



## **Samoyed Club of America Education & Research Foundation, Inc.**

Dear Doctor,

The SCA Foundation has funded and approved the participation of Samoyeds in the AKC/Canine Health Foundation Grant # 610: Evaluation of Genetic Markers for Diabetes Mellitus in Samoyeds and Australian Terrier Dogs. Principal Investigator: Rebecka S. Hess, DVM, DACVIM; University of Pennsylvania.

In a retrospective study on diabetes mellitus (DM), Dr. Hess found that Samoyeds were 12 times more likely to develop DM than mixed dog breeds.

This owner has chosen to participate in this research by sending a sample of their Samoyeds' blood. The owner has contacted Dr. Hess to provide her with your name and phone number to arrange for a Fed-Ex pickup of the blood sample, at a time convenient for you and the owner. Shipping of the sample will be pre-paid by Dr Hess.

Blood samples are being collected from diabetic Samoyeds only.

The study requires drawing 15 ml of blood. If you can include a copy of the Samoyed's medical record – that would be helpful.

Please send 15ml of blood and any accompanying records to:

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If you wish to review the complete information on grant # 610, please do so at <http://www.samoyedhealthfoundation.org/research/current-research-studies/> as this site is frequently updated.

We are very grateful for your assistance and willingness to help our owner participate in this study to help our breed and possibly many people dealing with this disease.

Sincerely,

Amelia Price, President