

AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

Annual Report



2016



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Message

Dear Canine Health Supporter,

2016 was a record-breaking year for the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation (CHF). We funded almost two million dollars in 35 new grants to researchers across the country and internationally. Significant research investments were made to study lymphoma, epilepsy and tick-borne diseases, notably important health issues for both dogs and their people. In 2016, the results of CHF-funded grants have produced important outcomes published in respected scientific journals (see page 6), and even more importantly, they have helped improve and extend the lives of future generations of dogs.



J. Charles Garvin, MD, FACS

Donations to the Foundation reached an all-time high in 2016. The outstanding generosity of our donors reflects the confidence they have in the Foundation and their support for our mission, principles and goals. The Foundation was able to meet and exceed the challenges from the American Kennel Club (AKC) to match donations from new and lapsed donors and for the Tick-Borne Disease Initiative of \$500,000 and \$250,000, respectively.

We have enhanced our outreach to a variety of constituents, emphasizing the sporting and field communities. Led by our 2016 Distinguished Research Partner Award recipients, the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association and the English Springer Spaniel Foundation, they have helped us spread the word about the good works of the Foundation, and have been substantial financial contributors.

CHF continues to lead the way in encouraging the development of future researchers and practitioners. We awarded three CHF Clinician-Scientist Fellowships, and with the support of the AKC and the Theriogenology Foundation, funded four residencies in theriogenology, with programs focused on canine reproductive health and disease. Our *Discoveries* and *HealthE-Barks* newsletters and frequent webinars, available to all, help educate and inform the public about the scientific and medical advances we have supported.

The AKC, our founding partner, continued to be a great supporter, receiving the Foundation's President's Award for 2016. They not only funded the two challenge matches, but have agreed to three matched funding programs for 2017, totaling up to \$1,000,000. Our relationship with the AKC has never been stronger.

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In early 2016, Diane Brown, DVM, PhD, DACVP, was named the new Chief Executive Officer of CHF, in addition to her role as Chief Scientific Officer. Diane has brought enhanced scientific credibility and managerial expertise to our organization. She is internationally renowned in her field, and she is continuing to work with other organizations and scientists around the world to better achieve goals consistent with CHF's mission.

The tremendous work of our Board of Directors, the Scientific Review Committee, our volunteers and other supporters cannot be overstated. Their willingness to contribute their time, talents and resources to benefit the Foundation makes our achievements in helping dogs possible.

The end of the year Canines and Cocktails celebration was a tremendous success due to the incredible generosity of event chairs Dr. William and Tina Truesdale, *The Canine Chronicle* and other major sponsors. This event has become the social highlight of the AKC National Championship week in Orlando, Florida.

We look forward to another great year in 2017. With the support of our longtime partner Purina, we will hold the eighth biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, August 11-13. The new Epilepsy Match Initiative and the continuing Tick-Borne Disease Match Initiative will enhance our grant-making capabilities. Our relevance and importance will continue to grow, enabling us to improve the lives of the dogs we love.

To our many supporters, we express our heartfelt appreciation for all that you have added to the AKC Canine Health Foundation. We and our canine friends thank you so very much.



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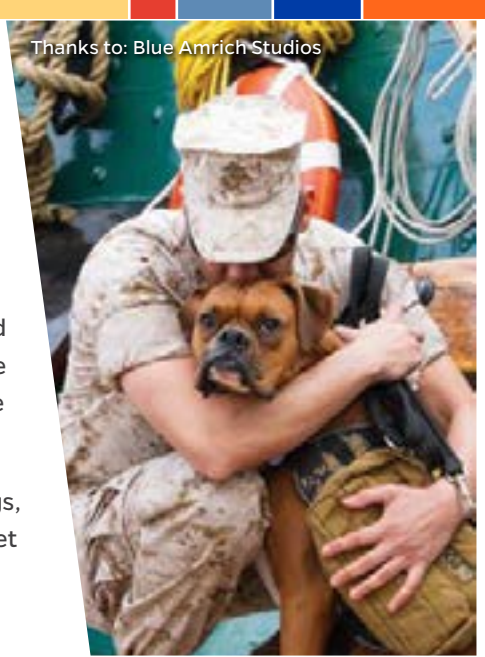
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Our Work

The mission of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc. (CHF), is to advance the health of all dogs and their owners by funding scientific research and supporting the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat and cure canine disease.

