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### **Participant Recruitment Advertisement**

One of man's best friends, the Bullmastiff is the gentle giant of the canine world and it is no surprise that they form an integral part of their owner's lives and homes. Unfortunately overseas studies have found that Bullmastiffs have an increased prevalence of lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphocytes and debilitating disease. The University of Sydney, Faculty of Veterinary Science is currently conducting research into the genetic mechanisms behind lymphoma predisposition. The study aims to explore the current health status and longevity of Australian Bullmastiffs focusing on the prevalence of lymphoma in the population and unravel the mysteries surrounding the genetic basis of this predisposition. It is anticipated that the study will provide insight into the common health concerns and prevalence of lymphoma in the Australian Bullmastiff population, the most common types of lymphoma seen in this breed, the heritability of the disease and ultimately identify genes that may be predisposing this breed to lymphoma. Such information will influence breeding decisions and hopefully reduce the occurrence of lymphoma in this breed. If you are a Bullmastiff owner or breeder you can make a difference and contribute to veterinary advancement by completing an online survey. The data obtained will allow us to understand the occurrence and genetics of canine lymphoma better and lead to significant improvements in welfare. The survey is completely voluntary and there is no obligation to participate. All aspects of the study will be strictly confidential and individual participants will not be identifiable. Hardcopy surveys are also available. For more information and access to the online survey, please refer to the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BullmastiffSurvey> or contact Sally Mortlock at [smor5136@uni.sydney.edu.au](mailto:smor5136@uni.sydney.edu.au) or Associate Professor Peter Williamson at [p.williamson@sydney.edu.au](mailto:p.williamson@sydney.edu.au).