

International Alaskan Malamute Fanciers



“New epilepsy gene located in dogs_ (<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/03/120323205337.htm>)

A new epilepsy gene for idiopathic epilepsy in Belgian Shepherds has been found in the canine chromosome 37. This research opens new avenues for the understanding of the genetic background of the most common canine epilepsies. The research also has an impact on the understanding of common epilepsies...”

We opened the study of epileptic seizures in our breed and we are collecting money for other defects that may open up for our breed! Alaskan Malamutes are a hardy breed and not all bloodlines carry these defects or diseases. As DNA mapping is an important tool for all breeders, we deeply appreciate everybody's contributions. We would like to thank and give credit to all the International Alaskan Malamute owners that made this possible! Also the people in Europe who have given samples on their dogs that are related or have the epilepsy gene! Kat Copley is also been hard at work getting people to get their samples in to Helsinki and raising funds!

We also give credit to Eric Singer (drummer of Kiss) Teddy Andreadis aka Teddy Zig Zag (Guns N Roses and Carol King) Stefan Adika (Billy Idol and Slim Jim band) Bruce Kulick (Kiss and Grand Funk), Tommy Cluetfeos (drummer for Ted Nugent, Rob Zombie and Ozzy Osborne) for donating matching funds to make this possible! They are donating up to \$10 000 dollars to be matched in donations 50 cents on the dollar which will give us \$30 thousand! The thousands to be donated is still there for our dogs! The International Alaskan Malamutes have an account at the AKC CHF set up! Here is the link for Credit Card donations for here in the International Account at the AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION!!

https://secure3.convio.net/k9hf/site/Donation2?idb=1373678631&df_id=1820&1820.donation=form1&JServSessionldr004=tdz620ugz6.app333b

Additional to this, we should also thank the Leonberger people for financing the Polyneuropathy study that is benefiting the Alaskan Malamute!

We are very close to the Cataract Study that included our breed 10 years ago.....the Arctic Breed study at the AKC CHF! This has taken 10 years. All studies take time and yes years! They are narrowing down the gene for our dogs!

I am very pleased that DNA will be part of the breeding tools available for breeders!

Bernadette

“The canine genome is so narrow in and of itself, that breeds with similar problems and their studies should be a starting place for the Malamute people to begin their research. Starting with a criteria of “Malamute-only” is a ridiculously unrealistic beginning point for small club or organization.” (Artic-Luv quotes one researcher's comments)

THE INTERNATIONAL ALASKAN MALAMUTE FANCIERS WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE OUR ADVISORY BOARD!

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The international Alliance for the Health of the Alaskan Malamute are a group of Alaskan Malamute fanciers that support and encourage the most expeditious, economical, and creative ways to eliminate genetic problems affecting our breed. This is a worldwide effort