

## **MPSIIIb Testing**

The following agreement has been put forth and agreed upon by both UPenn and The Schipperke Club of America Rescue and Health Foundation, Inc.:

The Schipperke Club of America Rescue and Health Foundation, Inc. will sponsor 40 MPS-IIIB blood tests with Upenn at \$25 each. The individual will pay \$25 and UPenn will waive \$25 of the \$75 total fee per test. If there are more than 40 dogs to be tested, only the first 40 will be subsidized by the Foundation and UPenn.

After the first 40 tests, UPenn will still apply the \$25 discount as long as they are all submitted together, thereby costing each participant \$50.

This would require that participants submit to the following agreed upon criteria:

- Any tests that are being done as retests, as part of verification, should be after 2014.
- Owners should also consider DNA marker profiling offered by AKC or UC Davis to assure correct parentage.
- EDTA blood samples must be by microchip verification and properly label each sample including the microchip to avoid sample mix-up. Verification must be done by a veterinarian

Owners must sign a release/waiver allowing all results to be copied to the Foundation for use on their website or any other related materials for research and/or educational. The waiver must be included with their sample submissions.

The Foundation will sign up participants starting with one dog per household for the first two weeks. After such time, the initial participants will be allowed to sign up additional dogs of varied pedigrees until the limit of 40 is met.

Once our sign-ups are complete participants will be contacted with testing instructions and deadlines.

For more information, contact Kristin Morrison, <u>fullmoonschipperkes@gmail.com</u>.