

Detection of mutation in GBE1 gene
causing GSD IV disease in Norwegian forest
cats

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Sample:

Sample: 08-12346

Date received: 01.01.2008

Sample type: buccal swab

Information provided by the customer

Name: Madame Théophile DEMO

Breed: Persian cat

Date of birth: 31.12.1909

Reg. number: (CZ)ABCD EF 123/45/XYZ

Microchip: 123456789012345

Sex: female

Date of sampling: 01.01.2008

The identity of the animal has been checked.

Result: Mutation was not detected (N/N)

Explanation

Presence or absence of mutation in GBE1 gene causing GSD IV disease in Norwegian forest cats was tested. GSD IV (glycogen storage disease IV) is a disorder of glycogen metabolism, especially deficiency of amylo-(1,4 → 1,6)-transglycosylase (GBE = glycogen branching enzyme). Reason for the disorder is complex rearrangement of genomic DNA in GBE1 gene, constituted by a 334 bp insertion at the site of a 6.2 kb deletion that extends from intron 11 to intron 12. Abnormal glycogen is accumulated in myocytes, hepatocytes or neurons; that causes lethal tissue damage. Affected kittens die from hypoglycemia very early after birth. Surviving individuals die before 5 month of age for progressive muscular degeneration.

Mutation in GBE1 gene is inherited as an autosomal recessive trait. That means the disease affects cats with P/P genotype only (positive / positive). The cats with N/P genotype (negative / positive) are considered carriers of the disease (heterozygotes). In offspring of two heterozygous animals following genotype distribution can be expected: 25 % N/N (healthy non-carriers), 25 % P/P (affected), and 50 % N/P (healthy carriers).

Method: SOP176-GSDIV, ASA-PCR

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