

Von Willebrand's Disease (vWD)

Von Willebrand's is an inherited disease which is a bleeding disorder. The disorder causes problems through the function of abnormal proteins in platelets. The platelets do not have the adhesive qualities which, then, results in a prolonged bleeding time.

The blood continues to flow. Many times it is only discovered, too late, when the poodle has surgery or a traumatic injury.

A DNA test is now available to determine whether Poodles carry the abnormal gene of Von Willebrands. Two faulty genes are necessary to produce the gene (one from Sire, and one from Dam). This test is pivotal to Breeders so that they can avoid breeding carriers of the disease together.