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RESEARCH STUDY: OWNER INFORMED CONSENT

GOLDEN RETRIEVER LIFETIME STUDY: SUPPLEMENTARY STUDY ON BIOLOGICAL CHANGES IN AGING DOGS

Your dog is actively enrolled in the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study. You may have also elected to participate in the Golden Age sub-study, which includes supplementary questionnaires about osteoarthritis and behavior changes observed in your dog during aging.

The Morris Animal Foundation is partnering with researchers at Mayo Clinic (Scottsdale, Arizona) and University of California, Irvine to study molecular and genetic changes underlying canine cognitive dysfunction. We will be trying to determine if data from the age-related cognitive change questionnaires correlates to biological findings in the brain tissue of deceased dogs.

Removal of the brain from your dog during necropsy is only done at specialized locations. The Morris Animal Foundation has established relationships with several locations across the United States that are able to remove brain tissue during necropsy and transfer the tissue to researchers at Mayo Clinic for study. The list of partner institutions can be found in your Golden Retriever Lifetime Study portal at grls.morrisanimalfoundation.org.

Please initial the following lines to note your understanding of the parts of this supplementary study:

- _____ My dog is enrolled in the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study, and the study described above is a supplementary investigation.
- _____ I understand that if a necropsy is performed by one of the pre-identified partners qualified to remove brain tissue, my dog's brain may be removed and transferred to Mayo Clinic, Arizona for further study.
- _____ I understand that information and samples collected during this supplementary study are the property of the investigators and may be stored for future use.
- _____ I give my permission to publish information obtained from this supplementary study for the benefit of the scientific community. I understand that my dog will not be identified individually.



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_____ I understand that participation in this study is voluntary, and I may remove my dog from this supplementary study without jeopardizing enrollment status in the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study or my relationship with the Morris Animal Foundation.

I have read this entire form and understand it completely. I hereby agree to this contract and understand that by signing this form, I am thereby providing my informed consent to have my dog's brain submitted to Mayo Clinic for study.

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

For questions about this supplementary study, please access <https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/grls-neuro> or contact:

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