

SUBMITTING DNA ON A LITTER

You will NOT be following the instructions of the OFA web site, as DCAF has generously agreed to pick up the application charges for COMPLETE litter submissions. You can submit your BAER testing results in the same shipment, if those are complete. Protect the BAER results from moisture by placing them in a large baggie.

SUPPLIES

DNA Application/Health History –

<https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/breeder-resources/>

Sandwich baggies

1 gallon size baggie

Insulated shipping container with frozen chill pack

PROCEDURE

Make an appointment with your vets, letting them know you need to submit 3cc-5cc of blood for each puppy in a purple top EDTA tube. Ask if they have an insulated shipping container available. Many vets get vaccines or medications in these and dispose of them. Also, make arrangements for the chill pack to be frozen. Plan ahead so you are not shipping on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Call Ginger Iwaoka (765.538.3257 or 765.412.0547 and leave a message) to let her know you are shipping so she can create a label and make arrangements for receiving and billing.

DO NOT FREEZE THE BLOOD! If you are drawing one day and shipping the next, you can use a cooler with ice packs to keep the blood chilled, then store the blood overnight in a refrigerator.

Download the CHIC DNA Application/Health History

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Fill out an application for EACH puppy. Be sure to put the puppy's call name in the upper right hand corner of the history. At this point, they will probably not have much of a history unless you have deafness, but that is okay. It can be updated as the puppy ages. Use the Individual AKC numbers if you have them. If you don't, you can submit using ribbon colors, but you will need to remember to go back after you have the AKC numbers and link the ribbon colors to an individual AKC number to receive a certificate from OFA and be added to that dog's OFA page.

Label each tube with the puppy's call name and your last name. Have your vet draw 3-5 cc of blood into a purple top EDTA tube for each puppy. Wrap the tube of blood in a paper towel, and put the wrapped tube of blood and the health history in a sandwich size baggie and seal it. After you have completed a bag for each puppy, put all the individual bags in a larger bag to help insure against any possible leakage during shipping.

Package the chill pack on bottom of the insulated container, followed by the baggie containing the individual baggies on top of the chill pack. If there is lots of space, you can stuff newspaper or bubble wrap to fill the empty space and help protect the tubes against breaking or opening.

Remember to call Ginger Iwaoka the day before you ship the blood. Ginger will create a label and email it to you. You can print the label and take it to the Fed Ex center or you can take a copy of the email with the bar code on your phone to Fed Ex and they will print your label. You must use a staffed Fed Ex ship center. You can not use a drop box.

If you don't hear back from Ginger in a few hours, contact either Kelly Flannigan (734) 645-0053 or Meg Hennessey (847) 269-4601.

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