

EVALUATION FOR THE FELINE HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY CARDIAC MYOSIN BINDING PROTEIN C MUTATION

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy is the most common form of heart disease in the cat. In many breeds it is an inherited disease. Our laboratory has identified a mutation responsible for the gene in some cats. However, it should be noted that in human beings with the same disease, there are many different genetic mutations which can cause this disease. It is likely the same in the cat.

Very importantly, the absence of the mutation in this cat, DOES NOT mean that it will never develop the disease. It means that it does not have the only known mutation that can cause the disease in the cat at this time. In the future, additional mutations may be identified that may be tested for as well.

Cats that are positive for the test will **not necessarily** develop significant heart disease and die from the disease. Some cats will develop a very mild form of the disease and will live quite comfortably. We recommend annual evaluation by an echocardiogram and discussion with a veterinarian for treatment options if hypertrophy develops.

Date: 2/15/2006

Cat Name: Mysticoon Thunderpaws of Pinecoon

Cat Breed: Maine Coon

Microchip Number (optional):

Owner Name: Betsy Tinney

The results of this test are:

Negative for the HCM mutation

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