

## LIVER AND PANCREAS RESEARCH – CALL FOR CASES AND SAMPLES

We have very active clinical research in the medicine department on canine chronic hepatitis and canine chronic pancreatitis and diabetes mellitus. We would be very grateful for the following cases / samples. We are very happy to discuss potential cases at any time – either of liver and pancreas disease or in fact any internal medicine case – either on the phone numbers above, or by email: [pjw36@cam.ac.uk](mailto:pjw36@cam.ac.uk)

**Canine hepatitis research:** we are interested in any case of canine chronic hepatitis in any breed, but particularly English Springer Spaniels and Labradors. We would like spare EDTA blood and serum from affected cases and, if possible, a piece of liver biopsy in RNA later. We can supply all consent forms and tubes and are happy to run routine histology on formalin fixed sections free of charge for you. We are always happy to see these cases and can offer ultrasound-guided or laparoscopic liver biopsy. In a few selected cases, we can offer biopsy here at the veterinary school at greatly reduced cost. All enquires on liver research to Penny Watson: [pjw36@cam.ac.uk](mailto:pjw36@cam.ac.uk) or Nick Bexfield: [nb289@cam.ac.uk](mailto:nb289@cam.ac.uk)

**Canine pancreatitis research:** we are interested in any cases of acute or chronic pancreatitis in dogs, but with special interest in Cavalier King Charles spaniels and Cocker spaniels. Diabetic dogs are also of interest. Penny would like spare EDTA and serum samples from affected Cockers and Cavaliers – preferably together with pedigree information. She can supply client consent forms for this. She is also happy to provide free histology on pancreas (and preferably liver!) taken at laparotomy or PM in these dogs as we are building a pancreatitis and diabetes tissue bank. We are working closely with Clare Rusbridge on the Cavaliers, so any post mortems submitted to her for the syringomyelia study will also (with the owners permission) have pancreas and liver histology performed here. We are always very interested to see these cases and can offer laparoscopy as well as ultrasound and other investigations and intensive care. Unfortunately, clinical investigations on these cases are currently only offered at full (usual) cost as we do not yet have grants to cover these – but we should get some money to support this in the future, so keep an eye on the web site! All enquires on pancreas research to Penny Watson: [pjw36@cam.ac.uk](mailto:pjw36@cam.ac.uk)