

Calling All Cavaliers!

The Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine is recruiting Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

Eligibility

- Between 1 and 5 years of age
- Healthy, with no history of heart disease
- Dogs with no murmur or mild murmurs (2/6 or less) are eligible
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WHAT IS BEING STUDIED?

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels are predisposed to heart problems, and we're hoping to understand more about why that is.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

All dogs will have their heart and lungs examined using a stethoscope. Dogs who meet the eligibility criteria will undergo conventional echocardiography. If there is no evidence of heart disease, we'll then perform 3D imaging. The total time required per dog is expected to be less than one hour. No invasive procedures are involved and no treatment is administered.

Dogs will have follow-up appointments scheduled every 4 months until mitral valve disease develops, or for the duration of the study period (until 2022). The owners will learn the degree of the murmur (if any), and whether or not their dog shows any evidence of heart disease.

All appointments must take place at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia.



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