



CANINE BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM

In June, Nittany Greyhounds entered into a cooperative agreement with QBC Diagnostics, Philipsburg, PA, to provide them with fresh dog blood on a daily basis for the testing of tubes being manufactured there for IDEX, distributor of veterinary supplies. We have been successfully managing this program since then, using our local greyhound adopters and adoptable dogs here at our kennel.

As part of this agreement, we provide them with 4-6 small tubes of fresh blood four days each week from dogs that weigh more than 50 pounds. In return, we receive a cash donation for each draw and the result of the testing of the blood -- a CBC test, recognized and approved by veterinarians to check platelets, red blood cells, and other measures.

Nittany Greyhounds' resident vet tech, Liza Wilson, is doing the blood draws each day, right here at our kennel in State College. The fresh blood is immediately taken to Philipsburg to the QBC Laboratory. Liza has many years of technical experience and works every day with our adoptable dogs here at the Nittany kennel.

If you are interested in having your dog receive this free screening, and also to help our greyhound adoption program, please call or e-mail Liza and she will work with you to schedule your dog to be a donor. As well, if you will bring your dog to Roo Valley (the Nittany kennel location) to be a donor, you can receive free day care for your dog the day of the draw.

The test results are available the following day (or on Monday if it's a Thursday draw), and we will give you a copy to share with your vet on your next visit. Keep in mind that this is a "test" and so the results of the testing are not guaranteed but meant to be a guideline.

This has been a win-win situation for our participants -- you get an expensive test run for free and a written copy of the results, along with a free day of day care, and we get a cash donation for our organization.

Nittany Greyhounds, Inc., is an approved and registered 501c(3), with more than 800 greyhound adopters and volunteers in central Pennsylvania. Every penny raised supports our greyhound programs. Visit us online at www.nittanygreys.org.

Contact Liza Wilson at: LAH209@psu.edu, or at 717-250-6570 if you would like to participate in our program.