



Help us research hereditary cataracts in Labrador Retrievers

The Animal Health Trust (AHT) in Newmarket is undertaking a new research project that aims to improve our understanding of the genetic basis of hereditary cataracts in the Labrador Retriever.

We are looking for **Labrador Retrievers of any age which have been diagnosed with hereditary cataracts**. If your Labrador has hereditary cataracts, diagnosed by a veterinary ophthalmologist, it would help our research enormously if you could take part in our study.

We also require samples from **Labradors over the age of 8 which do not have cataracts**. We are collecting DNA samples from healthy Labradors with a current clear eye certificate.

If you would like to take part in our study it is easy to do:

- Please contact us (chris.jenkins@aht.org.uk, 01638 751000 x1251) and we will send you a cheek swab collection kit.
- Follow the simple instructions for collecting DNA samples and return the cheek swab kit to us along with a copy of your dog's eye certificate.

The Kennel Club Genetics Centre at the AHT undertakes research aimed at understanding and eradicating inherited diseases in purebred dogs. Our research over the last 20 years has greatly advanced our knowledge of canine genetics, and the DNA tests we have developed have helped a significant number of breeders to improve the health of their dogs. However, there is still a lot of work for us to do, so we hope that you will agree to participate in this study.

