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Dear Dr. _____:

I _____ (owner's name), as the owner of _____ (dog's name) authorize and request that all pertinent information regarding my dog's cancer diagnosis and treatment be entered in the VetCancer Registry at www.vetcancerregistry.com .

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death in Old English Sheepdogs. Canine cancer is a painful and tragic disease for the dogs and for the families that cherish them.

The members of the Old English Sheepdog Club of America (OESCA) Health and Research Committee are determined to aggressively pursue this disease by supporting cancer research for the breed. To achieve this goal, this organization has collected and earmarked dollars for cancer research, and at the same time continued to gather information from OES owners and breeders to determine the frequency of cancer and the types of cancer that affect the breed. In September 2008, OESCA launched a comprehensive Health Survey to remain current on the breed's health information. Cancer is being reported as a part of that survey. Survey data will be closely monitored for information on cancer as the survey results are submitted and tabulated.

While advances in cancer research are rapidly expanding, a need still remains for specific, breed related information on cancer. This is where OES owners and breeders can be of greatest help. Quality information is key for decision makers as they strive to improve the quality of the life of our dogs and their owners.

So, I ask you as our veterinarian to add my dog's data to the VetCancer Registry at www.vetcancerregistry.com. Data must be submitted by you (As the dog's owner, I cannot do this.) as diagnosed by histopathology. Even if the dog had cancer years ago, if the diagnosis was by histopathology, it is critical information that is needed.

As a global cancer registry for dogs and cats, the VetCancer Registry reveals trends in animal cancer and serves as a rich data resource for future cancer research and treatment options. With the information you and other veterinarians submit, data will inform owners, breeders, breed clubs and scientists.

Please help us with this research by submitting all pertinent information on my dog's case.

Thank you,

Signed by dog's owner