



Home Collection\* Instructions for Histiocytic Sarcoma Risk Test  
(Owners' Vet Collects Sample)  
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th, 2025**

**On or Before April 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Visit the Histiocytic Sarcoma Risk Test page in the BMDCA Store [https://www.bmdca-store.com/Histiocytic-Sarcoma-Blood-Draw\\_c\\_90.html](https://www.bmdca-store.com/Histiocytic-Sarcoma-Blood-Draw_c_90.html)
- Download, read and sign two copies\* of the Memorandum of Agreement/Terms & Conditions.  
Note: Only one signed copy of the Memorandum of Agreement is needed if you're testing multiple dogs; Agreement can be signed by owner or breeder. \*one copy is for your files.
- Purchase the desired number of tests (one dog/test per invoice please)
- **Print your invoice(s) as proof of payment**
- Schedule a vet appointment for a blood draw to occur **NO EARLIER THAN WEDNESDAY, April 23rd**

**Preparing for your Vet Appointment:**

- Download and complete the Antagene Sampling Certificate (one certificate is required for each test purchased) and provide Owner's Signature in Part 3 in black or blue ink

**Vet Appointment:**

- Bring a completed Antagene Sampling Certificate(s) to your vet appointment *for each dog to be tested.*
- **IN AN EDTA LAVENDER TOP TUBE**, Veterinarian must draw **a minimum blood sample of 2 ML for each dog**; (Antagene-approved cheek swab accepted for puppies less than 3 months old; obtain from Julie Jackson)
- **IMPORTANT: ANTAGENE Sample Certificates MUST BE SIGNED & STAMPED by the vet's office.**
- **NOTE: BLOOD SAMPLE SHOULD BE KEPT REFRIGERATED. When traveling, use a frozen gel pack to keep it cool (separated with crumpled paper to prevent freezing and enclosed in a zip-loc bag to prevent leakage) and keep refrigerated until dropped off at the Clinic.**

**Packing List for the National Specialty:\***

- Invoice(s) from BMDCA's Online Store showing proof of payment and invoice# per test
- A signed copy of the Memorandum of Agreement/Terms & Conditions (one per family)
- Completed, signed and stamped Antagene Sampling Certificate(s) for each dog being tested
- A copy of each dog's 4 generation horizontal pedigree (downloadable from the Berner-Garde Database) <http://bernergarde.org/db/>
- Samples in EDTA tube properly stored as noted in "Vet Appointment" above

***\*Properly stored samples must be dropped off in-person at the Specialty HS Risk Test Clinic to be included in BMDCA's shipment to Antagene in France***

**Day of Clinic**

**Wednesday, April 30th – Lobby Office, All Star Expo Hall, 9:00AM – 1:00PM:**

- Arrive at the Clinic between 9AM and 1PM.
- Bring all completed Check List items and turn in with sample(s) at Clinic Registration

**After delivering your sample (important!):**

- Set-up a confidential Antagene account <https://antagene.com/authentication>. It is where you will be able to perform test mating selections on the HSIMS website and view your dog's results.
- To help research, send the age of cause of death when your dog passes. Send an email to Dr. Benoit Hedan to: [benoit.hedan@univ-rennes1.fr](mailto:benoit.hedan@univ-rennes1.fr). Include any pathology reports if available.
- Confidential test results will be delivered by email (in PDF format) within 10 to 15 days from reception of the sample (usually ~2-4 weeks). Upon receipt of your test results, go to your Antagene account and add your dog to the HSIMS tool. It only takes one click. Click here for detailed instructions on how to access: [http://bmdca.org/health/Antagene\\_histio\\_pretest.php](http://bmdca.org/health/Antagene_histio_pretest.php)

Please direct all questions to Julie Jackson, BMDCA Health Committee at [rrbernese@gmail.com](mailto:rrbernese@gmail.com)