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On behalf of the Gastrointestinal Laboratory at Texas A&M University we would like to extend our gratitude to both you and your clients for participating in this study. The information obtained in this study could play a significant role in understanding the cause of hyperlipidemia in Miniature Schnauzers.

Blood Collection

- **Food must be withheld for at least 15 hours** before the blood collection.
- A total of **at least 10 ml** of blood needs to be collected.
- We need 2 ml of whole blood (EDTA tube).
- From the remaining 8 ml, we only need the **serum**. **Please separate the serum from the clot before shipping.**
- The samples should be **refrigerated** immediately after collection and sent by overnight courier, **packed on ice.**
- We are currently using FedEx – please call the number on the form (provided) and they will arrange a pick up. **Please do not send samples on a Friday.**
- Please write the name of the dog on each tube.
- Please provide **for each dog separately**, and include them in the return package the following:
 1. The signed informed owner consent form
 2. The completed questionnaire
 3. The pedigree of each dog
 4. The collected blood samples (serum and whole blood)

Thank you very much for your help!

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