

PINE TREE STATE DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB HOLTER MONITOR POLICY

GENERAL POLICY

Recognizing that DCM is one of the major causes of premature death in the Doberman breed, and that early detection can allow for life-prolonging interventions as well as make information available which will further the understanding of this devastating disease, Pine Tree State Doberman Pinscher Club makes this Holter monitor kit available to club members and the public at a nominal fee designed to cover the cost of consumable materials (cassettes, batteries, adhesive remover, electrodes), shipping, and replacement/repair of the unit, leads, and/or vests as warranted. It is expected that users will treat the unit with care and use and return it promptly so that it can benefit as many dogs as possible.

Use is on a first come, first served basis, with priority given to members' dogs. Priority will **not** be given to bitches in heat requiring testing before breeding since this could and should have been arranged early in the decision-making process. In rare cases priority may be given to a dog for which the test has been requested by a veterinarian for diagnostic purposes. It is assumed that club members will understand if such a situation delays their own testing of their dog(s). Such decisions, as well as decisions about whom outside the PTSDPC (non-members) are eligible to borrow the Holter monitor kit will be at the discretion of the Holter Monitor Committee or, if Committee members are not available, the Board of Directors of the Club.

A signed borrower's agreement will be required of all borrowers.

Borrower agrees to use the monitor within 48 hours of receiving it and to return it within 48 hours of use. (i.e., it will be in the borrower's possession for a maximum of four days). The only exception to this will be in severe (rain) weather conditions, since the monitor should be kept dry. If the monitor arrives during rainy weather please contact the Holter Committee Chair or the Club President immediately.

The fee for the use of the monitor by club members is \$10 per dog tested, payable in advance. PLUS Shipping. This fee covers the cost of the consumable test kit which comes with the monitor as well as additional associated costs to the club. The member fee will extend to dogs co-owned by a club member but living at a different address IF the member assumes responsibility for the unit. **The fee for non-club members is \$20. Plus Shipping. Non-members will also be asked to attach a security deposit of \$500 to a credit card; this deposit will be canceled/refunded on return of the undamaged unit within four days of receipt of the unit or as agreed on in writing by the Holter Committee Chair OR any officer of the club.**

Borrowers should anticipate paying an additional cost for shipping of the unit (unless picked up and returned in person) as well as \$30-100 for the reading of the cassette at a facility of their choosing. Alba medical currently charges \$30 for a basic reading without interpretation and \$80 (total, not additional) if a cardiologists report is requested. It is recommended that dogs showing symptoms of DCM have their results interpreted by a Board certified cardiologist.

In the case of an individual requesting use of the monitor to test multiple dogs the user fee will apply to each dog and the time allowance will be extended to allow an additional day for each dog tested, but not to exceed three additional days total (i.e., four dogs maximum to be tested) and only if no other individual is waiting to borrow the equipment. Multiple-dog use must be arranged in advance. For non-members only one security deposit would be assessed for such a multiple use loan.