

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA WELFARE FOUNDATION  
HEALTH PROJECTS

**The Vizsla Epilepsy Research Project**

In March 1999 the AKC Canine Health Foundation awarded a grant to the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine to study the molecular genetics of epilepsy in Vizslas, as well as other breeds. The goal of this study is to identify a marker or gene for epilepsy and to develop a screening test to determine normal, carrier and affected status, thus allowing breeders the potential to eliminate epilepsy. In 2005, the AKC Canine Health Foundation renewed this project. The Vizsla Club of America Welfare Foundation has given \$23,225 in funding to help support this project since 1999.

This project needs all Vizsla owners' support. Anyone who owns a Vizsla that seizures, should contact either Lynda Ruffini or Dr Ned Patterson for forms and information to enter this study.

**As well as individual seizing Vizslas, complete families, including both seizing and non-seizing Vizslas, are critical to this project.** All that is required is a blood sample and filling out a few forms to be sent to Dr Patterson. All information provided will be kept strictly confidential. Information on specific dogs will not be revealed. As the research progresses, participants may start to request information on the genetic status of their dog(s). Normal non-seizing Vizslas are also welcome to participate in this study. In addition, breeders may also submit puppy tails from whole litters when they are docked to this project.

**If anyone owns a seizing Vizsla, or related offspring or family members of a Vizsla that seizes and is in need of financial assistance to assist in submitting those blood samples to Dr Patterson, please contact Lynda Ruffini or any VCA WF Board member.**

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THE VIZSLA EPILEPSY RESEARCH PROJECT GO TO:

<http://clubs.akc.org/vizsla/health.htm>

For more information resources on Canine Epilepsy go to:  
[www.canine-epilepsy.net](http://www.canine-epilepsy.net) & [www.canine-epilepsy.com](http://www.canine-epilepsy.com)

## **Is Lymphosarcoma Inherited?**

### **Overview and Instructions for the Project on Lymphosarcoma in Vizslas**

This study will help in storing blood samples from Vizslas affected with lymphoma with the ultimate goal of publishing the results to benefit our breed and all canines in general. Funding for this project comes from private donations and seed money from the Vizsla Club of America and the Magyar Vizsla Society.

**Blood samples are being submitted to The Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) DNA Repository** for storage and future research studies. We hope to be able to combine our efforts with the work of other breed clubs or obtain additional funding from sources interested in the welfare of dogs and other animals.

There is no charge to submit a blood sample from any Vizsla affected with lymphoma (or any other cancer) to the CHIC DNA Registry at this time and you should be sure to put that your Vizsla is affected with lymphoma on your application form when it is submitted to CHIC. Application Forms and additional information can be downloaded at: [www.caninehealthinfo.org](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org) click on DNA Registry.

Reimbursement for the cost of drawing and shipping the blood is available. However, if you are able to donate the cost of these expenses to the project, it would be most appreciated. Doing so will allow us to make funds available for others who would like to participate in this study but cannot afford it. Please ask your veterinarian to consider donating his/her services for the one-time collection of blood for the research project.

To request reimbursement for submission of blood samples to CHIC, please contact Sue Boggs at the address below

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Thank you for your participation in this important research project. While it may take several years to see the results of our efforts, your participation will make an important contribution to the future health of Vizslas.