



2000

Kidney Ureter

cystinuria

congenital stationary night blindness

Ciliary body
Cornea
Iris
Retina
Choroid
Third eyelid Pupil Lens Optic
Cross-section of the eye

von willebrand's disease

Right Aorta
Right ventricle

MISSION

The mission of the AKC Canine Health Foundation is to develop significant resources for basic and applied health programs with emphasis on canine genetics to improve the quality of life for dogs and their owners.



GOALS

The AKC Canine Health Foundation will achieve the following goals:

- To help dogs live longer, healthier lives.
- To respect the dedication and interest of dog clubs, breeders and owners in health and continuously seek ways to involve them in the work of the Foundation.
- To identify health issues of concern to dog breeders and owners.
- To identify and sponsor research and education programs, with particular emphasis on canine genetics, that:
 - Meet the highest scientific and educational standards.
 - Have the greatest potential for advancing the health of dogs.
 - Have expectations for producing materials and applications that are reasonable and affordable for breeders and owners.
- To seek ways to integrate the observations and knowledge of dog owners, breeders and veterinarians and other scientists for the purpose of advancing the health of dogs.
- To responsibly monitor grantees and make the results of their work available for public use through publication in scientific journals, and through sharing and dissemination of information and education with dog owners, breeders and veterinarians.
- To raise endowment funds for the Foundation's programmatic purposes, and to invest these funds for both growth of principal and income adequate to advance the Foundation's purpose.



A Salute to Dog Clubs



“Among the greatest champions of canine health are the dog clubs, who help us find new ways of preventing and treating canine diseases.”

Howard Falberg, President-Elect, AKC Canine Health Foundation





In laboratories across the world, scientists funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation are unlocking the secrets of canine genetics and probing new treatments for innumerable canine diseases.

Partnering with the scientists and the Foundation in key scientific and fund-raising roles are the dog clubs, who play critical — and often unheralded — roles in working to conquer canine diseases.

High on the list are the National Parent Clubs who play an integral role in determining which canine research projects are needed — through the Parent Club survey in which dog clubs throughout the country identify their health interests and research priorities. The Foundation uses the results in requesting proposals for funding and, later, these surveys help in determining which breed specific proposals to fund. Help from clubs doesn't end there.

Every two years breed clubs come together with Foundation members and scientists to review the latest developments in scientific research at a National Parent Club Canine Health Conference. Information is passed on to their member clubs and in turn,

to individual members to use in breeding or treating their dogs.

Dog clubs of all types help scientists collect samples and pedigrees and use tests, such as those already developed for cystinuria, congenital stationary night blindness, von Willebrand's disease and X-linked progressive retinal atrophy. This is the first step in eventually eradicating these diseases. Increasingly, clubs are adding a health focus to their web sites as well.

Finally, dog clubs go all-out to support the work of the Foundation — becoming Founder Clubs, creating their own Donor Advised Funds to address key diseases affecting their breeds, sponsoring research, contributing generously and hosting fund-raising events.

With the all-out support these clubs provide, our dogs will be assured of a healthy future.



THANKS TO:

**Agility Clubs,
All Breed Clubs,
Breed Foundations,
Field Trial Clubs,
Obedience Clubs,
Parent Clubs,
Regional Specialty Clubs**

DOG CLUB

Firsts

- 1986 First foundation for dogs established, Collie Club of America Foundation.
- 1995 First All Breed Club to become a Founder, Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club, Inc.
- 1996 First Donor Advised Club created, American Miniature Schnauzer Club.
- 1996 First collaboration on a single AKC Canine Health Foundation grant (epidemiological study-bloat) by eight breeds.
- 1997 First special bequest for canine research to AKC Canine Health Foundation by a club, Golden Retriever Club of America in Honor of Carol Buckman.
- 1998 First collaboration on genetic disease study (craniomandibular osteopathy) by three breeds.

