

## Shar Pei Fever Research in the UK

*Have you owned a Shar Pei that was born after 2004?  
Would you like to participate in a research project about conditions that often affect this breed?*

Shar Pei Fever is a condition of Shar Pei dogs which is characterised by recurrent episodes of lethargy, high temperature, and sometimes swelling of joints and joint pain. These episodes are not associated with an infectious cause, and typically resolve in a matter of days. The condition is thought to be inherited, and can predispose affected dogs to life-limiting kidney disease. We are investigating ways to further our understanding of this condition, including how it affects dogs and how it is being treated. With an improved understanding of the disease, we hope to be able to better help Shar Pei dogs and their owners in the future.

With this in mind, we invite **owners of Shar Pei dogs born after 2004** to participate in a research project with researchers at Willows Veterinary Centre and Referral Service and the Small Animal Medicine Society (SAMsoc). To allow us to gain a bigger picture of your dog's condition, we also need to get some extra information from your vet.

This study will involve you completing a short online questionnaire with the details of your Shar Pei, and your vet entering clinical data into the online system. Please note that no personal or identifying details will be required, and access to the questionnaire will be given via email.

*To be included in this research project, the Shar Pei dog must have been born after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004.  
A diagnosis of Shar Pei Fever is **not** required for inclusion in this study.*

We would really appreciate your help in researching this condition and hope that this will improve our understanding of how best to help dogs with Shar Pei Fever. If you would like to participate in this study please complete the form below and give it to your veterinary surgeon.

Thank you, and if you have any questions please get in touch by email: [SharPeiProject@willows.uk.net](mailto:SharPeiProject@willows.uk.net)

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*Please complete the below form by reading and ticking the statements, then entering your email and signing before giving this form to your veterinary surgeon.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (block capitals), give permission for the details of my dog to be included in this study about Shar Pei Fever in the UK, and confirm the following:

- I am the owner of the dog whose clinical information will be entered in this study, and I am over the age of 18 years old
- I understand that no personal information will be included in the study
- I give permission for the information to be used in a report, published paper, or a conference presentation, and understand that the information I give may be used for further research into Shar Pei Fever conducted by researchers at Willows Veterinary Centre, SAMsoc, and their collaborators
- I give permission for my vet to send my dog's clinical notes to the research team if they are unable to complete the online data entry

Owner email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*FAO Veterinary Surgeon:*

*Dear Colleague,*

*We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this study, and ask that you send an email to [SharPeiProject@willows.uk.net](mailto:SharPeiProject@willows.uk.net) to obtain access to the electronic data capture system. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete, however if you are unable to use this system the dog's clinical history may be sent to the above email address for inclusion in the study. Please get in touch with any questions. Thank you!*