

Whippet Health Foundation

Health Clinics - 2010

Once again the Whippet Health Foundation will be conducting health clinics in conjunction with the AWC National in Tucson, Arizona. The following testing will be available: CERF, BAER, Cardiac Echocardiogram, AKC DNA profile testing and Myostatin Deficiency DNA tests from DDC. As we did last year, the WHF will subsidize a portion of the per dog cost for BAER, cardiac and myostatin testing for those owners willing to enter their dogs and test results into the WHF database. While test results from all clinics are confidential, test results released to the WHF Database will be public record (open database).

Eye Clinic Thursday, April 22. This clinic will be conducted by Caroline Betbeze, DVM, MS, ACVO. Cost is \$30 per dog. The CERF (Canine Eye Registration Foundation) exam is a once a year test that examines your dogs eyes for inherited eye disease. The exam will require pupil dilation and takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes. This test is required for all sires and dams of futurity nominated litters. Sign up sheets for appointments will be available Monday morning in the ballroom. The clinic will run from 8am until finished.

BAER Hearing Clinic Tuesday morning, April 20. This clinic will be conducted by Susanne Hughes, DVM. The cost is \$45 per dog (\$25 for database participants). The BAER (Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response) test is a once per lifetime test to definitively determine if your dog can hear from both ears. The test usually takes 10-15 minutes and sedation is not necessary. It is possible for a dog to be deaf in one ear and appear to have normal hearing so it is important to have all whippets checked, particularly animals used for breeding. Sign up sheets for appointments will be available starting Monday morning in the ballroom. We will have additional exam time if we run into a conflict with the Futurity. If you are willing to enter both your dog and the BAER result into the WHF database, we will subsidize \$20 of your cost, so you will only pay \$25. These results will be acquired the day of the test.

Cardiac Echocardiogram Clinic: Wednesday, April 21. This clinic will be conducted by Dr. Whitney Church, Arizona Veterinary Specialists, LLC, Gilbert, AZ. This exam is for anyone wanting a pre-breeding echocardiogram on their dog. The cost of the exam is \$170. If you are willing to enter both your dog and the echocardiogram result into the WHF database, we will subsidize \$50 of your cost, so you only pay \$120. These results will be acquired the day of the test. Only one whippet will be allowed per owner to pre-register but more will be accommodated if time and space allow. If you have additional dogs you want to examine, please let me know when I contact you to schedule your appointment.

AKC DNA Profile Test: (DNA cheek swab test): \$30/sample, mailed in with all samples following the national.

Myostatin Deficiency Test: (DNA test for the double muscle gene): \$48/sample (\$28 for database participants), mailed in with all samples following the national. If you are willing to enter both your dog and the test results into the WHF database, we will subsidize \$20 of your cost, so you only pay \$28. These results will be requested from you when available. Swabs will be available during the national from Dr. Lisa Costello. If you will not be attending the national, you can acquire the swabs from DDC and send them along with payment directly to Dr. Costello and she will submit them with all samples following the national specialty (they must be submitted together). These samples must reach her at 14855 Newark Road, Newark, IL 60541 no later than May 31, 2010. If you will not be attending the AWC national and need to order sample collection kits directly, call 1-800-625-0874, or email contact@vetdnacenter.com ... do not order them from Dr. Costello!

If you have any questions regarding these clinics, please contact Mary Beth Arthur, marial@wi.rr.com or 414-355-4776.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 10, 2010

HEALTH CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

Payment **MUST** accompany sign up sheet or have been processed by PayPal on the WHF website at www.whippethealth.org.

Deadline to Register is April 10, 2010.

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Cell Phone:

e-mail:

BAER Testing (April 20)

BAER testing: results released to WHF database _____ # of dogs @ \$25 each \$ _____

BAER testing: results remain confidential _____ # of dogs @ \$45 each \$ _____

CERF Testing (April 22)

Number of dogs for CERF testing _____ @ \$30 each \$ _____

ECHOCARDIOGRAM Cardiac (April 21)

Echocardiogram: results released to WHF database _____ # of dogs @ \$120 each \$ _____

Echocardiogram: results remain confidential _____ # of dogs @ \$170 each \$ _____

AKC DNA cheek swab test

Number of dogs for DNA testing _____ # of dogs @ \$30 each \$ _____

MYOSTATIN DEFICIENCY DNA test (double muscling or bully)

Number of dogs for myostatin testing: results released to WHF database _____ # of dogs @ \$28 each \$ _____

Number of dogs for myostatin testing: results remain confidential _____ # of dogs @ \$48 each \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to the **Whippet Health Foundation, Inc (or WHF)**, or use PayPal at www.whippethealth.org.

Note that all checks must be in US Funds drawn on a US Bank.

Mail your check along with this form to:
Mary Beth Arthur, 12035 West Brown Deer Road, Milwaukee, WI 53224