Supporting Canine Health Research Disseminating Research

2000 DONOR ADVISED FUND PARTICIPANTS

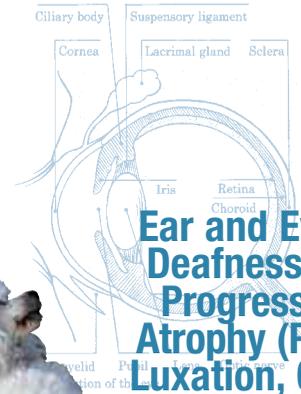
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- Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.*
- French Bulldog Club of America*
- German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America*
- German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America*
- Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.*
- Golden Retriever Club of America, Inc., In Honor of Carol Buckman*
- Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.*
- Great Dane Club of America*
- Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.*

Mapping the Canine Genome Genetic Research

Clubs support the work of scientists and the AKC Canine Health Foundation in completing the canine genome map — a monumental step toward eventually eradicating inherited diseases — and in the genetic research that is already producing remarkable results with the discovery of the genetic defects causing cystinuria, congenital stationary night blindness and von Willebrand's disease in several breeds.

Funding: AKC Canine Health Foundation and Grant Sponsors:

- Bull Terrier Welfare Foundation • Golden Retriever Club of America in Honor of Carol Buckman • Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust • Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America • Norwegian Elkhound Association of America • Pug Dog Club of America*



Ear and Eye Diseases Deafness, Cataracts, Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA), Luxation, Glaucoma, Congenital Stationary Night Blindness

Eye diseases rank high on the AKC Canine Health Foundation's funding priorities list with cataracts, deafness, congenital deafness, congenital stationary night blindness, progressive rod cone degeneration (PRA), and glaucoma. Congenital deafness affects 6% of purebred dogs but can appear in any breed.

Three breeds have inherited cataracts: the Boxer, the Cocker Spaniel, and the Golden Retriever. PRA is a progressive rod cone degeneration that causes blindness in purebred dogs. It is a leading cause of blindness in purebred dogs.

Eight AKC Canine Health Foundation grant programs address these issues; many of them are breed-specific. Clubs also promote the use of genetic testing developed for congenital stationary night blindness and progressive retinal atrophy.

Funding: AKC Canine Health Foundation and Grant Sponsors:

- Alaskan Malamute Club of America • Border Collie Club of America • Collie Club of America • Dalmatian Club of America • English Setter Association of America • Golden Retriever Club of America • Kennel Club • Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America • Norwegian Elkhound Association of America • Old English Sheepdog Club of America • Papillon Club of America • Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America • Rottweiler Health Foundation • Siberian Husky Club of America • Siberian Husky Club of America Education and Outreach • Tibetan Mastiff Club of America • Versatility Club of America*

Cancer

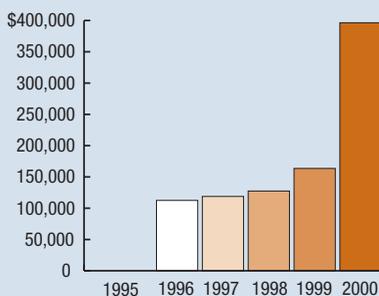
The #1 disease killer of dogs was also the #1 priority of dog clubs for funding in 2000. In addition to AKC Canine Health Foundation funds, six different club sponsored AKC/CHF grants address distinct aspects of this disease in different breeds, some of them with implications for human cancers.

Funding: AKC Canine Health Foundation and Grant Sponsors:

- American Boxer Charitable Foundation • Briard Club of America • Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America Charitable Trust • Flat-Coated Retriever Foundation • Golden Retriever Club of America in Honor of Carol Buckman • Great Dane Club of America • Health Trust Fund Scottish Terrier Club of America • Medallion Rottweiler Club • Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust • Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America • Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States • Rottweiler Health Foundation • Skye Terrier Club of America • Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club*



CONTRIBUTIONS TO DONOR ADVISED FUNDS



Research • Sponsoring Research Grants • Creating Donor Advised Funds
 Research Findings • Collecting Samples • Testing for Diseases • Hosting

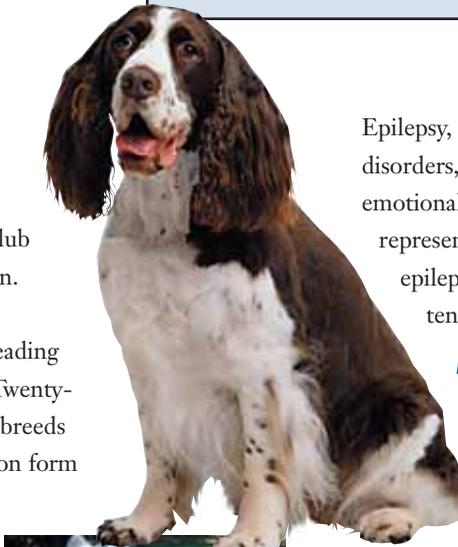
Dog Clubs have contributed \$1.5 million to the AKC Canine Health Foundation since 1995 — through Founder Club and individual club donations, sponsored research grants, donor advised funds, dog shows, Dollars for Dogs, fund raising events and benefits.

