Greater Swiss Mountain Dog

Club of America

Bleeding and The GSMD

What is currently known and how you can help

While GSMDs are generally a

healthy breed of dog, there have been a small percentage of incidents when a dog bled uncontrollably during surgical procedures. In some cases, the results were fatal. Research in this area has been inconclusive. The percentage of GSMDs reporting bleeding incidents is approximately 0.65%. This percentage combines events from various conditions, including:

- Platelet abnormality
- Nasal bleed without trauma
- Von Willebrand
- Hemophilia
- Anemia

WHAT CAN I DO?

Ask Your Vet

- In the event my dog would need whole blood do you have that capability?
- Does your clinic have fresh frozen plasma on hand?
- For precaution, what coagulation tests if any do you recommend?
- Although rare, it has been reported that some GSMDs will bleed for unknown reasons post operatively, do you feel your clinic would be equipped to deal with this type of emergency?

Help The Breed

- To help with research, bank your dog's DNA (blood) with CHIC Canine Health Information Center: CHIC DNA Bank. For $25.00 and a little effort you can have an impact.
- In the event your dog passes away from a bleed of any kind, including but not limited to: nosebleed, post operative bleed, or internal bleed of unknown origin, please consider doing a necropsy (autopsy for animals) on your dog.
- Please contact your Breeder.

Keep checking with http://www.gsmdca.org for updates on current medical research.