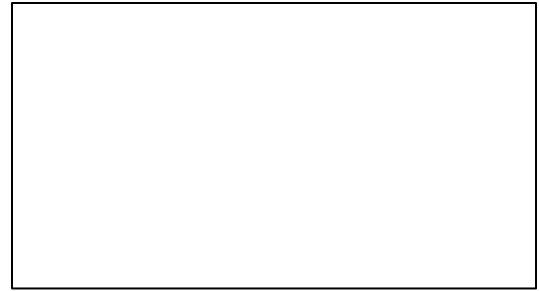




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Clinical Research Project Client Consent Form

Study Title: ADAMTS-13 activity in dogs with chronic enteropathies
Principal Investigator: Dr. Samantha Barth (sbarth@vt.edu) and Dr. Ashley Wilkinson

One of the missions of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine is to create, disseminate and apply medical knowledge through discovery, learning, and engagement. You are invited to participate in this mission by enrolling your animal in a clinical research study. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you may withdraw your animal from the study at any time by notifying the Principal Investigator. There is no penalty if you choose not to participate.

Study Purpose:

The purpose of this study is to evaluate abnormal blood clotting in dogs with chronic GI disorders. Dogs with chronic GI disease may be at higher risk of blood clotting disorders, but the mechanism for this isn't well understood. This study hopes to determine the activity of an enzyme that plays a role in blood clotting, along with other known blood clotting parameters, in dogs with chronic GI disease.

Study Design/Procedures:

Dogs undergoing routine advanced GI diagnostics (abdominal ultrasound, bloodwork, and upper GI endoscopy with biopsies) will be evaluated in this study. Your dog will not receive upper GI endoscopy solely for the purpose of this study, but only as part of a routine clinical work-up by our Internal Medicine service. If your dog's biopsy shows evidence of a chronic GI disease, your dog will be included in the study. As part of the study, we will collect an extra blood sample, beyond what is typically needed as part of routine clinical care. All other procedures undertaken are part of the routine clinical assessment and care of dogs with chronic GI disease.

Risks and Benefits:

Your pet may experience bruising at the site of blood collection. While the study does not offer any direct benefits to your dog, the data we gather from your dog's blood sample may help in the care of future dogs.

Study Costs and Compensation:

As a participant in the study, the cost of an exam, urinalysis, abdominal ultrasound, zinc sulfate fecal, and gastrointestinal histopathology (sample analysis) will be covered. Since these tests are part of the routine clinical care of dogs with chronic GI disease, this will represent a significant cost savings off your dog's routine appointment. The cost of the blood tests on the study-specific sample are covered. The study-specific blood test results will not affect your dog's care and will not be shared with you.

Confidentiality:

The data collected in the course of this study is confidential. In any publication or presentation of the study data, we will not include information that would make it possible to identify a research participant. Research records will be kept in a secure location; only researchers will have access to the records. We will take images of your dog's GI tract as part of the upper GI endoscopy. These images may be used in research presentations or publications.

Statement of Consent:

In giving my consent by signing this form, I acknowledge that I have been informed of the purpose and nature of this study and its associated procedures, as well as any possible side effects.

I have read and understood the above information. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers, and I consent to participate in the study. I further certify that I am the owner (or duly authorized agent of the owner) of _____ .
(Animal's name)

Owner or Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Owner or Agent Printed Name: _____

Attending Clinician Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attending Printed Name: _____

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about this study.

The research and procedures have been reviewed and approved by the Virginia Tech Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine Clinical Research Review Committee.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the study and would like to talk to someone other than the researchers, please contact:

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You will be given a copy of this form to keep for your records.