Diseases:
 Fractures,
 Retinal
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 Ocular
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Epilepsy

Epilepsy, one of the most common canine nervous system disorders, can be physically devastating to dogs and emotionally wrenching for their owners. Dog clubs representing thirty-eight different breeds named canine epilepsy as one of their top health concerns. Currently, ten clubs sponsor six grants addressing this disease.

Funding: AKC Canine Health Foundation and Grant Sponsors:

American Belgian Tervuren Club • Belgian Sheepdog Club of America • English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association • Irish Setter Club of America • National Beagle Club • Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club • Poodle Club of America Foundation • St. Bernard Club of America • Vizsla Club of America • Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America



Orthopedic and Bone Diseases: Hip Dysplasia, Elbow Dysplasia, Craniomandibular Osteopathy, Forelimb Anomaly

Canine hip dysplasia is one of the top genetic health problems in dogs and a priority focus for funding, since it occurs in over 100 breeds. Many of the larger dog breeds often suffer from elbow dysplasia. Club sponsored grants are helping study both these diseases as well as craniomandibular osteopathy and forelimb anomaly in specific breeds.

Funding: AKC Canine Health Foundation and Grant Sponsors:

Alaskan Malamute Club of America • Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America • Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America Charitable Trust • Foundation for the Cairn Terrier Club of America • Great Dane Club of America • Health Trust Fund Scottish Terrier Club of America • Medallion Rottweiler Club • Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust • Rottweiler Health Foundation • Samoyed Club of America Education and Research Foundation • Westie Foundation of America



Heart, Kidney and Liver Diseases

Following on the heels of the discovery of the genetic defect that causes cystinuria, Newfoundland clubs are encouraging use of the new cystinuria test. Other clubs are funding grants they hope will have similar results for their breeds. Four club sponsored grants study heart disease — another high priority for dog club funding. Two grants are for kidney disease research and three are for liver disease.

Funding: AKC Canine Health Foundation and Grant Sponsors:

American Boxer Charitable Foundation • American Maltese Association • American Miniature Schnauzer Club • Foundation of the Cairn Terrier Club of America • Golden Retriever Club of America in Honor of Carol Buckman • Great Dane Club of America • Great Dane Health Foundation • Health Trust Fund Scottish Terrier Club of America • Mastiff Club of America • Newfoundland Club of America Heath Challenge • Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America • Yorkshire Terrier Club of America

Tricuspid valve (Part of right atrium on far side of heart)

Left atrium



• Setting Funding Priorities • Fund Raising Events



Thyroid Disease

Thyroid Disease was number four on the dog club 2000 priority list for funding, underlining its prevalence among purebred dogs of all breeds. In 2000, one grant assessed ultrasonic and cytologic evaluation of the thyroid gland in Golden Retrievers, which have an increased risk for the disease.

Funding: AKC Canine Health Foundation and Grant Sponsor: Golden Retriever Club of America in Honor of Carol Buckman

Other Diseases and Health Issues: Autoimmune, Muscular, Neurological, Skin Diseases; Addison's Disease, Behavior Disorders, Pancreatic Insufficiency, Urinary Stones, Vaccine Immunity



A number of other diseases are funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation with the support of dog clubs who sponsor grants and contribute to the overall work of the Foundation. All have been determined to be of concern to the dog world. Fourteen grants address a variety of these diseases, many of them club

sponsored. Review the AKC Canine Health Foundation Grants booklet for more detailed information on grants and on the scientists and institutions conducting the research.

Funding: AKC Canine Health Foundation and Grant Sponsors:

American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation • American Shetland Sheepdog Association • American Spaniel Club • Anonymous in Memory of Pippin • Basset Hound Club of America • Bearded Collie Club of America • Bull Terrier Welfare Foundation • Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America Charitable Trust • Dalmatian Club of America Foundation • English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association Foundation • German Shepherd Dog Club of America • Great Dane Club of America • Health Trust Fund Scottish Terrier Club of America • Old English Sheepdog Club of America • Poodle Club of America Foundation • Versatility in Poodles • Westie Foundation of America

