

SUBMITTING DNA ON A LITTER

You will NOT be following the instructions on the OFA website, as DCAF has generously agreed to cover the application charges and shipping for COMPLETE litter submissions. You can submit your BAER results in the same shipment if those are complete. Protect all paperwork from moisture by placing it in a large ziplock bag.

SUPPLIES

DNA Application/Health History
Sandwich bag for each puppy's blood tube
2 Gallon size ziplock bags
Insulated shipping container with frozen chill pack
FedEx shipping label

PROCEDURE

A few days prior, call Ginger Iwaoka (765.538.3257 or 765.412.0547) to let her know you are planning to ship so she can create a label and make arrangements for receiving and DCAF billing. If you do not hear back from Ginger in a couple hours, call Kelly Flannigan (734.645.0053) or Meg Hennessey (847.269.4601).

Plan ahead so you are not shipping on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday or a holiday. Make an appointment with your veterinarian to let them know you will need three to five milliliters of blood in a purple top (EDTA) tube for each puppy. If you need a shipping cooler, you might ask your veterinarian if they have one. Make arrangements for the chill pack to be frozen. DCAF does not cover any veterinary fees.

Download the CHIC DNA Application/Health History found at:

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

Fill out a form for EACH puppy. Be sure to put the puppy's call name in the upper right hand corner of each page. At this point, there is probably not much medical history, but you can update the history as it changes. Use individual AKC numbers if you have them, but if you don't, you can use ribbon colors or call names. If you submit blood using ribbon colors or call names, you will need to send an email to OFA to link the call name/ribbon color to an AKC number once you have them.

Label each tube with the **puppy's call name** (or ribbon color) and **your last name**.

Have your Vet draw 3 cc to 5 cc of blood into a purple top EDTA tube for each puppy.

Wrap the tube of blood in a paper towel and put each tube in a sandwich bag.

Put all the small bags with blood tubes into a larger bag for extra protection.

Put all your paperwork (applications, health histories and BAER results if applicable) into the other large bag.

SHIPPING

DO NOT FREEZE THE BLOOD!

If you are drawing one day and shipping the next, keep the blood in the refrigerator overnight.

Put the chill pack on the bottom of the container, then put the bag of paperwork and then the bag with the blood. If there is lots of space, you can add crumpled newspaper.

Remember to call Ginger Iwaoka a day or two before you ship to email you a label. You must take the shipment to a staffed FedEx ship center. You can not use a drop box.

If you have any questions or problems, call Ginger.