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### Cornell Veterinary Biobank – Informed Client Consent

- 1. What will happen if I choose to participate in the Cornell Veterinary Biobank?** We are requesting that you contribute blood, tissue, body measurements, hair clippings (about 5 hairs), and a photograph of your animal to support genetics studies at Cornell. Genetics studies at Cornell involve DNA obtained from a blood sample or tissue and serve to help identify ways to potentially improve disease diagnoses, advance the understanding and treatment of animal and human diseases, and potentially strengthen breeding programs to eliminate disease-causing traits.
- 2. What will happen if I choose to enroll my animal?** A sample will be obtained from your animal by a blood draw and/or tissue sample(s) that has been collected from a biopsy that is removed from your animal during a surgical procedure. Blood draw, body measurements, hair clippings, and photographs can be performed any time your animal is at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals.
- 3. What are my responsibilities?** No other responsibilities are required as part of this study. The Biobank personnel may contact you for additional information on your animal (such as updated medical information). If you do not wish to be contacted by the Biobank personnel, please check here
- 4. What happens if I do not want my animal to participate or if I choose to participate but change my mind later?** Participation is strictly voluntary. Your decision will in no way affect the quality of the medical care provided to your pet at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals.
- 5. Are there any benefits to my animal by contributing to the Biobank?** While your contribution to the Biobank will not result in immediate benefits to you or your animal, your contribution will be invaluable in helping the Biobank with its mission to advance animal and human healthcare.
- 6. Are there any risks associated with participation?** Side effects or complications are unlikely and anticipated to be minimal. For example, your pet may experience mild discomfort or bruising during blood sample collection.
- 7. What happens to the information collected for the Biobank?** Genetic and clinical information collected for scientific research may be shared with researchers after the removal of personally identifiable information. This anonymized information will be used in the course of genetic research studies and may possibly be made available in public databases. Public information will not be labeled with your animal's name or other information that could be easily used for personal identification (such as registration number).
- 8. What about cost?** There is no cost to you for enrolling your pet or contributing samples to the Biobank. You will be responsible for any tests or procedures done as part of your animal's care, which will be separately discussed.
- 9. Who can I talk to if I have questions?** Please contact Dr. Castelhana or Dr. Todhunter at 607-253-3060 or email us at [dnabank@cornell.edu](mailto:dnabank@cornell.edu). You may also contact the Hospital's Director at 607-253-3030 if you cannot reach the Biobank personnel.

**CONSENT:** By signing below, I have been given the opportunity to ask all questions regarding the Biobank. I understand the statements in this informed consent document, and I have received a signed copy of the form. In addition, I hereby agree to allow the collection of sample(s) from my animal by Cornell Veterinary Biobank or Cornell University Hospital for Animals personnel and acknowledge that such samples and accompanying information are the sole property of Cornell University.

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Signature of Owner

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Printed Name of Owner

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