

IS THERE A NEED FOR DOG BLOOD?

YES !! There is a tremendous need for canine blood components. A national shortage exists and the current number of veterinary blood banks cannot keep up with the demand.



WHY WOULD A DOG NEED BLOOD?

- Support for injuries sustained from a car accident
- Support during and after surgery
- Support during cancer therapy
- Treating parvovirus infection
- Supporting dogs that have bleeding disorders such as **hemophilia** and **von Willebrand's** disease
- Treating anemia
- Treating dogs that have eaten rat poison
- And many more...!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us any time.

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Thank you for giving the gift of life!



**Sun States: Blood Banks for
Animals**



"It's A Dog's Life!"

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DOGGY BLOOD DONORS



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**Why should my
dog donate?**

WHERE DOES BLOOD CURRENTLY COME FROM?

If a hospital does not order blood from a blood bank, veterinarians will often use in-house donors or their own pets.

Under these circumstances, blood that is drawn is not separated into components and may not be typed or properly screened for infectious diseases. Un-typed blood may cause serious transfusion reactions and infectious blood can transmit a variety of illnesses.

WHICH DOGS CAN DONATE BLOOD?

- Between one and eight years old. Dogs over 8 years require vet approval
- Healthy & even-tempered
- Weigh 50 pounds or more (or 35 pounds or more for our “Half Pints” program)
- Current on vaccinations
- No blood-borne diseases

WHERE DO BLOOD BANKS GET THEIR BLOOD?

There are two groups of dogs that donate blood: **captive** (or “closed”) colonies and **community-based volunteer** donors.



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Captive, or “closed” colonies of dogs are animals that are kept in captivity and are used as blood donors. There are some blood banks that limit the amount of time a blood donor is allowed to donate and then adopt them out to the community. If a closed colony is going to be kept, this is *the* recommended model. Some blood banks do not adopt out their donors and use their dogs exclusively for blood collection.

Other blood banks, including **Sun States: Blood Banks for Animals**, rely solely upon generous and community-minded guardians and their pets. We’ve modeled our organization after the **Red Cross**[™], securing 501(c)(3), non-profit, charitable status with the IRS.

ARE ALL ANIMAL BLOOD BANKS NON-PROFIT?

Currently, there are only two non-profit blood banks for animals. **Hemopet**, in Irvine CA, manages a closed colony and operates a

greyhound rescue that limits the term of service for their blood donors. Over the years, hundreds of greyhounds have helped out thousands of animals in need and have been adopted out to loving and forever homes.

Sun States is the only other non-profit blood bank in the United States! We have a 100% community-supported, volunteer donor program.



WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

If you share the vision that we do of providing a safe and reliable blood supply to sick and injured animals, consider enrolling your companion into our blood donation program. Each donation can help up to four other animals in need.

By joining us, you’ll help curb the exploitation of other innocent animals that are used solely for blood donations.

If your companion is too small or you do not have a pet, consider making a charitable financial contribution to Sun States. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by the IRS.