As the largest funder of health research focused solely on dogs, CHF believes in the advancement of science to meet the unmet medical needs of all dogs.

Together, we are moving canine health research forward, benefitting the dogs who enrich peoples' lives.



Corporate Alliances



In 1995, the American Kennel Club (AKC) founded CHF to advance canine health research. The AKC's cumulative investment of nearly \$24 million in financial support to further the mission of CHF includes office space and other in-kind services to keep operating expenses low, and helps maximize the dollars CHF puts toward research. In 2016, the AKC made a commitment to CHF's Tick-Borne Disease Initiative, matching contributions to \$250,000 to help further research in this important area. Additionally, they continued the Donor Match Challenge Program, matching \$500,000 of contributions from new and lapsed donors.



For 20 years, Nestlé Purina PetCare Company has partnered with CHF, investing nearly \$14 million to promote the importance of canine health research. Purina sponsors CHF's biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference, which is scheduled for August 11-13, 2017, in St. Louis, Missouri. Purina also supports CHF through their Purina Parent Club Partnership Program, and selected CHF as their nonprofit partner in the annual #DogThanking social media campaign during the National Dog Show. Purina provides the opportunity to memorialize and honor dogs and other loved ones with a personalized brick paver benefitting CHF on the Walk of Champions and Path of Honor at the Purina Event Center in Gray Summit, Missouri.



As a veterinary biopharmaceutical partner, Zoetis has contributed practical support and invested \$1.8 million to further the mission of CHF. With their strong commitment to the future of the veterinary profession, and through their basic and applied research initiatives, Zoetis helps advance canine health through their leadership and scientific expertise.

The Impact of Your Support

- 2016: 35 new canine health research grants awarded, totaling \$1.88 million.
- All currently active research: 118 research grants, totaling \$8.86 million.
- Since 1995: through December 2016, over 869 research grants awarded, totaling nearly \$37.7 million.

2016 published highlights from CHF-funded research projects:

- Teamed up with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) to help dog owners, breeders and event organizers better understand and prevent transmission of infectious diseases in dogs, providing practical guidelines to reduce the risk of disease spread in the canine population (akcCHF.org/infectiousdisease).
- Continued research into early spay and neuter of dogs to identify potential implications on joint disorders, cancer and urinary incontinence (akcCHF.org/earlyspayneuter).
- CHF-funded investigators published findings that offer promise for a long-sought-after therapy for acute kidney injury to improve outcomes for dogs impacted by this devastating health condition (akcCHF.org/aci).
- This CHF-funded cohort study resulted in new descriptive data and clinical characterization of Border Collie Collapse (BCC) as a distinct episodic disorder that may be the result of diffuse central nervous system dysfunction. Findings will help veterinarians recognize and manage BCC (akcCHF.org/bcc).
- Investigators characterized new canine cell lines through extensive genomic analyses to more accurately classify, study and identify treatments for canine leukemia and lymphoma (akcCHF.org/leukemia).
- CHF-funded researchers identified a new protein, P2X, and with further funding characterized receptor variants and mechanisms that impact chronic pain and inflammatory diseases. These findings are necessary to develop new approaches and drugs to alleviate or treat these conditions in dogs (akcCHF.org/chronicpain).
- Tested and demonstrated safe use of an intravenous drug to treat seizure emergencies in dogs with epilepsy. The findings may also prove important for human epilepsy (akcCHF.org/seizures).

