

Dear Friends,

As you know, the Golden Retriever Foundation and the Golden Retriever Club of America are committed to promoting research to help reduce the terrible toll that cancer takes on our breed. Your support has been vital to this mission, and the breed always benefits when we join together to accomplish shared goals.

In addition to our financial support, researchers depend on assistance with blood and tumor sample collections to ensure that projects are successful. To improve our efforts, we are in the process of compiling a nationwide database of select veterinarians who have demonstrated a special commitment to working with breeders and rescue organizations. We know there are frequently veterinary practices with excellent reputations that attract knowledgeable clientele from among the local breeder/exhibitor/rescue community, and we need your help in identifying veterinarians in your area who we might contact directly to enlist their personal support and improve sample collection.

We are asking that your Club or organization select one or two veterinarians in your local area who may have a large Golden clientele, and who have demonstrated a willingness to work with breeders, scientific curiosity, and commitment to excellence. These can be general practice veterinarians or specialists, but they do not need to be oncologists. It is not necessary for you to discuss this in advance with the veterinarian unless you wish to do so, because we will provide more detailed information directly to the veterinarians. However, should your Club or the veterinarian have any questions prior to submitting the contact information, please feel free to contact us at the email or phone number below. **Please take the time now** to identify one or more veterinarians to recommend for this purpose, and provide the information requested below. (This does not need to be a formal process that goes through board/club meetings, because a quick response is the most important factor. If you wish to add more names after future meetings with members of your organization, please feel free to do so.)

The research we support has made significant progress in identifying key factors that contribute to canine cancer, and we need to make sure that we maintain momentum to continue that success.

Thank you so very much for helping us help our dogs.

Sincerely,

The GRCA Health & Genetics Committee
The Golden Retriever Foundation
The Golden Retriever Club of America

(Please feel free to contact Rhonda Hovan at rhondahovan@aol.com or 330-338-4236 with any questions.)

Please respond with information as requested below to: Rhonda Hovan rhondahovan@aol.com

Name of Veterinary Hospital:

Specific veterinarian(s):

Address of practice:

Phone number:

Email (please do not omit):

Referral client(s) and/or organization:

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