



## Frozen Semen Usage

So, your dog's semen is stored here, now what?

### 1. Planning the breeding

Make sure the owner of the bitch knows that using frozen semen requires a transcervical insemination (TCI) or surgical insemination.

### 2. If you own the bitch and you are breeding and are coming to OSSVH for breeding:

Call us once she goes into season to set up a reproductive exam. We will time her ovulation to decide the best time and method to breed.

### 3. If you do not own the bitch but the bitch is coming to OSSVH for breeding:

Have the owner of the bitch call us once she goes into season to set up a reproductive exam. We will time her ovulation to decide the best time and method to breed.

Complete the [Frozen Semen Release Form](#) in which you authorize the release of semen. It can be mailed, faxed, or scanned and emailed and MUST be signed by you.

### 4. If the semen needs to be shipped to another hospital regardless of ownership:

Complete the [Frozen Semen Release Form](#) in which you authorize the release of semen. It can be mailed, faxed, or scanned and emailed and MUST be signed by you.

Have the owner of the bitch contact us when the bitch goes into season. This is extremely important as we need to make sure we have a tank available for shipment. If the receiving hospital has storage capabilities, this can be done in advance.

The person responsible for payment of transfer and shipping fees must complete the [Credit Card Authorization Form](#) (We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, & Discover). You can expect the cost to be approximately \$500-\$1000 for shipments within the United States\*

\*Fees subject to change without notice

**\*\* We must have both forms prior to shipping the semen.**

### 5. If you are transferring ownership of the semen:

We need a [Frozen Semen Release Form](#) from you in which you authorize the release of semen. It can be mailed, faxed, or scanned and emailed and MUST be signed by you.

Please have the new owner contact us so we can either set up a new account for them here or begin the process to ship the semen to another storage facility.

Transfer & storage fees will apply to the new owner.

## **6. Property Insurance**

Olney-Sandy Spring Veterinary Hospital recommends that owners obtain private insurance coverage for frozen semen stored. Research insurance providers that offer coverage specifically for stored genetic material like frozen semen. Look into policy options, evaluate coverage limits and terms, and compare quotes from reputable providers. Consulting with a legal or insurance professional can also provide valuable guidance in selecting the most suitable coverage for your needs.

## **7. Provisions in your will:**

It is recommended that you designate a beneficiary in your will for your dog's semen. Transferring ownership to a person of your choice will preserve the possibility of continuing your dog's lineage and ensuring his genetic legacy.