



Canine Volunteer Blood Donor Program

Each unit of donated blood helps to save a life of one, two, or three critically ill dogs. Many dogs require a blood transfusion to survive during surgery, following trauma, or when they are suffering from anemia or bleeding disorders such as hemophilia.

Can your dog donate blood today?

Yes, if your dog...

- Has a good temperament, and is a willing volunteer
- Weighs between 55 and 150 pounds
- Is between 2 and 6 years old (donors are retired when 8 years old)
- Is in excellent health
- Has blood that is type DEA 1.1 + or -

No, if your dog...

- Has a serious health condition
- Has been sick recently (e.g. coughing, sneezing vomiting, diarrhea)
- Has been diagnosed with a heart murmur
- Has had a seizure
- Has been vaccinated within 4 weeks
- Has received medications other than flea tick or heartworm preventative in the past two weeks.
- Is in season, pregnant or will be bred soon
- Is on a raw diet

