

Dogs needed for research on diet-associated heart disease.



Has your veterinarian expressed concern for heart disease caused by your dog's food? Your dog may be eligible for subsidized diagnostics.



Your dog may qualify if:

- One to nine years of age.
- ≥ 45.0 pounds.
- Suspected Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) due to diet.
- Eating a non-traditional diet.**
- No diet change since suspicion of DCM and on current diet for ≥ 4 weeks.
- Abnormal NT-proBNP levels (performed with primary care veterinarian).
- No current or previous supplementation with taurine.

Potential benefits:

If all preconditions are met AND your pet is enrolled in the study, you will receive \$400 off the cost of the visit with MU VHC Cardiology Service (total cost is typically \$650-800, not including medications).**



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Participation involves:

On presentation to MU VHC Cardiology Service for appointment:

- Pet is fasted overnight (no breakfast).
- Provide first morning urine sample (must bring to appointment).
- Provide 1 quart bag of all kibble fed, 1 can all wet food, and samples of all other treats/foods/supplements (all items/bags must be labeled).
- Consent to additional blood collected for study.
- Complete a one-page diet history form.

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