

Conference Program



Friday, August 12th

- 1:30 PM Conference Welcome
Lee Arnold; CHF Chairman of the Board
Steve Remspecher; Nestlé Purina PetCare
- 1:40 PM History of Veterinary Medicine and Canine Research
Donald F. Smith, DVM; Cornell University
- 2:30 PM Dog Genetics and the Mammalian Mind
Mark Neff, PhD; Van Andel Research Institute
- 3:15 PM *Afternoon Break*
- 3:30 PM Coping with Stress: Nutritional Approaches to Enhanced Immune Function
Arleigh Reynolds, DVM, PhD; Nestlé Purina PetCare
- 4:15 PM Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment of Canine IBD
Albert Jergens, DVM, PhD; Iowa State University
- 5:00 PM Canine Degenerative Myelopathy: A Translational Medicine Approach to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis – Lou Gehrig’s Disease
Joan Coates, DVM; University of Missouri, Columbia
- 7:30 PM *Coffee and Dessert*
Please join us for coffee, dessert and a cash bar. Mingle with fellow participants and meet the conference speakers.

Saturday, August 13th

- 7:00 AM *Breakfast*
- 8:00 AM Morning Announcements
Lee Arnold; CHF Chairman of the Board
- 8:05 AM Recent Progress in Molecular Genetics of Cancer and Challenges Ahead
Jaime Modiano, VMD, PhD; University of Minnesota
- 9:00 AM Comparative Cytogenetics of Cancer. Just how Human are our Dogs?
Matthew Breen, PhD; North Carolina State University
- 9:40 AM Canine-derived Antibody Fragments for Targeted Therapy of Cancer
Nicola Mason, BVetmed, PhD; University of Pennsylvania
- 10:20 AM *Morning Break*
- 10:40 AM Canine Oncology Clinical Trials
Douglas Thamm, VMD; Colorado State University
- 11:20 AM Vitamin D and Cancer
Rondo Middleton, PhD; Nestlé Purina PetCare
- 12:00 PM *Lunch*
- 1:00 PM Factors Influencing Development of New Veterinary Medicine Oncology Products
Karen Greenwood; Pfizer Animal Health
- 1:40 PM Panel Discussion: Future of Canine Cancer Research and Treatment
Moderator: Duane Butherus, PhD
- 2:10 PM *Afternoon Break*

- 2:25 PM Parent Club Health Information and the AKC Breeder of Merit Program
Susan LaCroix Hamil; CHF Director & AKC Delegates Health Committee
- 2:40 PM What We Know about the Inheritance of Dilated Cardiomyopathy, Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy and Subaortic Stenosis in the Dog
Kathryn Meurs, DVM, PhD; North Carolina State University
- 3:20 PM September 11 - Tens Years Later for the Search and Rescue Dogs
Cynthia Otto, DVM, PhD; University of Pennsylvania
- 4:30 PM Conference Dinner at Purina Event Center

Sunday, August 14th

- 7:00 AM *Breakfast*
- 7:30 AM Veterinary Student Session
Eddie Dzuik, MBA; OFA COO
7:30 - 8:15 Presentations
American Kennel Club - Debra Bonnefond
AKC Canine Health Foundation - Erica Kitchen
8:15 - 9:00 Round Table Discussions
- 8:00 AM CHF & Grant Sponsors – Working Together for a Healthier World for Dogs
Christine Haakenson, PhD; CHF CSO
- 9:00 AM Introductions to BreakOut Discussions
Three rounds of breakout sessions allow attendees to learn about the topics that interest them the most and provide discussion opportunities.
- 9:15 AM BreakOut 1
1. Search and Rescue Working Dogs
2. CHF Grant Process
3. Canine Nutrition
4. Fundraising Techniques & Ideas
5. Development and Use of Canine Health Surveys
6. Purina Parent Club Partnership Program
7. Research Advantages of the Purebred Dog
8. Comparative Medicine: Man's Best Friend
- 10:00 AM *Morning Break*
- 10:30 AM BreakOut 2
1. Financing Canine Health Research
2. Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) and DNA Repository
3. Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
4. Nutritional Needs of Sporting Dogs
5. The Research Cycle: Bench to Clinic
6. Challenges of Veterinary Pharmaceuticals
7. Genetic Tests: How to Interpret Results and Incorporate Them Into Your Breeding Program
8. Research Advantages of the Purebred Dog
9. Comparative Medicine: Man's Best Friend
- 11:15 AM Switch Breakouts
- 11:30 AM BreakOut 3
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