

LONDON STUDY INFO

For Owners Planning to Have Tumor Samples Collected Postmortem

1. As soon as your dog has been approved for Dr. London's study, request that a kit be sent to your home. When it arrives, put the tubes in a Ziplok bag and label it "LONDON" with a waterproof magic marker (or put a piece of paper with London's name on it inside the bag) and place the bag in your fridge. Put the ice packs that come in the package in your freezer, also labeled appropriately. Keep the shipping container in a conspicuous place where you will be able to find it in a hurry. Tape a copy of the vet flyer for London's study to the container.
2. Make a big sign and stick it on the door of your fridge reminding you of what you need to do when the time comes to let your dog go (see #5 below). Also, make arrangements with a friend or neighbor to help you orchestrate things at a time when you may be too upset to be thinking very clearly.
3. Give a copy of the flyer to your regular vet and ask him if he will be willing and able to do what is required. If not, ask him to recommend someone. Contact Dr. London (see below for contact info) and ask her to call the vet most likely to be collecting samples, in order to provide instructions and answer questions. Ask your vet to share the study information with the other vets in his practice, in case he is not on duty on the day you have to let your dog go.
4. In case your regular vet office is closed when you need to have your dog put to sleep, inquire about emergency clinics in your area (facilities that are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week). Speak with them about the research study needs and, if you have more than one emergency clinic to choose from, determine which will best be able to help.
5. When the time comes to take your dog to the vet for euthanasia, get the ice packs from the freezer and the tubes from the fridge and place them in the shipping container and take everything (including the flyer attached to the container) with you to the hospital.
6. Speak with the vet to confirm that the procedure will be performed in a timely manner; samples must be collected within an hour or two of when the dog is put to sleep.
7. Soon after the samples are collected, check with your vet to make sure that the samples were collected and shipped. If the samples are collected Monday-Thursday, they should be mailed the same day for next day delivery. If the samples are collected too late in the day to be shipped on the same day, then the samples and the ice packs should be stored in the freezer overnight and shipped the following day for next-day delivery. If samples are collected Friday-Sunday, the samples and the ice packs should be kept in the freezer until Monday, when they can be shipped for overnight delivery.
8. As soon as possible, contact Dr. London to let her know when to expect a shipment.

Dr. London can be contacted at london.20@OSU.edu or 614-292-9554.