

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!

## Atrial Septal Defect in Standard Poodles.

Once again at PCA, Dr. Sonja Gordon, a veterinary cardiologist from Texas A&M University, will be conducting Doppler echocardiogram testing for Atrial Septal Defect in Standard Poodles.

In SP's, ASD is an inherited defect of the heart which can lead to a shortened life span and impaired quality of life. Dr. Gordon is doing ongoing research to determine the mode of inheritance and the condition's prevalence in Standard Poodles.

Not only will Dr. Gordon be checking for ASD, but this Doppler echocardiogram also will identify murmurs and other heart conditions. OFA cardiology test forms will be signed for OFA registration.

Normally, a "Doppler echo" test costs anywhere from \$300 up to \$500 and above!! The tests will cost \$125 this year -- a tremendous bargain!!

Testing appointments are available on Wednesday afternoon and all day on Thursday and Friday. The level of interest in the testing will determine how many additional cardiologists Dr. Gordon brings with her, so sign up early!! Since Dr. Gordon will not be bringing support staff with her, we need to get as much paperwork filled out ahead of time as we can to make the process quicker and easier.

The test does involve a water soluble cream on the skin, but no shaving or hair cutting. The Wednesday appointments are a great chance for the performance dogs who are not showing in conformation to take advantage of this test opportunity.

To make an appointment for ASD testing, contact me directly at

[Nancy@phrdatabase.org](mailto:Nancy@phrdatabase.org) or respond to this post.

The sooner you sign up, the better chance you have of getting the time slot you want!!

See you there!!

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