

BIOBANK SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURE

Westie Foundation of America, Inc.

The **Sample Collection Kit** for the WFA Biobank contains the following items:

- One PAXgene collection tube(s) with label and bubble wrap pouch for each tube
- Cardboard shipping box
- An envelope addressed to Ann Marie Holowathy
- Paperwork which consists of the following forms:
 - **DNA Sample Submission Form** that should be filled out for each dog and sent to **Azenta US, Inc** with each blood sample. Please fill out page one for submitting one sample. If you are sending more than one blood sample, fill out page two, the **Canine Bulk Sample Form**.
 - **WFA Biobank Agreement**: Fill out this form for **each** blood sample you are submitting. Mail this form to Ann Marie Holowathy in the enclosed envelope (address below).
 - **WFA Biobank Health Survey**: Complete a health survey for **each** blood sample you are submitting. Mail the health survey to Ann Marie Holowathy along with the WFA Biobank Agreement in the enclosed envelope.
 - Fillable pdf forms are available on the website www.westiefoundation.org/biobank. These can be filled out, printed, and mailed to:
Ann Marie Holowathy, 145 Bunker Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

Veterinary Instructions for Blood Sample Collection

- Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian for a blood draw from your Westie. We recommend that you schedule a blood draw early in the week and ship the material on the same day.
- Take these instructions, the PAXgene tube(s), label(s), bubble wrap pouch(s), and a black fine-tip marker with you when visiting your vet. Write the name of your dog, your last name, and the date of the blood draw on the label and affix the label to the tube. Place the labeled tube inside the bubble wrap pouch. If sending more than one sample, put each labeled tube in a separate bubble wrap pouch.
- **Ask your veterinarian to draw 2.5 cc of venous blood and place into the PAXgene tube. The tube needs to be gently inverted 8 times to allow the DNA stabilizer coating the inside of the tube to mix adequately with the blood sample.**

Instructions for Shipping the Samples

- Place the blood sample(s) in the box provided. Also place a **DNA Sample Submission Form** for each sample into the box. Add extra bubble wrap or a paper towel to fill any extra space in the box. Each box can hold up to six samples. Tape the package securely.
- To Request a pre-paid mailer email Ann Marie Holowathy at aholowathy@msn.com or Text: 215-262-1669 a few days before the blood draw.
- Ship the box UPS (2nd Day Air) to:

Azenta US, Inc
Receiving Department
2910 Fortune Circle West, Suite E, Door 4
Indianapolis, IN 46241 USA