

# Cardiology Clinical Trial

## Cardiology Clinical Trial for Congestive Heart Failure in Dogs

We are participating in a multicenter clinical trial evaluating a medical therapy for congestive heart failure in dogs.

Enrollment has begun and will continue over the next year.

To qualify for the study dogs must have severe enough degenerative valve disease to have led to clinical signs of congestive heart failure (shortness of breath/cough with accompanying radiographic evidence of pulmonary edema).

Only dogs which have received medical therapy with congestive heart failure for less than 7 days, and less than 30 days for an ACE inhibitor, are eligible for enrollment (naïve cases).

Patients will be seen at time of enrollment and again at 1 week, 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, and 12 months.

The study will cover essentially *all* cardiac related medical costs (consult with a cardiologist, echocardiogram, ECG, radiographs, labwork, blood pressure, and study drug or control) for management of the patient for up to 1 year.



Brief overview of INCLUSION criteria:

1. Minimum body weight of 5.5 pounds, any sex, age, or breed
2. Radiographic evidence of pulmonary edema and cardiomegaly (VHS 10.5 or greater)
3. Left sided murmur consistent with acquired valvular heart disease, grade 3/6 or louder
4. Treatment for CHF no longer than 10 days prior, no longer than 30 for ACE inhibitor to enrollment into study

For more information or if you think you have a patient that qualifies please contact

**Veterinary Medical  
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at 281-464-3554.**

## What Are Clinical Trials?

Like all human drugs, a new animal drug has to be approved by FDA before it is sold and marketed to the public. And like the human drug approval process, the new animal drug approval process is complicated.

Before a new animal drug may receive FDA approval, the drug sponsor must demonstrate that the new animal drug product is safe and effective when used as directed on the label. Drug sponsors submit to FDA a New Animal Drug Application (NADA) along with supporting data, including all unexpected side effects associated with the drug product's use.

Clinical trials offer local veterinarians and their patients access to treatments that are not yet commercially available thus ensuring that pets receive the benefit of the latest clinical trials and research available at no cost to the owner.

By referring to a clinical trial, veterinarians receive academic/professional enrichment, access to cutting-edge treatment information, and the ability to expand their current route of health care delivery. Additionally, every time you refer a patient to a trial you are compensated for your professional services.