

Dear Sir, dear Madam,

As you may know, our research team at the University of Liège has been working on a respiratory disease affecting Old English Sheepdog (OES) puppies called primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD). Thanks to the help of several breeders we were not only able to identify the responsible mutation of PCD in OES but also to develop a genetic test determining the genetic status of the dog (healthy, carrier or affected). We will be able to start testing blood samples from OES from January 2010. The price will be 50 Euros.

You may already send us blood samples from the dogs you wish to know the status (healthy, carrier or affected). Here is the address to use:

LUPA Project - PCD
Unité de génomique Animale
Avenue de l'hôpital, 1 B34
4000 Liège Belgique

Each sample should be sent together with the completed certificate hereby and a copy of the pedigree. The results and the bill will be sent to you by regular post.

Please be aware that we will only test the dogs once we will have a sufficient number of samples to treat. In consequence, it may take a few months between sending samples and the reception of the results.

If you wish further information, please do not hesitate to contact the veterinary surgeon responsible for this project:

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or to consult the web site: www.eurolupa.org