

# Bull Terrier Clinical Studies Fund

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**T**his is an urgent appeal for your help in amassing as much DNA material at the Animal Health Trust as we can muster. There is a tremendous amount needed to start developing the DNA test that is ultimately going to save our Bull Terriers from the killer kidney disease that is rife at the current time.

Your part in the scheme of things is **simple** but so **very important**. Using a swab kit supplied by the Animal Health Trust, you simply rub the brush end of the swab inside the cheek of your Bull Terrier and replace it in the container - then do the same with all five swabs. Fill in the form with as much information as you feel happy giving, making sure the breed is clearly marked Bull Terrier for inclusion in the project. Place in the envelope supplied and send it to the Animal Health Trust. The samples are numbered and stored until the team allocated goes to work to read the DNA information on each sample. As you can imagine this is a huge ongoing project that will not be completed until we eventually isolate the rogue gene that causes the killer kidney disease.

## Swab Kits

If you would be willing to give a DNA sample from your dog, swab kits can be obtained by contacting Bryan McLaughlin at:  
Tel: **01638 751000** (ext.1280)

Or by e-mailing your name, address and the number of swab kits required to:

[bryan.mclaughlin@aht.org.uk](mailto:bryan.mclaughlin@aht.org.uk)

**\*\* Total confidentiality is guaranteed \*\***

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## Permission Form

**This is applicable to Bull Terriers whose UPC test has a ratio of 0.3 and over.** There is no real cause for concern at the 0.3 reading as there are other factors such as infections that could cause such a reading. However this is when we ask you to consider donating a blood sample which by the way it is taken has less chance of contamination, gives more material to work with and the cells in the test tube are protected by the EDTA substance they're in. This form would then be taken to your vet and you request a blood sample to be taken for research purposes at the Animal Health Trust, the vet will sign in agreement and also sign for practice approval of involvement in the project.

***Please print this form and take it to your vet when requesting a blood sample to be taken from your Bull Terrier.***

I request that any Bull Terrier owned by me with a UPC ratio of 0.3 or above to have an EDTA blood sample taken and sent to the Animal Health Trust for inclusion in the project to develop a DNA test for the Bull Terrier familial kidney disease.

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Post Code:**

**Telephone:**

**Signature:**

This veterinary practice agrees to take EDTA blood samples from the Bull Terriers owned by our client named above, and also agrees to support such an important project by sending the EDTA blood samples taken to the Animal Health Trust.

**Practice Name & Address:**

**Post Code:**

**Telephone:**

**Vet Signature:**

**Date:**