



Michigan State University Ocular Melanosis Study

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PROTOCOL FOR SENDING ENUCLEATED EYES

PLEASE KEEP THE EYE STERILE AND UNCONTAMINATED

Please contact us ahead of time so that we can everything ready to receive the eye and make the best use of it. Avoid shipping at a time that it would arrive at the weekend or during a holiday.

1. Following aseptic eye removal, please remove extraocular tissues such as muscles and eyelids (use sterile instruments – this should preferably be done by the surgeon).
2. Place eye on to sterile gauze in a sterile container, and add sterile saline solution (Ringers or lactated ringers would be fine) to keep eye moist. Seal the container so it does not leak.
3. Place container in a ziplock bag, then inside a small Styrofoam container with freezer packs. Please bear in mind that eye must stay cold during shipping.
4. The Styrofoam container should then be placed inside a cardboard box for shipping.
5. Send to address above. Include the words, “Please deliver immediately – on ice”, and, “exempt animal specimens” on the outside of the package.

We would also like the following:

1. A blood sample (~7ml in EDTA or citrate blood tube)
2. A copy of the dog’s pedigree (if available)
3. A copy of the latest OFA eye examination form or any report that you may have about your dog’s eye disease.
4. A completed Information form

Many thanks for your help with this project:

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