



<http://www.aht.org.uk/>

## How English Springer Spaniel owners can help



<http://www.eurolupa.org/>

If your bitch has a suspected mammary tumour(s):

- Collect a blood sample, OR cheek swab sample and send it to the AHT

If the vet is taking a blood sample for a clinical reason, ask the vet to save a surplus sample (1-2ml) in an EDTA tube

OR

Contact the AHT (contact details below) to request a cheek swab kit

- Collect a small piece (3-5mm cube) of the biopsy of the suspected tumour\* (normally removed for diagnostic histopathology) and send it to Lisa Jeffery (*at the address below*)

- If you have advance notice of the vet removing a biopsy, contact us to ask for a special solvent ('RNAlater'), in which to collect the small piece of tissue, to be sent to the vet

OR

- Ask the vet to place a small piece of the biopsy of the suspected tumour in a freezer, and then ask the vet to contact us to ask to be sent a special solvent in which to transport the piece of tissue

\*If your dog has multiple tumours, please ask the vet to collect (in RNAlater) a small piece of the biopsy of each tumour

If your bitch does not have cancer (and has not had cancer) and is at least 7 years old\*\*\*

- Collect a blood sample, OR cheek swab sample and send it to the AHT

If the vet is taking a blood sample for a clinical reason, ask the vet to save a surplus sample (1-2ml) in an EDTA tube

OR

Contact the AHT to request a cheek swab kit

- Please let us know if your dog develops cancer within the following 4 years

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\*\*\*If you submit a blood sample or a cheek swab sample from a bitch that does not have cancer (and has not had cancer), please note that half of the sample will be submitted to Penny Watson, University of Cambridge for a study on hepatitis in English Springer Spaniels.