

GCL Testing Using Cheek Swabs for Now Available (March 2009)

Awhile ago the HRCC was approached to evaluate HealthGene (based in Canada) as a lab that we could refer for GCL testing using cheek swabs rather than a blood sample. This has now been done and the HRCC now supports breeders using either HealthGene (cheek swabs OR blood sample) or Dr. Wengers lab (blood sample only) for GCL testing. Usual cost for GCL testing at HealthGene is \$85 dollars U.S. or Canadian. HealthGene has matched the charge of \$75 by Dr. Wengers lab.

It is hoped that U.S., Canadian and overseas breeders will take advantage of being able to send cheek swabs for GCL analysis as it will no longer involve a clinic visit/charge for drawing the blood sample and no special shipping considerations need be involved.

Link to the HealthGene site for Cairn GCL testing is:

<http://healthgene.com/canine/tests.asp?testcode=C118>

Link to order a GCL sample collection kit: **<http://healthgene.com/canine/orderSCK.asp>**

If any health clinics are being considered at which GCL testing might be offered, HealthGene could be approached to see if a further per test price reduction could be offered.