

UK DNA Archive for Companion Animals

Informed consent

1. I have read and understood the accompanying information leaflet explaining the UK DNA Archive for Companion Animals.
2. I appreciate that in order to advance our understanding of veterinary diseases there is a need to determine how a particular condition relates to the genetic profile of the animal.
3. I understand that any genetic tests relating to my animal will not provide specific information about its condition but will contribute to the general body of knowledge about the disease in the species. I realise that no specific information regarding genetic tests on my animal will be reported back to me.
4. I agree to DNA being extracted from a sample taken from my animal and that this will be used entirely for research purposes. I give consent for the material to be stored and made available to *bona fide* scientists in the field of animal disease and genetics.
5. I understand that all information I give will be held in strict confidence and the source of the archived DNA will not be divulged
6. I understand that this research will not benefit my animal directly, but in the future may be of benefit to other animals.
7. I understand that the custodianship of the DNA resides with the University of Liverpool but I retain the right to remove my animal's sample from the archive in the future if so wished.

Signed..... **Date**.....