Environmental risk for bladder cancer in dogs

Your dog is invited to participate in a research project studying the risk factors for bladder cancer (transitional cell carcinoma) in dogs. Bladder cancer in humans is associated with exposure to cancer-causing chemicals in the environment, and we want to know if this is also true in dogs.

The goal of this study is to determine whether certain environmental chemicals are found in the urine of dogs with bladder cancer compared to dogs without bladder disease. The results of this study may help us to better understand why certain dogs develop bladder cancer. We are studying both healthy dogs and dogs with bladder cancer.

If you agree to participate in the study, we will have you collect a voided urine sample (25 mL, or about 2 tablespoons) from your dog, and some dogs will have a brief ultrasound exam of their bladder. We will also ask you to fill out a questionnaire about your dog’s lifestyle. 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 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 pet’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 dog to participate in the research as described above. My signature also indicates that I have received a copy of the consent form.

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