Cleft Lip and/or Palate in Dogs
The Bannasch laboratory in the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis is conducting a study to identify the genes responsible for cleft lip and/or cleft palate in dogs. These are common birth defects characterized by the failure of the lip and/or mouth to fuse during development. Individuals born with these conditions can have difficulty nursing, and as a result, cannot obtain enough nourishment on their own or can develop pneumonia. As a result, puppies are often euthanized following the discovery of cleft lip and/or palate due to their special needs and the high costs of caring for them. In order to identify the genes involved and to prevent these defects in future generations, our laboratory is in need of DNA samples from

- Cleft lip and/or palate affected dogs or puppies
- Parents and littermates of cleft lip and/or palate affected dogs

For more information, sample collection, and shipping instructions please contact Zena Wolf at ztwolf@ucdavis.edu. Follow us on our facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/CleftInDogs

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