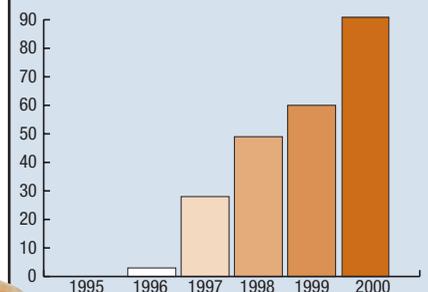


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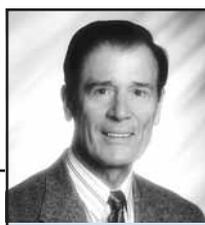
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Donor Advised Funds are health funds restricted to a breed or special health purpose by a donor. All donations are tax deductible. Donor Advised Funds earn interest and appreciation and are also eligible for AKC/CHF matching funds.

NUMBER OF DONOR ADVISED FUNDS



Dear Friends: Six years ago the American Kennel Club had a vision of creating an organization that would provide a focus for canine health development, research and education.



**DR. ROBERT
J. HRITZO**
PRESIDENT

The AKC had been supporting various canine health research programs for many years. However, they saw a need for an organization that would create more resources and bring a new level of organization to canine health issues. AKC donated \$1 million to establish an endowment for the new organization and has made an annual contribution of that sum every year since.

One of their significant charges to the new AKC Canine Health Foundation was to advance the knowledge of canine genetics and genetic diseases. With the now fourth generation of the canine genetic map and the development of ten new tests for genetic diseases, we have entered a new era in canine health. Other benefits have been the increased activity regarding canine health among dog clubs and individuals, as well as much more widespread understanding of the issues in canine health.

It has been a great privilege to oversee the growth and development of a Foundation that has made such an impact on the community of dogs. All AKC Parent Clubs have health representatives that serve as liaisons to the Foundation. There are

90 donor advised funds established by individuals and clubs, and a very significant increase in the number of clubs participating in health surveys. The

Foundation currently supports health research studies in the leading health concerns in dogs such as cancer, epilepsy, heart disease, thyroid disease, hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy and cataracts. Foundation donations have risen from \$150,000 the first year to over \$1 million in 2000, and we have a sense that we are entering a new era of promise in terms of the health of our dogs.

Growth in canine health research studies, education programs and support has been a hallmark of the Foundation from its earliest days. I challenge you to help us continue our vision by sharing the mission of the Foundation with your club and your friends in dogs. I thank you sincerely for your support of our mission over the past five years. I know that, if we all do our part, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our dogs and in their future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Hritz M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends: This year I would like to share with you a letter we received last fall. It says more clearly than I could express what we hope for every breed, every club and each individual in dogs.



DEBORAH A. LYNCH
EXECUTIVE VICE
PRESIDENT

20 October 2000

Dear Deborah:

When Greg Siner began inviting people to his place in Rhode Island for Rattail Days, it was one more excuse for Irish Water Spaniel fanciers and their friends to come together to talk dogs and enjoy a weekend of good company.

Last year we enjoyed a seminar by Dr. Betty Trainer, a match show with ribbons worthy of Westminster, a dinner, a barbecue and auction, a great deal of fun even though it was pouring rain! It was a time when we were beginning to get interested in Dr. Gary Johnson's study on Epilepsy at the University of Missouri. The weekend raised \$1275 which went to our Genetic Concerns Committee to help fund our Donor Advised Fund and our upcoming IWS Canine Health Survey.

The year 2000 found us in the same lush surroundings of Greg's Ashe Pond Farm in Ashaway, Rhode Island enjoying the dogs, the talk, a barbecue, match show, dinner and auction and a retriever workshop.

In the final analysis, Rattail Days at Ashe Pond Farm through

Greg Siner's generosity and those who were a part of it, we were able to raise \$3225 which Greg has asked me to forward to you as a donation to the AKC Canine Health Foundation in the name of Rattail Days 2000. We want to say that we want to be a part of the things that are vital in seeing our dogs well no matter what the breed.

This year it wasn't just the lush surroundings of Ashe Pond Farm in Ashaway, Rhode Island or the big old trees in their bright colors that made for a lovely weekend. It was being with the kind of people who love dogs — any kind of dogs — and wanted to wish them well in a very real way.

We want to express our thanks to the AKC Canine Health Foundation for the leadership it takes in helping all of us enjoy healthier dogs.

