



## Madison Veterinary Specialists – Blood Bank

### Canine Participation Agreement / Informed Consent

**Procedure:** Your dog will be placed on a table and will be positioned in lateral recumbency by an experienced certified veterinary technician. Mild sedation may be used to help your dog relax, however your dog will remain conscious. A small area on his or her neck will be shaved and cleaned with a sterile prep solution. A sterile, single-use blood collection kit will be used for the blood collection. A needle will be placed into the neck vein. Depending upon the weight of your dog, up to 450 ml of blood will be collected. The needle will then be removed from the vein and pressure will be applied to the site for several minutes. All blood donors are given a snack of canned food (pending any dietary restrictions) after their donation. A bandage will be applied to their neck for continuous pressure; this should remain in place for 1 hour after you and your pet arrive home. IV or sub-cutaneous fluids may be given to your pet at the discretion of the veterinarian. All procedures are done under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.

**Benefits:** The direct benefits to your pet include comprehensive annual bloodwork screening, free heartworm preventative and the great satisfaction in knowing your pet helped to save another’s life. The bloodwork will be made available to both you and your family veterinarian, and is performed at no cost to you. It is possible that MVS may find abnormalities in your dog’s bloodwork. If this occurs, MVS will notify you and your family veterinarian immediately so that your pet can receive any necessary veterinary care immediately. Unfortunately, if there are abnormalities in your dog’s bloodwork, they cannot be considered for our donor program. In addition, should any MVS Blood Donor ever need a transfusion, they will receive the blood product free of charge.

**Risks:** The most common risks associated with blood donation are bruising at the venipuncture site or the formation of a hematoma (build-up of blood/bruising) at the site. These problems are self-limiting and pose no serious harm to your dog. It is also possible that your dog may experience re-bleeding at the blood draw site. If such bleeding occurs, it will generally stop in a short time with the application of direct pressure. It is also possible that your dog may develop a “hot spot” (irritation/infection at the skin site), though this is not common, and is readily treatable with no lasting harm to your pet. In human blood donor programs there have very rarely been serious events associated with blood donation including infection, heart attack, and death. At this time, MVS is not aware of any reports of such problems in the veterinary literature. The majority of our blood donor owners report their pet feeling lethargic for the remainder of the day.

**Your Responsibilities:** Most likely your dog will tolerate the procedure well without complications. You should allow your dog to rest following donation and restrict activity for the next day. Make sure your dog has water available at all times. It is important that you seek prompt veterinary care if you have any questions or concerns following a donation. Please call MVS with any questions regarding your pet’s blood donation.

*I understand the procedures involved and risks associated with canine blood donation and hereby give consent for my dog \_\_\_\_\_ to be a blood donor for Madison Veterinary Specialists’ Blood Bank.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of MVS Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of MVS Witness

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Date

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Date

**Office use only:**

Blood Typing Results: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

HA Form – Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donor status: Accepted / Declined