

Diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of canine naturally occurring hyperadrenocorticism, an Australian survey

Information letter

To participating veterinarians within Australia,

We invite you to participate in a research study on how Australian veterinarians diagnose, treat and monitor canine naturally occurring hyperadrenocorticism. This study is part of a research by masters in training and will be analysed and discussed for a thesis. The project is headed and supervised by Prof. Robert Shiel at Murdoch University. This is a non-funded study.

The survey is completely anonymous. Although the findings of the survey may be published, none of the information you provide will be linked back to you as an individual.

Nature and purpose of the study

A voluntary, anonymous, online survey aimed at first opinion (general practice) veterinarians gathering information on how they diagnose, treat and monitor canine naturally occurring hyperadrenocorticism. The survey is expected to take a participant less than 10 minutes to complete. There will be no participant involvement beyond the completion of the survey.

What the study will involve

To participate in this study, you must meet the following criteria:

- Currently reside in Australia
- Currently registered as a veterinarian within your respective state/ territory
- Work in a practice where dogs are consulted and treated. For example, this survey is not intended for veterinarians who work in a solely equine or large animal practice.

The survey is intended for registered veterinarians only. Please do not encourage any of your wider friends or family, regardless of their interest, to complete the survey unless they are also registered veterinarians within Australia.

If, after reading the information above, you agree to continue with the survey, select "Yes, I am aware" at the beginning of the survey and proceed. Should you change your mind at any time and decide to withdraw, simply close your browser, and you will automatically exit the survey. Please note your data and responses will not be saved or recorded for research purposes. Please also note that once you click the 'submit' button at the end of the survey, your responses will be uploaded, and it will not be possible to withdraw or amend them because we cannot tie responses to you as an individual.

If you do not agree to proceed with the survey, simply close the window to leave the survey.



If you want more information before you decide whether or not to participate, email myself at marty.wray@murdoch.edu.au or my supervisor, Professor Robert Shiel, at Robert.Shiel@murdoch.edu.au

This study has been approved by the Murdoch University Human Research Ethics Committee (Approval 2024/154). If you have any reservation or complaint about the ethical conduct of this research, and wish to talk with an independent person, you may contact Murdoch University's Research Ethics & Integrity on Tel. 08 9360 6677 (+61 8 9360 6677 for overseas studies) or e-mail ethics@murdoch.edu.au. Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated fully, and you will be informed of the outcome.

To participate, please scan the QR card below or click the following anonymous link:

https://murdochuni.sydney1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_71nhOAxdkhYB65M

