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Understanding the Genetics in Golden Retrievers

Background
• Many current studies are aimed at trying to identify genes associated with diseases in dogs, but we are looking to see if there might exist ‘protective genes’ that could help protect against these same life-limiting diseases in the dog.

Participation Requirements
• Golden Retrievers that are over 50lbs and 12 years (or older)

Procedures
• The only procedure required is the collection and submission of a blood sample for DNA extraction.

Referring Veterinarian Responsibilities
• To collect and submit a blood sample and medical records.

Benefits
• Identification of such genes may help us understand why some dogs or dog breeds live longer, and hopefully lead to lengthening the lifespans for our faithful companions.

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