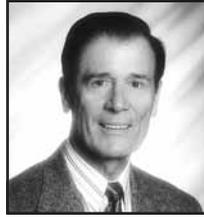
Sincerely,
Ginny Spencer
Genetic Concerns Chair
Irish Water Spaniel Club of America

Currently, approximately 90, or 60%, of breed clubs have established donor advised funds, and 25% of all breed and performance clubs have made a donation to canine health. The devotion and dedication of those participating is amazing and makes everything we do possible. **Our vision for the future is to move to 100% Breed Clubs and 100% of All Breed Clubs — if that were true we would be doing everything realistically possible to help our dogs become healthier.**

Best wishes to you and your canine companions

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah A. Lynch". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

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J. HRITZO**
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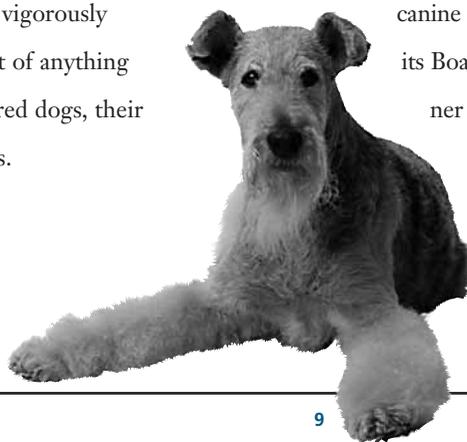
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On October 22, 1884, a group of twelve dedicated sportsmen representing different dog clubs met in the rooms of the Philadelphia Kennel Club and founded the American Kennel Club. Its first President, Major James A. Taylor, described the new organization as a “club of clubs.”



From 1995 through 2000, The American Kennel Club has contributed \$5.3 million to the canine health research and education programs of the AKC Canine Health Foundation. This figure also includes their generous support of the Foundation's administrative costs.

The description is still apt today, even as the AKC's role has expanded vigorously until it is, today, in the forefront of anything and everything involving purebred dogs, their owners, breeders and supporters.



As we celebrate the role of dog clubs in advancing canine health, it is only fitting to recognize the AKC and its Board of Directors; our founder, supporter and partner — the governing body through which all dog clubs realize common goals of advancing the sport and the well-being of purebred dogs.

SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS

Grants. This year the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) awarded 21 grants totaling over \$1 million to eleven veterinary schools. This brings the total number of grants awarded in the five year history of CHF to 100. Over \$5 million has been raised for research since 1995.

For the coming year, the Foundation received the largest number of proposals ever — 113 requests for \$8.4 million in grants.

Bloat Study Completed.

A landmark AKC/CHF funded study on bloat, conducted by Dr.

Larry Glickman of Purdue University, was completed this past year. Over 1900 dogs were enrolled in the study, including these breeds — Great Dane, Irish Setter, Saint Bernard, Standard Poodle, Akita, Collie, Irish Wolfhound, Newfoundland, Rottweiler and Weimaraner. The volume of data will take several years to fully analyze and is expected to prove valuable to veterinarians and pet owners.

Gene Discovered. While working on a Foundation funded grant, scientists at the University of Michigan discovered the gene that causes canine von Willebrand's Disease in Bernese Mountain Dogs — a breakthrough in this disease.

Gene Tool Developed. During a CHF funded study on cranio-mandibular osteopathy at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, a new way of quickly making SNP markers was developed, opening the door to automating a great deal of the marker work needed to find disease genes.

DR. C. RICHARD DORN

**SCIENCE OFFICER, AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION
PROFESSOR EMERITUS, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

Since April, 1996, Dr. Dorn has provided invaluable service to the AKC Canine Health Foundation — coordinating the peer review of grants, evaluating grant progress and representing the Foundation at veterinary conferences and scientific meetings.

Dr. Dorn has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, the Fogarty Senior International Fellowship in London, England, and has been a consultant to the U. S. Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health.

New PRA Test. A new test is available for X-linked progressive retinal atrophy in Siberian Huskies and Samoyeds, adding to the PRA test for Irish Setters, a breed that is now free of the disease.

