

Westie Foundation of America, Inc. (WFA) BIOBANK SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURE

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

- One or more PAXgene collection tube(s)
- One small self-sealing bubble padded bag with label for each PAXgene tube
- One **UPS** prepaid, labeled cardboard shipping box (will hold up to 9 samples)
- An envelope addressed to Kay McGuire
- Paperwork which consists of the following forms:
 - **DNA Sample Submission Form/Agreement** from *Resero Genomics* that should be filled out and sent to *Resero Genomics* for **each** blood sample in the prepaid cardboard box with the sample(s). Please fill out page one for submitting one sample. If you are sending more than one blood sample, also fill out page two, the Canine Bulk Sample Form. Note: In Section V, Billing and Payment Options, the box to have your processing and storage fees paid by the WFA has been pre-checked.
 - **WFA Biobank Agreement**: Fill out this form for **each** blood sample and email or mail to Kay McGuire, DVM, in the enclosed envelope.
 - **WFA Biobank Health Survey**: Complete a health survey for **each** blood sample you are submitting. Email or mail this form to Kay McGuire, DVM, in the enclosed envelope along with the WFA Biobank Agreement.
 - **Fillable PDF** forms are available on the website at www.westiefoundation.org/biobank. These forms can be filled out, saved to your computer, and emailed to Kay McGuire at kmccash@aol.com. They can also be printed to send by US Mail to Dr. Kay McGuire using the self-addressed envelope provided.

Veterinary Instructions for Blood Sample Collection

- Make an appointment with your veterinarian for a blood draw from your Westie.
- Take these instructions, the PAXgene tube(s), bubble bag(s), and a black fine-tip marker to your vet.
- Using the black fine-tip marker, write your dog's call name and registration number, your last name, and the date of the blood draw on the tube and on the label affixed to the bubble bag.
- **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.**
- Place the marked tube in the labeled bubble bag and seal it. If sending more than one sample, keep each sample tube separate, in its own sealed bubble bag.

Instructions for Shipping the Samples

- Use the large bubble wrap mailer that was used to mail this kit to you to cushion and wrap around the bubble bag(s) with the sample(s) inside. Add extra bubble wrap if needed to take up any extra space in the box. Each box can hold several samples.
- Place the signed *Resero Genomics* **DNA Sample Submission Form/Agreement(s)** into the shipping box.
- Tape the shipping box securely, ensuring that the pre-paid label is visible.
- Ship the box via UPS (2nd day air is pre-paid).
- Upon receipt and processing of the sample(s), *Resero* will send notification to your email address.

We recommend that you schedule the blood draw early in the week and ship the samples(s) on the same day.

**Ship Samples to:
Resero Genomics
670 E. 3900 S. STE.202
Salt Lake City, UT 84107**

If you have any questions text Dr. McGuire at 281-723-9035