

Environmental risk for lymphoma in boxer dogs

Your dog is invited to participate in a study of the risk factors for lymphoma in boxer dogs. We are studying both healthy boxers and boxers recently diagnosed with lymphoma.

Lymphoma in humans is associated with cancer-causing chemicals in the environment. The goal of this study is to determine whether exposure to certain environmental chemicals is higher in boxer dogs with lymphoma compared to unaffected boxer dogs of the same age. **The results of this study may help us to understand why certain boxers develop lymphoma** and to develop better prevention strategies.

If you agree to participate in the study, we will send you a study kit. We will ask you to fill out a questionnaire about your dog's lifestyle, collect a voided morning urine sample from your dog and a sample of your dog's usual drinking water, and send them to us by prepaid overnight mail. We will also mail you a special canister to collect an air sample from your house and then send it back to us in a prepaid container. Your dog will not be given any medications or undergo any other procedures related to the study.

There is no individual benefit to your dog from participating in the study. However, the results may help us to better understand individual risk factors for cancer in boxers and other dogs. We might publish the results of this study in a medical journal, but you and your pet would not be identified individually.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask at any time. If you decide not to participate, your dog's care will not be adversely affected in any way. If you agree to participate but change your mind later, you can withdraw at any time.

Authorization:

I, _____, have read the above

and have decided to allow my boxer dog, _____, to participate in the research study as described above.

My signature also indicates that I have received a copy of the consent form.

Date

Signature

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