

**VENIPUNCTURE OWNER INFORMED CONSENT FORM FOR VHUP**

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**

List name(s) of principal investigator(s) and contact number(s).

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**PURPOSE OF STUDY**

As the owner or duly authorized agent for the owner of “\_\_\_\_\_,” I grant permission to have my dog participate in a clinical study to find *the gene causing epilepsy in the Irish Wolfhound*.

**VENIPUNCTURE AUTHORIZATION**

This study requires that 5 - 10 cc of blood be obtained from my pet to make high quality DNA for the marker test that is being developed. The risk involved in drawing blood for this study is minimal, however, my dog may experience mild redness or bruising at the collection site. Additionally, the hair may be clipped in some cases to facilitate visualization of the vein.

The results of this test may not directly benefit my pet, but may provide veterinarians with a better understanding of *the inheritance of epilepsy in the Irish Wolfhound and to eliminate the disease from the breed. A genetic test will also benefit the breed by allowing breeders to make the right breeding decisions once the parents have been tested if they are carriers of epilepsy.* My participation in this study is entirely voluntary and my refusal to participate will not affect my pet’s care in any way.

I understand that any information about my pet, obtained from this study, will be kept confidential. No information by which my pet can be identified will be released or published without my written authorization.

I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have them answered to my satisfaction. If I have additional questions regarding this particular research study, I may contact the clinician at the telephone number above.

By signing below, I consent to having the described venipuncture procedure(s) performed on my dog for the purposes of the study set forth herein.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet’s Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet’s Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Client/Owner/Agent’s Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Client/Owner/Agent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinician’s or Attending Staff Person’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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