

Dear Whippet breeder
Dear Whippet lovers

On various channels in Whippet circles there are discussions about changings in the coat on the neck of the whippets (also called swirl, Cowlick, Ridge, etc.). It seems that a genetic inheritance could be responsible for it.

In addition it's of interest whether this coat variation meets the FCI Whippet standard or not and if it is relevant to health.

We therefore asked these questions to the dermatologists. They referred us immediately to the geneticists.

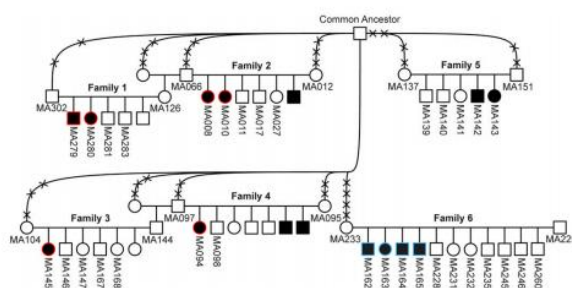
We succeeded to draw attention to this problem by the Institute of genetics under Prof. Dr. Tosso Leeb at the University of Bern CH. They now offer us the opportunity to test affected dogs. So it could be possible to screen the suspected inheritance and if possible identify unaffected dogs as "carriers".

Of course a professional discussion is open and desirable how to deal with these "swirls". The judges panels should also receive information with the purpose of a uniform assessment.

Needed:

- 5 ml of EDTA blood
- Photos of the swirl (With assignment of the copyright for the later publication of possible studies)
- Pedigree of the affected dog
- The names of the dogs are less important for the studies than the relationship of the dogs.

Here an example:



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Tips for the veterinarians:

Dog blood from the EU may be imported into Switzerland without special authorization. Send the blood samples and documents as a letter with suitable packaging material (and not as a packet or package). Either way, the samples should be declared correctly: «Dog blood for research, value: 1 CHF». Please always specify a low value so that no duty has to be paid.

We hope to get as many samples of affected (or related) whippets as possible with this call.

We therefore count on your assistance in motivating breeders and owners of dogs in their country to take part in these surveys as quickly as possible, and we already thank you for your appreciated support.

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