

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. Because we now ship the blood directly to the processing lab, you should send your BAER results directly to OFA.

SUPPLIES

DNA Application/Health History –

<https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/health-survey/>

Sandwich baggies

1 gallon size baggie

Insulated shipping container with frozen chill pack

PROCEDURE

Make an appointment with your vet, letting them know you need to submit 2cc-3cc of blood for each puppy in a purple top EDTA tube. You might ask if they have an insulated shipping container available. Many vets get vaccines or medications in these and dispose of them. Make arrangements for the chill pack to be frozen. Plan so you are not shipping on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Call Ginger Iwaoka (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 day, store the blood overnight in a refrigerator.

Download the CHIC DNA Application/Health History

- <https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/health-survey/>

Fill out an application for EACH puppy. Be sure to put the puppy's call name in the upper right-hand corner of the form **AND BE SURE TO SIGN THE APPLICATION.** 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 qualify for notation on the dog's CHIC page. This can be done with an email.

Label each tube with the puppy's call name and your last name. Have your vet draw 2-3 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 a few paper towels and then the large baggie containing the individual baggies on top of the paper towel. 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 a Fed Ex Center. You must use a staffed Fed Ex ship center. You cannot 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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