

Taurine Blood Test Clinic



Have you seen the FDA alerts that identify an associated risk for some grain-free food diets and a diagnosis of dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM)?

This is a potentially fatal disease with no real symptoms.

If you are worried that your dog may be affected the first step is to do a taurine blood test. If your dog's blood tests low then do an echocardiogram. Many times the damage can be reversed with proper care by a cardiologist. Be informed! Much more information can be found on one of two Facebook Groups: Taurine-Deficient Dilated Cardiomyopathy and Taurine Deficiency in Golden Retrievers

At a vet office the blood test runs around \$300. We are able to cut this cost to \$100 by working directly with the testing lab.

When: October 8th

Where: Kane County Fairgrounds

525 Randall Rd, St. Charles IL (enter off of Randall Road)

Time: 6-9pm

Cost: \$100/dog Checks payable to FVDTC

Clinic Registration: Register by sending your check and this form. Sue will contact you via email to schedule a time. Drop in testing will be available as space allows.

Mail to: Sue McPherson 4N791 Chaffield Dr, St. Charles IL 60175

Questions: Email Sue at membership@fvdtc.org

Dr. Beth Leopold of Amber Leaf Veterinary clinic will be doing the blood draws. The blood will be frozen that night and shipped the next day for overnight delivery via Fed Ex to the University of California – Davis (UC Davis).

If your dog tests low it is highly recommended that you have an echocardiogram done to see if your dog has DCM. Many times the damage can be reversed with proper medication and a change in food. Take advantage of the low –cost Heart Clinic that Fox Valley is offering during our obedience trial on November 16th. An echocardiogram will cost \$250. **You must register for this clinic.** Forms can be found on the website. FVDTC.org

Name: _____ # of Dogs: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Submission forms for each dog will be available at the clinic. Bring along your veterinarian contact information to aid you in form completion.

Your results will be emailed by UC Davis to your veterinarian as well as your personal email address if you include it on the submission form. Results are taking 3-5 days but be patient they are getting a lot of tests.