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# PLANNING A CHILLED SEMEN BREEDING STUD DOG OWNER INFORMATION

## Why to ship chilled semen?

Shipping chilled semen is beneficial when the female either lives out of the stud dog's area or the stud dog is unavailable for a side by side artificial insemination or natural breeding. Fresh chilled semen breedings have a high success rate when done properly.

## Semen collection

Whenever possible, I will personally collect and package the semen, or arrange for back-up by experienced veterinarians at the BRVC. We can usually provide this service 7 days per week with advance notice. Bring a teaser bitch if you have one available and a copy of the stud dog's AKC registration if applicable. Usually the collection is repeated for a second insemination within 24-48 hours.

## Extender

I prefer the Synbiotics Fresh Express extender and keep that on hand. The fee for the extender, and shipping kits is \$100 for each collection. Please Note: Credit Cards are not accepted for the extender fees.

## AKC DNA Cheek Swab

This is required for each dog collected. If done previously, please bring a copy of the DNA profile to your appointment. If not, we will provide a kit for a cheek swab to be done at the time of collection. Payment is made directly to the AKC and the cost is \$40.

## Chill Test

A complete semen evaluation and chill test are recommended prior to planning this type of breeding. We can also experiment collecting semen without a teaser bitch since we often do not have one available at the time of collection for the breeding. This will let us know the quality of the semen, if the stud dog can be collected without a teaser bitch, and if the semen will chill adequately. Total fee for the exam, collection, evaluation and chill test is \$200.

## Shipping

FedEx will pick up at our office if collection is done before 2pm. Otherwise, packages can be taken to FedEx or UPS. We recommend the client pay the shipper directly by providing a credit card number. Please note: in the event that FedEx cannot use the credit card provided, Dr. Cain will need to collect shipping fees from the stud dog owner.



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### Directions to FedEx

Hub in Pleasanton: 680 south to Stoneridge. Exit and go east (left over the freeway) on Stoneridge. Turn left at Johnson (first left after freeway on ramp); FedEx is on the left. There is also a FedEx drop off location at 2101 Camino Ramon San Ramon - cross streets are Crow Canyon Road and Camino Ramon. Turn left out of BRVC, Right on Norris Canyon, Left on Camino Ramon. Cross intersection at Crow Canyon - Fed Ex/Kinkos will be on your right, behind Burger King.

### Timing Considerations

FedEx does not operate on on Sundays. When needed, we commonly send out semen on Saturday for delivery on on Monday. We should be given 1-2 day advance notice by the bitch owner to schedule a collection. While same day requests are often possible, I may not be available on my days off, unless coordinated in advance. To reach me when an emergency collection is needed, call 925.462.6445, email [janicecain@comcast.net](mailto:janicecain@comcast.net) or call BRVC and ask to have me paged. An extra fee of \$80 for emergency collection may apply.

### Communication

Dog owners communicate with each other and their own veterinarians. It is not necessary for the veterinarians to speak directly; it is usually difficult to connect and can result in delays. Once ovulation timing begins, send me an email at [janicecain@comcast.net](mailto:janicecain@comcast.net) or leave messages on my home voice mail so we can follow the cycle. Once the collection dates are known, we will arrange to get together.

### Estimated fees

- \* Initial consultation/examination: \$70-80
- \* Semen collection/handling: \$150.00/each
- \* Shipping fees: pay shipper directly;
- \* Extender and Kits: \$100.00/each—must pay Dr. Cain directly by cash or check for kits only.