Thanks to: Liz Pike



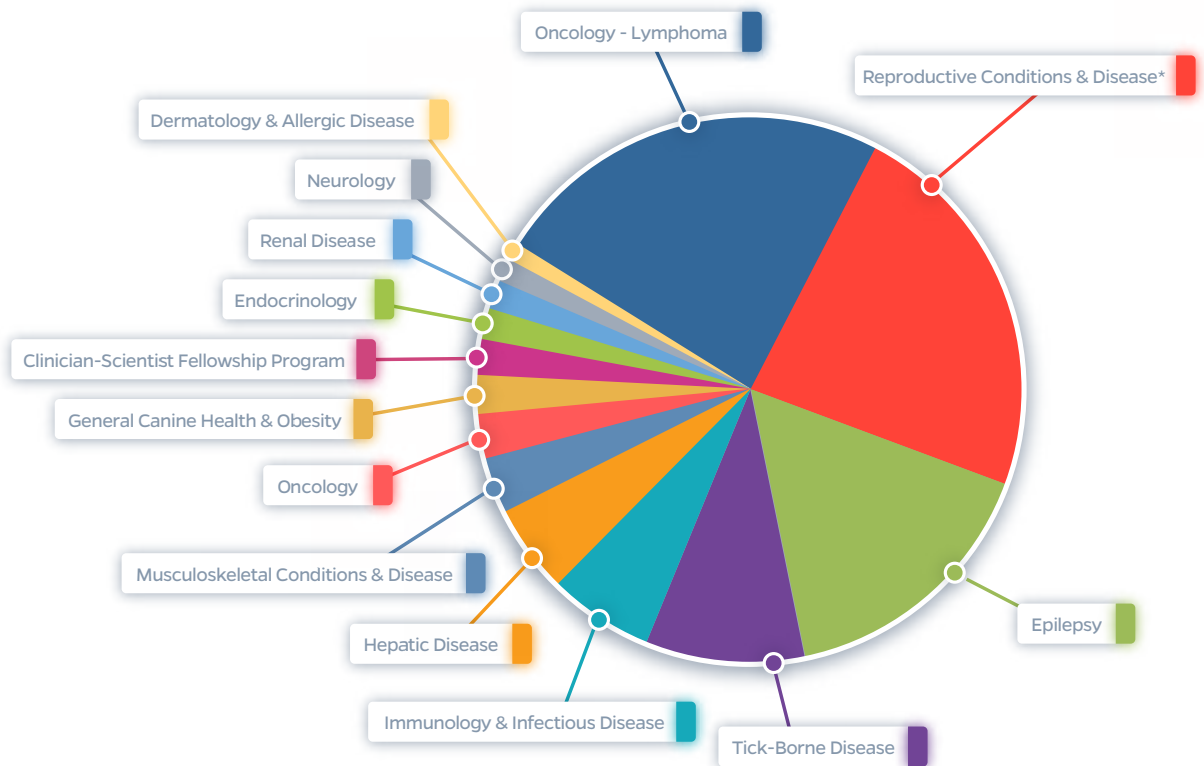
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Publication of CHF-funded research in high-impact, peer-reviewed, scientific journals demonstrates the breadth and depth of our funding within the scientific and veterinary communities. In 2016, articles were published in such journals including the *Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine*, *Leukemia & Lymphoma*, *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*, *Veterinary Medicine and Science*, *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, *Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association*, *BMC Veterinary Research*, and *Cellular and Molecular Life Sciences*. Through peer-reviewed publications, CHF-funded investigators broadly share their findings with other researchers, veterinarians, breeders and the dog-loving public to bring about better treatments, more accurate diagnoses and an improved understanding of the mechanisms that cause disease.

Learn more about our complete research portfolio: akcchf.org/researchportfolio.

2016 New Grants Awarded by Research Program Area



*Includes Theriogenology Residency Program. See page 8 for more information.

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Match Challenges

Tick-Borne Disease Initiative Match Challenge

Thanks to the support of many dog clubs, foundations and individuals, CHF met the 2016 match fundraising goal of \$250,000 for the Tick-Borne Disease Initiative. Donations were generously matched dollar-for-dollar by the AKC.

Launched in February 2016, this comprehensive Initiative addresses important health concerns, including Lyme disease, bartonellosis, and ehrlichiosis, through much-needed research in diagnostics, disease pathogenesis and prevalence. Tick-borne diseases are an important group of emerging infectious diseases that impact both dogs and their people. As the geographic range of ticks continues to expand in the United States, all dogs can be affected by these diseases, year-round.

Five research grants were awarded in the first round of funding through the Tick-Borne Disease Initiative. The goal of the Initiative is to find better diagnostics, preventives and therapeutics for tick-borne diseases in dogs. Additionally, educational resources about tick prevalence and tick-borne diseases are available to all dog owners at akcchf.org/ticks.

