

# DIAGNOSTICS

The WSGP has used funds to enable us to get a definitive diagnosis in cases where the owner knew generally what their dog was suffering from, but did not have a specific diagnosis. They were willing to take their dogs back to the vet for additional testing to get the WSGP the information that might possibly help other dogs. We are grateful they went the extra mile and took the time to get the tests done for our breed. These are examples of actual cases, but cases are considered on an individual basis:

## MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS

- Where an owner may have known their dog had a fatal cancer, but did not know the type and since the WSGP is tracking types of cancers, agreed to have the additional testing so results could be included in the database.
- Where an owner knew their dog had eye problems, but not the specific one causing the problems.
- Where a dog was having issues that appeared to be spinal related and the owners knew that quality of life was absent, but held out hope it might be something else and this test enabled them to make an educated decision.
- Where a dog was suffering from a genetic disease and having blood drawn could help researchers identify the risk factors to help breed away from it in the dog's lines.
- When an earlier diagnosis that a disease was genetic might be untrue—new tests were performed.
- Assistance in payment of vet bill where two dogs owned by same person were diagnosed with DM

## SPINAL CONDITIONS

- The largest amounts of money went to either cover or help cover the expenses of CT scan, MRI, or surgery for dogs diagnosed with spinal conditions.