



Is your dog or cat a potential donor?

If you can answer 'Yes' to the following questions then your pet could be a suitable blood donor.

Is your dog... over 25 kg

Is your cat... over 4 kg

- Aged between 1-8 years old
- Fully vaccinated, wormed, healthy and not receiving any medication
- Has not travelled outside Ireland or the UK
- Has never received a transfusion
- Has a good temperament

Benefits of taking part

Free pre-inclusion health screen, blood typing and annual health screening for donors.

Pets that donate regularly will receive free blood products if they need them due to illness or accident if referred to the UCD Veterinary Hospital.

As an owner you will have the benefit of knowing that you and your pet are making a big difference and helping critically ill pets.



How To Get In Touch

We would love to speak to you about your cat or dog and answer any questions about blood donations you may have.

Phone

01-7166137

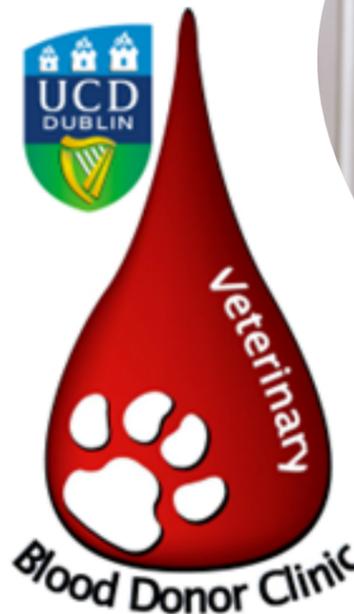
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Clinic Hours: 9am-5pm
Mon-Fri



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<https://www.ucd.ie/vthweb/>

UCD VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Why Are Blood Donations Needed?

While blood products are readily available in human medicine, they are slightly more scarce in animals. Animals with life-threatening anaemias due to massive bleeding from trauma (road traffic accident), surgery or bleeding disorders, or for animals with immune-mediated haemolytic anaemias (where the red blood cells are being destroyed by the body). Blood transfusions are essential to improve oxygen carrying capacity and save an animal's life. Just like people, dogs and cats have different blood types. Giving a matched blood transfusion minimises the risk of an adverse reaction.

The UCDVH Blood Donor Clinic is managed by Dr Monica Augusto, Dr Benoît Cuq, and coordinated by Michael Byrne BSc. RVN. It has proven to be a successful initiative for the UCD Veterinary Hospital and its clients.

We have a particular need for cat donors because:

- Cats have more blood types than dogs
- We are unable to extend the shelf life of feline blood
- Donations must be used same day
- Can be needed at short notice



Meet Some of Our Donors



DOYLE

Canine blood donor since 2022

Owner Testimonial

"Being a veterinarian myself, working with critically ill patients, I know the value of blood donation. Just like humans, animals sometimes require blood transfusions due to various medical conditions or emergencies. So when Doyle grew big enough to meet the requirements for blood donation, it was obvious to me that he would contribute to the UCD veterinary blood donor program and help to save the lives of other animals in need. It makes me proud to know that Doyle's generous gift can provide many furry friends with the vital transfusion they need to survive and offer them a second chance at life."

SARU & NAOISE

Feline blood donors since 2022

Owner Testimonial

"Despite being involved in cat rescue, working with cats professionally and living with my own cats, I had no idea how cat blood donation worked. When I learned that cat blood cannot be stored for any length of time, in the same way that human blood or even dog blood can be, I knew that I wanted to sign my cats up if I could. Four of my cats, Naoise, Saru, Michael and Tobias, have been on the UCD blood donor list for some time now and it's been a truly rewarding experience. I know how devastating it is to lose a pet and just knowing that my cats and I might have the ability to help save the life of another cat in need means an awful lot to me."

