some as long as almost 15 years ago. It is very gratifying to see that cancer researchers are now finally utilizing these Lymphoma samples. I would also like to thank the Magyar Vizsla Society and its past membership as well as Sue Boggs who was the past liaison for Vizsla owners to submit their paperwork and information. Hopefully, these Vizslas affected by Lymphoma years ago are now able to help future Vizslas and other breeds as well. Again, thank you to the Vizsla owners who believed in this project long before we had CHIC and Canine DNA Data Banks.

To assist this important research, please share this information with Regional Clubs to be posted on their web sites and newsletters. Also, please support the CHIC DNA Repository. More information regarding CHIC's DNA Repository is available at: [www.caninehealthinfo.org/dnabank.html](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/dnabank.html)

Thank you,

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## **Request for Cheek Swab samples for the CHCC**

The CHCC (Canine Hereditary Cancer Consortium) is an unprecedented alliance of researchers, veterinarians, physicians and dog owners who are taking advantage of new genetic resources and technologies to learn how the DNA of dogs affected with cancer varies from that of the DNA of healthy, unaffected dogs. No dogs are kept for research; we use only samples from dogs with naturally occurring disease. This research is funded by the National Cancer Institute as well as by corporate sponsorship.

Vizslas are currently included in two of our studies: melanoma and lymphoma. Samples from affected dogs stored at the CHIC repository have been utilized, along with samples submitted by Vizsla owners directly from their affected dogs. All samples are strictly confidential; no identifying information about dogs or owners is ever released or published.

We also need samples from healthy Vizslas who do NOT have either melanoma or lymphoma, to serve as controls. We will be happy to send buccal (cheek brush) DNA collection kits at owners' request. The kits are very user friendly, easy to do at home, and include prepaid return mailers.

To participate in the study, please email the following information to Dr. Roe Froman DVM ([roe.froman@vai.org](mailto:roe.froman@vai.org)):

Owner's name:

Address:

Email:

Names of your pure bred vizslas available for cheek swab sampling

Your participation is needed to help us develop new genetic screens, diagnostic tests, and treatments for canine cancers, as well as helping us to gain insight into the biology of human disease. Your help will be greatly appreciated.