AMSC CHIC DNA Repository Project FAQ

WHAT is the CHIC DNA Repository?

• A collection of DNA processed from blood samples (or less recommended saliva samples) from donor dogs stored in a central location at the University of Missouri

What is the **PURPOSE** of the CHIC DNA Repository?

- Facilitate more rapid research progress by expediting the sample collection process
- Provide researchers with optimized family groups needed for research
- Allow breeders to take advantage of future DNA based disease tests as they become available
- **Foster a team environment** between breeders/owners and the research community improving the likelihood of genetic discovery

Who OWNS THE DNA samples?

- Once owners donate their dogs' DNA to the CHIC DNA bank, the samples are the property of the CHIC DNA Repository.
- Dog owners and parent clubs can request that samples be used for specific research projects.
- Also, if a DNA-based disease test becomes available in the future, owners may request that any remaining samples of their dogs be forwarded to the appropriate licensed lab for testing.

What is THE COST?

- The fees for placing samples in the bank are \$5.00 per dog for swab-based samples and \$20.00 per dog for blood-based samples. The fees cover the costs of data management, sample processing, and sample storage. Owners are encouraged to view the fees as supporting canine health research.
- The fee is waived for samples collected at a clinic and sent in a batch.

What is **REQUIRED** for sample submission?

- Dog MUST have a <u>permanent form of identification</u>: either microchip or tattoo.
- Registration number of the dog plus sire and dam

For more information, see the <u>OFA CHIC DNA Repository</u> website or contact me at kshoffmann@gmail.com.

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