Building on the success begun in 2016, the AKC will once again match all donations and Donor Advised Fund disbursements to the Tick-Borne Disease Initiative in 2017, up to \$250,000.

AKC Donor Match Challenge Program

For the third consecutive year, CHF raised more than \$500,000 through the AKC Donor Match Challenge program, bringing total contributions through this challenge to more than \$3 million to date.

In 2016, the AKC Donor Match Challenge matched contributions to CHF dollar-for-dollar from new donors and from donors whose last gift was prior to December 31, 2013. The campaign provided added incentive for dog lovers to double their impact for canine health.

The AKC Donor Match Challenge program continues in 2017 with all gifts from new donors, or from donors whose last gift was before December 31, 2014, to be matched up to \$500,000.

To support the 2017 match initiatives and learn more about AKC's new Epilepsy Match Challenge, visit akcchf.org/match.



Thanks to: K. McAteer

Investing in the Future

Theriogenology Residencies

The Theriogenology Residency Program is a collaboration between the AKC, CHF, and the Theriogenology Foundation (TF) to increase the number of trained practitioners in companion animal theriogenology. Theriogenology is the branch of veterinary medicine concerned with reproduction, including the physiology and pathology of male and female reproductive systems and the clinical practice of veterinary obstetrics, gynecology and andrology. The two-to-three-year residency programs provide specialty training in all aspects of reproductive medicine and surgery, as well as all features of clinical practice related to male and female reproduction and disease, obstetrics and neonatology in small animals. Each residency provides \$100,000 in support. Four residencies were funded by the AKC and CHF in 2016. To learn more, or to support this program, visit: akcCHF.org/therioresidency.

2016 AKC/AKC CHF/TF Theriogenology Residents



Carla Barstow, DVM: Auburn University

Dr. Carla Barstow has been showing and breeding Samoyeds for more than 20 years. Prior to obtaining her veterinary degree, she spent 10 years working in the veterinary field as a technician. Dr. Barstow received her veterinary degree from the University of Minnesota, then joined private practice prior to beginning her theriogenology residency at Auburn University in 2016.



Tessa Fiamengo, DVM: Ohio State University

Dr. Tessa Fiamengo graduated with honors from Colorado State University in 2007, and earned her veterinary degree from Oregon State University in 2012. Dr. Fiamengo worked as a small animal general practitioner in Portland, Oregon, prior to beginning her theriogenology residency in 2016 at the Ohio State University.



Victor Stora, DVM: University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Victor Stora received his Bachelor of Science degree from Wagner College in New York and his veterinary degree from the School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University. Dr. Stora completed an internship at Virginia Tech University prior to beginning his theriogenology residency at the University of Pennsylvania in 2016. Dr. Stora breeds Shetland Sheepdogs.



Karen Von Dollen, DVM: North Carolina State University

Dr. Karen Von Dollen earned her undergraduate degree from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, and her veterinary degree from the University of California, Davis. Following graduation, she completed internships at Alamo Pintado Equine Medical Center in Los Olivos, California, and Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital in Victoria, Australia. Dr. Von Dollen began her theriogenology residency at North Carolina State University in 2016.

AKC Canine Health Foundation Clinician-Scientist Fellowships

To help diminish the impact of fiscal restraints on students pursuing careers in research and development, the AKC Canine Health Foundation Clinician-Scientist Fellowship Program was created to support young scientists. Through this effort, CHF's mission to prevent, treat and cure canine disease will endure for years to come. Each fellow receives \$12,000 in support.

Invest in the future of canine health and "Adopt a Researcher" by donating to support the AKC Canine Health Foundation Clinician-Scientist Fellowship program: <http://support.caninehealthfoundation.org/fellows>.

Class of 2017



Jeanie Lau, BVSc; North Carolina State University

Mentor: Karen R. Munana, DVM, MS, DACVIM

Dr. Lau received her bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and her veterinary degree from the University of Sydney. Dr. Lau practiced as an associate veterinarian before completing both a rotating small animal internship and a neurology specialty internship. Dr. Lau is now in a residency training program in neurology and neurosurgery at North Carolina State University.

Dr. Lau's research on Steroid Responsive Meningitis-Arteritis (SRMA) in dogs will involve characterizing the clinical and diagnostic findings and response to therapy in a population of dogs with SRMA in North America.



