Development of a Bio-Bank
for Future Research Projects at the University of Bern

A new research project for PRA / RD / NCL and a general project for Cataract & Epilepsy in the Saarloos Wolfdog will start at the Genetics Institute at the University of Bern, Switzerland.

Procedure for collecting blood samples:

1. Make an appointment at your veterinarian's office to draw 5ml EDTA blood

2. Download and complete the Application Form

- form in **English** or in **German**
- for epilepsy-affected dogs, download an additional form here: **Epilepsy**
- tick the box YES for healthy dogs and any carriers of a disease
- for dogs who have never had an ECVO eye examination, add the remark "no ECVO exam"
- DO NOT tick the box for affected animals !
  - + Fill out the disease and a confirmed official diagnosis
  - + Description of the disease:
    - PRA/NCL affected
    - RD affected
    - Cataract affected
    - Epilepsy affected
  - + Remarks: fill out if a dog is a possible carrier or has a family connection with an affected dog or confirmed/possible carrier

do not forget to sign the form!

3. For an PRA / Cataract / RD affected dog or dogs with currently „not clear", please add the ECVO eye examination document.
For dogs who are affected or suspect of **Epilepsy or NCL**, please add a written confirmation from your veterinarian when you go for a blood sample.

4. A copy of the pedigree should also be added (which makes an EDTA blood sample, the completed form, any medical reports or ECVO form and a copy of the pedigree all together)

Send to:
Institut für Genetik, Universität Bern, Bremgartenstrasse 109a, 3001 Bern, Switzerland

IMPORTANT: the blood sample should be sent out as a package, parcel or express parcel with a specific label for Switzerland, where you need to add "Blood Sample" and a value of 0 EUR.

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