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The future of our Breed

Dear Breeder,

The Russian Blue Breeders Association have committed to try to establish the genetic viability of our breed. We have the funds to pay for this from a small legacy left to us.

The study will be undertaken by Professor Leslie Lyons, at the University of Missouri in conjunction with the University of California, Davis.

What we need you to do is take simple saliva swabs from the chosen cat(s) which, together with the pedigree, are sent to Professor Lyons. Details, including short videos are available on her website: <http://felinegenetics.missouri.edu/dna-sampling>. We will obtain a supply of the cytological brushes (a small brush used to collect cells about the same size, and looks much like, a cotton bud) from her and mail to you. Cotton buds can be used but MUST be pure cotton and not synthetic.

Initially all we need is your commitment to this project to provide (x) number of cats who are your current breeding cats. Preferably the cats should not be of exactly the same pedigree to give as wide a selection as possible.

These cats represent our future. All information supplied to Professor Lyons is totally confidential. The information that the Association will receive will be entirely anonymous and just tell us how in-bred or otherwise our cats are. We need this commitment of numbers so that we can obtain a quote or quotes from UC Davis.

I do hope you will be willing to participate. Please complete the form below and send by mail to me or e-mail me the details.

Name.....

I agree to (Number)..... of my cats to be included in the study

No. of Males..... No. of Females.....

Signature.....

Print Name.....