

GRF DNA Collection and Optigen DNA Testing

This year, once again, GRF is generously combining its ongoing DNA blood collection project with the additional service of collecting blood samples for PRA and ICT testing by Optigen LLC.

There is no charge for the blood draws or shipping. GRF also absorbs the OFA CHIC fee for Golden Retrievers.

For Optigen testing, all breeds can participate at one of our blood draw sites. GOLDEN RETRIEVERS ONLY are also allowed to send individual samples directly to Optigen. If you are sending samples direct to Optigen, they should be scheduled to arrive between 10/23 and 11/1/2013.

The Discount Code is GNS13x. The Code will be active from 10/16 thru 11/2/2013.

This should give you plenty of time to order the test either before you leave for the National, or after you return home. There is wireless Internet available at both the Event Center and the Vineyards. No funds are handled at the blood draw sites. When you place your order online, print out your order form and bring it with you to the National. It goes in the shipment with your blood sample.

This chart explains how the discounts will apply:

Test	No Discount Full Price	20% of online order (from Clinic or Discount Days)	20% Combo for more than 1 test on the same sample at same time	5% Online order for Combo Testing
Prcd-PRA	\$195	\$156	\$124.80	\$117
GR_PRA1	\$100	\$80	\$64	\$60
GR_PRA2	\$100	\$80	\$64	\$60
ICT	\$120	\$96	\$96	\$90
Total	\$515	\$412	\$348.80	\$327

For donating to the GRF projects with OFA and Broad Institute, please go to the GRF website, and print out the forms. Since those forms require extensive information, it would be best to do that now.

Mike Lappin and Kaye Fuller will again be generously donating their time to do the blood draws. The schedule will be as follows:

Wed. Oct. 23 9 AM – 5 PM – Hallway, Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall

Thur. Oct. 24 9 AM – 5 PM – Hallway, Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall

Fri. Oct. 25 9 AM -- 2 PM – Hallway, Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall

Sun. Oct. 27 4:30 – 6:30 PM – just before Field Welcome Dinner, Holman Center

No specific appointment time is needed. **HOWEVER**, you **DO** need to get your dog on the "Master List" for the Optigen testing. Send the following information to G.Clinchy@gmail.com This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

Dog(s) call name - Owner last name

Breed - Test(s) to be performed

Mail Direct to Optigen or collect at National?

If Mailing direct, will you send swabs or blood?

If collecting at the National, will you go to show site or field site?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Holding dogs, doing paperwork, etc. Even an hour of your time will be valuable. To volunteer contact Mike Lappin at anidoc@comcast.net