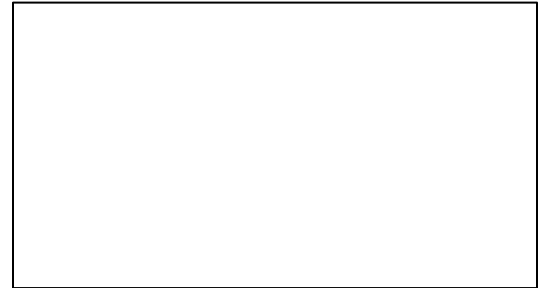




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Clinical Research Project Client Consent Form

Study Title: Influence of mitral valve morphology on age of onset of myxomatous mitral valve disease in Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

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One of the missions of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine is to create, disseminate and apply medical knowledge through discovery, learning, and engagement. You are invited to participate in this mission by enrolling your animal in a clinical research study. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you may withdraw your animal from the study at any time by notifying the Principal Investigator. There is no penalty if you choose not to participate.

Study Purpose:

In this study, we try to identify whether the shape of the valve of some Cavalier King Charles Spaniels predispose them to develop the disease earlier than others.

Study Design/Procedures:

Once enrolled in this study, your dog will undergo a regular visit, and an echocardiography, which is an ultrasound of the heart. These procedures allow us to determine whether your dog is free from mitral valve disease. If we do not identify any evidence of this disease, we will obtain some three-dimensional images of the mitral valve of your dog, in the same fashion we acquired the rest of the exam. We then will repeat the conventional echocardiographic examination every four months, until mitral valve disease develops, or at most until end of the study period (July 2022).

Risks and Benefits:

The procedures involved in this study are not invasive and not associated with any risk.

Study Costs and Compensation:

If your dog is found eligible for the study, the cost of all the visits and echocardiographic examinations required by the study (enrollment and every four months until development of mitral valve disease or end of study period) will be covered, and therefore will be free of charge. Any additional exam that your dog might be deemed to require following the clinician's examination will not be covered, and will be discussed with you before being performed.

Confidentiality:

The data collected in the course of this study is confidential. In any publication or presentation of the study data, we will not include information that would make it possible to identify a research participant. Research records will be kept in a secure location; only researchers will have access to the records.

Statement of Consent:

In giving my consent by signing this form, I acknowledge that I have been informed of the purpose and nature of this study and its associated procedures, as well as any possible side effects.

I have read and understood the above information. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers, and I consent to participate in the study. I further certify that I am the owner (or duly authorized agent of the owner) of _____ .
(Animal's name)

Owner or Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attending Clinician Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about this study.

The research and procedures have been reviewed and approved by the Virginia Tech Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine Veterinary Teaching Hospital Board.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the study and would like to talk to someone other than the researchers, please contact:

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You will be given a copy of this form to keep for your records.