Protocol for GOLPP Study DNA and Pedigree – Offsite

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**Purpose:** To perform genetic testing on DNA collected from dogs diagnosed (via laryngeal exam) with geriatric onset laryngeal paralysis-polyneuropathy syndrome (GOLPP) and unaffected control dogs.

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**Study checklist:**

Study forms available on GOLPP website = [http://cvm.msu.edu/golpp](http://cvm.msu.edu/golpp)

- Obtain signed *Informed Consent DNA Offsite – GOLPP* and pedigree, if available.
- Distribute to client:
  - *Client handout - GOLPP.*
  - *Study brochure - GOLPP.*
- Complete *History Questionnaire - GOLPP.*
- Complete *Neuro Exam Form - GOLPP.*
- Collect 6-10ml EDTA blood and label with:
  - Clearly label each tube with dog’s name and date.
    - We prefer to receive blood rather than cheek swabs because this yields longer fragments of DNA.
  - Place tubes in a ziplock plastic bag containing absorbent material (paper towel) and pack on ice; pad for protection.
  - Note “EXEMPT ANIMAL SPECIMEN” and “REFRIGERATE” on the outside of the package.
- Ship study paperwork and blood OVERNIGHT on ICE via FedEx to (avoid weekend or public holiday arrivals):
  - Michele Fritz / Dr. Stanley: GOLPP Study
  - D-208 Veterinary Medical Center
  - Michigan State University
  - East Lansing, MI 48824

- Shipping charges will be billed to the study. In the information line of the FedEx form indicate: 048900976 Stanley GOLPP.
- Contact GOLPP@cvm.msu.edu with package tracking number.

Thank you for your participation in the GOLPP study!