

Owner Consent Form

OWNER/CARDIOLOGIST NAME (please delete as appropriate):

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OWNER/CARDIOLOGIST EMAIL ADDRESS (delete as appropriate):

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I understand that my Deerhound, (dog name)....., may be included in research detecting irregular heart rhythms in Deerhounds, both affected and unaffected by the heart disease dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM). I consent to an ultrasound of the heart and blood samples for cardiac biomarkers (troponin and NT-proBNP) and thyroid function (T4/TSH) being taken. A blood sample for future DNA analysis will be stored and analysed. I understand that some fur may need to be shaved for the ultrasound.

An ultrasound of the heart is a procedure which involves applying an ultrasound probe to the chest wall of an animal. This is non-invasive and minimal stress is imperative to obtain good quality readings. The blood samples will be taken from either the neck or leg vein. A small amount of fur may need to be shaved for this procedure. Please note that a blood sample will be stored at The University of Manchester DNA archive and shall be used in a future study to try and find a DNA test for DCM.

I may email Dr Emily Dutton (emily@cheshirecardiology.com) any questions I may have regarding the research / research protocol.

Signature of Owner:

Date:

If you have any complaints or are unhappy about your participation in the study, or if you have a problem to discuss, please feel free to let us know by contacting either Dr Emily Dutton (emily@cheshirecardiology.com) or Joanne Harris (jo@heartvets.co.uk). Alternatively, for advice from an independent party, please contact Dr Melanie Hezzell (mh16511@bristol.ac.uk). Please note that it is possible to withdraw your dog from the study at any time.