The protocol for collecting whole blood is as follows:

The blood tube provided can hold up to 6mL of whole blood; you are welcome to submit 1mL of blood (or more if you desire). See your preferred licensed veterinarian for collection, which can typically be completed during an annual routine check-up. The cost of collection and shipping is your responsibility; the study does not reimburse for blood collection.

Collection details:
Please collect blood prior to the administration of any intravenous vaccines or medications. Immediately after collection, invert the tube 5-10 times to ensure the blood mixes with the preservative. Place the blood tube in a ziplock bag, labeled with the dog’s name, date, and owner name. Please refrigerate immediately after blood collection and maintain that the blood tube stays cold, even through shipment. Shipping using overnight express and in a hard-sided, insulated container with ice packs is ideal.

Please email Dr. vonHoldt to arrange return shipment: vonholdt@princeton.edu