

Puppy Lung Development Disease Study (Dr. Kurt Williams)
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Dr. Williams has relocated to Oregon State University where he is the Director of Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. This move has taken away from his research time for the year, and he was awaiting a digital slide scanner that will allow him to quantify the features that characterize the disease. The study will be published and is likely to result in more than one paper. The first manuscript describing the disease in Norwich terriers will be very important in moving forward the broader understanding of the pathology. It's important that breeders understand that this disease is a problem in many dog breeds and is not exclusive to just Norwich terriers. Dr. Williams is very confident that his team will elucidate the underlying cause of this problem in the breed, but it's going to take diligence and patience because of the complexity. He said that a "cure" for developmental lung disorder, at this time, is not promising.