



Lumbosacral Transitional Vertebrae Study



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The Institute of Genetics at the University of Bern in Switzerland

is conducting a study of Lumbosacral Transitional Vertebrae (malformed vertebra at the lower back-pelvic area which can cause pain and difficulty with rear leg function) in the Dutch Shepherd. They have reached out to the Dutch Shepherd Dog Club of America to ask for cooperation from breeders, owners and veterinarians for help in acquiring x-rays and DNA samples from healthy or affected dogs and their relatives.

The study is looking for samples from at least 100 dogs comprised of:

- 1) Digital x-rays of the hips (existing OFA or PennHip)
- 2) 5ml of EDTA blood
- 3) Copy of dog's Pedigree
- 4) Completed and signed submission form to the University of Bern

Please feel free to contact Dutch Shepherd Dog Club of America Director and Veterinary Counsel Karen Wroblewski, DVM with any questions regarding the study at DrWroblewski@AllenAH.com.

Thank you for your support of this project to help improve the Dutch Shepherd breed.

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