

WESTIE MEDICAL STUDIES

The Westie Foundation (<http://www.westiefoundation.org>) is all about funding medical projects which will help improve the quality of life for the Westie breed. Because of the work of the Foundation, there are several studies going on currently, many of which you and your Westie can participate in and make a difference to the future of Westies.

You can find links to these studies on our website: <http://www.westieclubmi.com> and <http://www.westierescue-mi.com> and the first two at the Westie Foundation website.

You can help by looking at the studies to determine in which ones your Westie is eligible. Some require pedigrees which rescued Westies cannot provide but most do not. Some require the dog be "affected" by the condition but others need both "affected" dogs and "non-affected" dogs.

Participation should cost you nothing but a bit of time. Your vet should be willing to collect the materials and shipping is paid by the study.

ATOPY STUDY

Rescue Westies can participate. Your dog does not have to have Atopy (allergies which usually result in skin issues in our Westies). All that is required is a blood sample and some paperwork.

<http://www.westiefoundation.org/currentresearch/atopic-dermatitis.htm>

Legg-Calve-Perthes Study

If your Westie IS affected by Legg-Calve-Perthes, the sample will be accepted even if you do not have a pedigree available. If your Westie is NOT affected by Legg-Calve-Perthes, a pedigree MUST be included with the sample. IF you do not have a pedigree for your dog but can provide the name of registered parents, that is acceptable. Most Rescues do not have pedigrees available; however, you may have other Westies in your household who do have pedigrees. If so please consider asking your vet to submit for those Westies. Blood Samples are needed.

<http://www.westiefoundation.org/currentresearch/dna-lcp.htm>

BLADDER CANCER STUDY

This is a Michigan State study which is sharing information with the Department of Health and Human Services which is also conducting a study.

<http://www.westie3.fatcow.com/BLADDER.HTM>

Urine and Blood samples are needed from Westies, age 7 or more.

We have been informed that they are currently looking especially for healthy dogs, age 12 or older, to participate.

PLEASE BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!!!!!!