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Dear Pug Dog Club of America,

Dr. Cai and I, are writing to ask for your help with a survey of Pugs in America. Our goal is to better understand diabetes in Pugs, so we can help prevent it. The information submitted in this survey is confidential. Personal information of dog owners will be used only so Dr. Cai or I can contact owners, if needed. Personal information will remain confidential and will not be made public. Identifying information pertaining to specific dogs will not be published.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete (longer if one has more than one diabetic dog). Answers can be saved, and one can return to the survey at any point before final submission to our database. All of the participants will be entered into one of several raffles for \$100 Amazon gift cards, but much more importantly, this is a way for us to help Pugs and their owners!

Here is a link to the survey:

<https://www.vet.upenn.edu/veterinary-hospitals/ryan-veterinary-hospital/services/internal-medicine/diabetes-program>

Anyone can access the survey and fill it out. We want both diabetic and non-diabetic dogs. If we can somehow post this on the Pug Club of America web site, National and Local Pug Club web sites, distribute it to breeders, and have the breeders send it to people who now own their dogs, that would be outstanding.

If we could get all Pugs in the USA into this survey, that would be fantastic.

Please let me know what you think and whether you can help? Who else can I email to get the word out?

Thank you for your help and support. Rebecka Hess.

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