

Heart Study Research Request - for Deerhound owners who have experienced the death of their hound.

Losing your Deerhound will be an extremely upsetting time and we are very sorry for your loss. The Deerhound Health Group with Emily Dutton have been working together for a number of years now to help understand health issues associated with heart disease and to improve hound health. This research has been completed with funding from Bev Doyle, the Deerhound Club and the Kennel Club. It would be very beneficial for this research if you could consider having post-mortem tests completed.

If your Deerhound was diagnosed as being affected with dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) or any other heart condition by Emily Dutton (or a Specialist in Veterinary Cardiology) and you wish to offer your hound's heart for post-mortem tests then please ask your vet to read the instructions below.

The tests will be used to help Emily Dutton and the cardiologists at Liverpool University define the type of cardiomyopathy and to understand more about the heart conditions that affect Deerhounds. We understand that this is a very emotive time so please do call Emily Dutton (07572 080086) or Sarah Helps (07901911769) should you have any questions regarding the process or if you need to know whether the cardiologist you saw is a Specialist in Veterinary Cardiology. Please note that the histopathology results can take several weeks to process.

We would like to thank you in advance for helping with this important study.