

**IMPORTANT NOTICE for BC breeders concerning the  
future of TNS testing!**

**A letter from Bill Ballard (UNSW)**

Dear Border Collie Breeder:

This week Scott Melville and Mark Wilton signed an agreement giving UNSW the ability to offer CL testing for three months. As a consequence of this agreement, UNSW will be able to complete TNS and CL testing on any Border Collie samples that arrive before the end of 2011. These samples will then be tested in January 2012, with results sent out to breeders in January and February 2012. I negotiated this window of testing with the Dean so that breeders could have the opportunity of testing dogs they wish to breed in the immediate future.

Please note that the University closes down for the holiday break on the 20th of December, so samples must arrive in the School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences before that date. The University will not complete TNS or CL testing on any samples that are received in 2012.

It will be up to Scott and Mark to decide what they wish to do with the CL patent after this time.

Alan Wilton's records that document past testing will be maintained at UNSW for at least five years. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to maintain the Border Collie DNA and tissue samples. As a consequence these samples will be destroyed in January (unless we are advised otherwise and specific terms are reached with individual breeders).

Alan also hoped to work on a number of other diseases in domestic dogs. We will do the best we can to work through each of these diseases on a case-by-case basis and we will keep breeders updated.

Please send samples to:

**Border Collie DNA Testing  
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Thanks  
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