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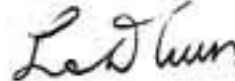
Professor R. A. Fisher, F. R. S.  
Galton Laboratory  
University of London  
London, England

Dear Fisher,

I am sorry to have held so long the short-tailed stock which Danforth sent to us. We are having an epidemic and I have been very hesitant about sending out any stock until we were sure of the situation here. The short-tailed stock is safe, and we have a number of litters from it. We have as yet no evidence of infection in this stock.

We are very anxious to investigate the embryogeny of this condition for comparison with the short-tail and tail-less mutation, which we are ~~studying~~ <sup>stocking</sup>. We are especially anxious to study the effect of Danforth's gene in combination with our other tail mutations with particular reference to effects on embryos. I take it this will not interfere with the work you proposed to do on linkage. We should only go so far as to test its allelomorphism with the genes at our T locus. I shall keep on the lookout for some one going to England in the next month or so and shall send some animals along, but I should advise you to keep them in strictest isolation for a month or two afterwards. We have a typhoid organism in our colony, bacillus enteriditis, and some pneumonic condition. The typhoid apparently gains the upper hand when respiratory lesions develop.

Sincerely yours,



L. C. Dunn.

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