

# Degenerative Myelopathy Clinical Trial

**Owners of dogs suffering from Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) are invited to participate in a clinical trial exploring the benefits of gene therapy for DM patients.**

*Give hope to your pet and many others by participating in this clinical trial. Email us at [neuro@tufts.edu](mailto:neuro@tufts.edu)*

## **Trial Benefits:**

- Dogs may benefit from an improved quality of life and extended mobility.
- Pet owners benefit from generous financial support to cover the cost of treatment.

## **Eligibility:**

- Dogs with a presumed diagnosis of DM may be eligible to participate in this study. Further testing to determine eligibility may be performed at Foster Small Animal Hospital.

## **Owner Commitments:**

- Owners must commit to attending all testing, treatment and follow-up appointments at Foster's Small Animal Hospital in North Grafton, MA.

## **What is Degenerative Myelopathy?**

Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) is an inherited, progressive spinal cord disease. The current treatment of DM is geared towards slowing the progression of the disease; however, there is no cure.

## **Why Study Degenerative Myelopathy?**

Through this study we aim to contribute to the understanding and treatment of DM in dogs. Additionally, as DM is an animal model of the human disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), insights that we gain through the study may then contribute to our understanding and treatment of ALS in people.

## **Our pledge:**

*Your animal will receive compassionate care from a team of exceptional veterinarians and neurologists, led by Neurology Section Head, Dr. Dominik Faissler.*

## **Contact Us:**

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