

THYROID BIOPSY BANK

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Dr Aine Seavers, a great friend of the Basenji breed and known to many Club members for her exceptional work on thyroid issues with Basenjis, has asked me to pass on the following message:

Moreover, it is a timely reminder for us all on the topic of thyroid health and our breed. Aine writes:

Is it possible to send out a message to Basenji owners about the Thyroid Biopsy Gland Bank which my clinic sponsors?

I had a breeder contact me too late to have the gland saved when she had her dog put to sleep which doubled her grief, unfortunately, so by reminding breeders and owners of the research work perhaps we could avoid this happening to other dogs.

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ALL SAMPLES CAN BE SENT TO:

**Attn Dr Aine Seavers
Oak Flats Vet Clinic
58A Central Ave
Oak Flats
NSW 2529
(02)4256 5968**

(their vet should ring me quickly before the injection is given so I can help simplify what needs to be done- thyroid tissue, 2mls of serum and any skin lesions as a small biopsy sample)

The information from these glands helps us work out how best to interpret blood tests for thyroid for the Basenji - the big blood trial three years ago was only the start of collecting the information- the thyroid gland samples help confirm any theories we might have.

The dog does not have to have been in the original trial work for me to accept the gland – all Basenji are eligible. But if they were in the trial then it would be good to know their trial code number if it is still known.

Jeffrey Lumb, Secretary