Jennifer Reinhart, DVM, DACVIM; University of Wisconsin

Mentor: Lauren A. Trepanier, DVM, PhD, DACVCP, DACVIM

Dr. Reinhart received her veterinary degree from the University of Illinois, completed a small animal internship at Cornell University, and completed a small animal internal medicine residency at Kansas State University. She is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and is currently pursuing a PhD at the University of Wisconsin.

The focus of Dr. Reinhart's research is the identification of genetic and breed risk factors for sulfonamide hypersensitivity in dogs. She has identified a candidate gene and is working to validate this finding in hypersensitive dogs. This work also entails determining susceptibility in specific breeds (particularly the Doberman Pinscher).



Takashi Taguchi, DVM; Western University of Health Sciences

Mentor: Dominique Griffon, DMV, PhD, DECVS, DACVS

Dr. Taguchi received his veterinary degree from the Osaka Prefecture University in Japan, and completed a small animal surgery internship at Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology.

Dr. Taguchi will study the influence of the donor's age on canine adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells at Western University of Health Sciences, where he is currently a graduate student.

Financials

Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2016, and 2015 (Restated)

| Assets | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$6,924,251 | \$5,097,825 |
| Investments | 7,851,461 | 7,323,609 |
| Receivable for proceeds from sale of investments | 639,025 | 504,652 |
| Contributions receivable | 975,167 | 1,150,031 |
| Other receivables | 2,368 | 1,934 |
| Prepaid expenses | 64,730 | 83,921 |
| Fixed assets, net | <u>60,380</u> | <u>77,261</u> |
| Total assets | <u>\$16,517,382</u> | <u>\$14,239,233</u> |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$55,179 | \$97,646 |
| Grants payable | <u>3,727,667</u> | <u>3,574,296</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>\$3,782,846</u> | <u>\$3,671,942</u> |
| Net assets: | | |
| Unrestricted | 2,004,167 | 2,063,321 |
| Temporarily restricted | 6,722,917 | 5,503,562 |
| Permanently restricted | <u>4,007,452</u> | <u>3,000,408</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>\$12,734,536</u> | <u>\$10,567,291</u> |
| Total liabilities and net assets | <u>\$16,517,382</u> | <u>\$14,239,233</u> |

The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc.'s financial statements, audited by Williams, Overman & Pierce, LLP, are available at akcchf.org.

Summarized Statements of Activities

Years ended December 31, 2016, and 2015 (Restated)

| Revenues and Other Support | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Contributions | \$2,991,954 | \$2,623,633 |
| Contributions from related parties | 1,703,320 | 991,396 |
| Grant management income | 27,177 | 67,256 |
| Interest and dividend income | 222,941 | 98,355 |
| Net unrealized and realized investment gains (losses) | 113,517 | (294,240) |
| Sponsored events and conferences | 87,837 | 138,438 |
| In-kind donations | 330,517 | 151,772 |
| Miscellaneous income | <u>18,731</u> | <u>28,146</u> |
| Total revenues and other support | <u>\$5,495,994</u> | <u>\$3,804,756</u> |
| | | |
| Expenses | | |
| Canine research and education | \$2,424,901 | \$2,188,795 |
| Fundraising | 326,091 | 398,372 |
| General and administrative | <u>577,757</u> | <u>489,897</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>\$3,328,749</u> | <u>\$3,077,064</u> |
| Increase in net assets | 2,167,245 | 727,692 |
| Net assets - beginning of year (as restated) | <u>\$10,567,291</u> | <u>\$9,839,599</u> |
| Net assets - end of year | <u>\$12,734,536</u> | <u>\$10,567,291</u> |

Heritage Society

CHF's Heritage Society honors donors who have given, or who have made a commitment to give, a planned gift. These individuals understand the importance of securing the future health of their beloved dogs and advancing the mission of CHF so that all dogs live longer, healthier lives.

For more information about Heritage Society membership and benefits, contact us online at akcCHF.org/heritagesociety or call 1-888-682-9696.

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Without the purpose and fulfillment of improving the health of our dogs, I would not have sustained my involvement in breeding and exhibition. It has given me so much, and I want to give back."

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