



Expansion of Genetic Mapping & Genomic Resources for the Domestic Cat

GOAL

Dr. Isabel Hernandez and Dr. Marta Castelhana of the Cornell Veterinary Biobank in collaboration with the Cornell Feline Health Center are conducting a screening of healthy senior cats that can serve as controls for several genetic diseases.

ELIGIBILITY

Cats need to be 10 years of age or older and have been recently deemed in good health from a veterinarian. Ideally cats should be purebred but some Domestic Short and Long Hair cats may qualify.

COMPENSATION

The study pays for a physical exam, a (fasted) blood sample for various blood tests (complete blood count, chemistry panel, FeLV/FIV test, thyroid panel), a urinalysis, and echocardiogram, consultations with various departments around the hospital, and, if the patient qualifies, a CT scan. Other tests or procedures required as part of patient care not covered by the screening will be the responsibility of the owner.

OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

The screening will last two days with the first day consisting of the exams, consultations, and blood work. If the screenings on the first day deem the patient to be a good candidate for sedation, and the owner is interested in pursuing the CT scan, the patient will return the following day.



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