CLEFT LIP AND/OR PALATE

Background
- Cleft lip and/or cleft palate are developmental defects that result in the failure of the roof of the mouth to properly form. This results in an inability to properly nurse and often leads to euthanasia. The aim of this study is to identify the genes responsible for these birth defects and prevent them in future litters.

Participation Requirements
- Dogs with a cleft lip and/or cleft palate; or,
- Parents or littermates of dogs with a cleft lip and/or cleft palate

Procedures
- Collection and submission of a whole blood sample by you or your veterinarian for DNA analysis

Owner Responsibilities
- Submission of the blood sample

Benefits
- Although there are no direct benefits to participating in this study, understanding the genetic basis of such a defect will allow for the prevention of it in future litters.

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