

This is a VERY exciting opportunity for all attending the National this year!!!

To all our Pharaoh Hound Friends coming to the PHCA National in St. Louis in September we are offering a CHIC Blood Draw at NO CHARGE. As they say it takes a village and Thom and Pam Haig of Mia Pharaohs have graciously offered the Veterinary Supplies and Veterinary Services, while Dominic Palleschi Carota and Dr. Stephen Sipperly of Hallam Hounds are underwriting the costs of the blood draw kits for EVERY dog. The blood draw is scheduled from 2pm-4pm on Friday September 16th at the Haig Motorhome. We ask that every dog participating in the blood draw have their paperwork (posted) completed prior to arriving; this will allow for a smooth and organized afternoon. Ideally, 5-10 ccs per dog will be collected (which would yield a very large volume of DNA).

Since this draw is taking place at the National, it is not necessary to pre-register and send in your form prior...just bring it with you. The CHIC DNA Repository, co-sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF), collects and stores canine DNA samples along with corresponding pedigree and health history information to facilitate future research and testing aimed at reducing the incidence of inherited disease in dogs.

The program objectives are to:

- Facilitate more rapid research progress by expediting the sample collection process
- Provide researchers with optimized family groups needed for research
- Allow breeders to take advantage of future DNA based disease tests as they become available
- We hope all will take part in this very important opportunity for our breed.