International Mappers

Meeting. Leading genetic

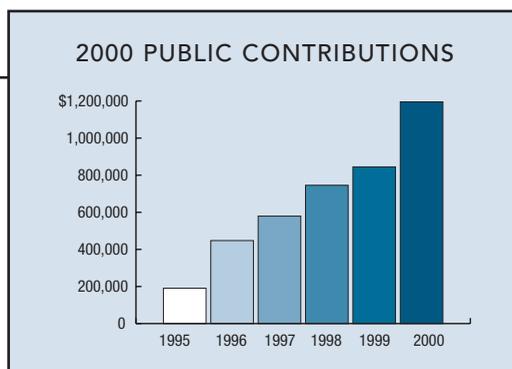
researchers at universities throughout the United States, Great Britain, France and Norway convened for an International Canine Mappers Meeting, held March 8-9 in Seattle and sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Ralston Purina Company.

Veterinary School Seminars. A program was presented by the AKC and the AKC Canine Health Foundation to veterinary students at The Ohio State University and the University of California, Davis. The program, with presentations by Dr. Anita Oberbauer and Dr. Kathryn Meurs, AKC/CHF sponsored researchers, is a pilot for a more extensive program on canine health research, genetics and purebred dogs that will be presented jointly by AKC and AKC/CHF.

Lifetime Giving Wall. In recognition of its support for cancer research, the AKC Canine Health Foundation has been recognized with a plaque on the Lifetime Giving Wall in the state-of-the-art Thomas Building of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.

SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH AND RESEARCH

\$1 Million Plus. Contributions from individuals, clubs and corporations increased 41%, topping the \$1 million mark for the first time. A great achievement for canine health.



More Donor Advised Funds.

Contributions to Donor Advised Funds more than doubled, reaching \$396,465 in 2000. There are now 90 of these funds, an increase of 35 percent over 1999.

IKC Show & Ralston Purina Charity Ball. This year over \$87,000 was raised for the Foundation, thanks to the International Kennel Club Cluster of Dog Shows and the Ralston Purina Charity Ball. Two checks were awarded at the Ball on Saturday evening, from matching funds for entries, Ball ticket sales, and donations for Purina pet food samples and treats, part of a year long Ralston Purina initiative to raise funds for canine health.



TWO HUGE CHECKS WERE PRESENTED AT THE RALSTON PURINA CHARITY BALL. L-R LEE ARNOLD, DEBORAH LYNCH, BRUCE KORSON, DR. ROBERT HRITZO, LOU AUSLANDER AND ERNIE PLANCK

Amy Tan Benefit. World renowned scientists and artists packed best-selling author Amy Tan's Manhattan SoHo residence on February 12 for a benefit that raised over \$12,000 for the Foundation. The William Secord Gallery donated signed prints of the Christine Merrill painting *Angel Dogs*, Howell Books

donated copies of *The Encyclopedia of the Dog* and New York



City pet store Fetch provided dog

treats. The event was co-sponsored by Yorkshire Terrier breeder Lisa Farmer and Ms. Tan.



Dodge Foundation Grant. The Foundation has received a grant from the Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge Foundation to support studies of the canine genome map.

Dollars for Dogs. This popular program continued its momentum, inviting everyone who cares about dogs to give at least \$1 to the Foundation - using specially marked containers at AKC Canine Health Foundation booths or at InfoDog.com, the official web site of MB-F, Inc., where owners of dogs entered in shows are given the option of adding \$1 to their show entry fee.

AMY TAN BENEFIT, TOP TO BOTTOM: EVENT CO-CHAIRS LISA FARMER AND AMY TAN WITH THEIR YORKSHIRE TERRIERS.

NOTED ARTIST WILLIAM WEGMAN BETWEEN AMY HEMPEL (L) AND DOMINIQUE DEVITO (R)

FORMER TIME MAGAZINE MAN OF THE YEAR DAVID HO AND HIS WIFE, SUSAN (FRONT); NOBEL LAUREATE DR. ROBERT WILSON, AKC/CHF PRESIDENT DR. ROBERT HRITZO



CLUB FUN AND FUNDS

What One Club Can Do. The American Boxer Charitable Foundation has raised over \$170,000 for the AKC Canine Health Foundation in five years and is the largest single donor of any breed club.

Every member participates. The club hosts auctions, dinners, 50/50 raffles, promotes its Puddle of Puppies bronze statues and a special edition Boxer book entitled *My Life with Boxers*.

Tibetan Terriers on a Tear. Going all out to conquer the diseases debilitating their breed, the Tibetan Terrier Club of America has a two-fold campaign to raise funds for the Foundation's Tibetan Terrier Fund and to build a DNA Bank for research projects. They asked, not only for funds, but for blood samples from their dogs.

A World Series for Dogs. A fund raiser for canine health research raised over \$11,000 at the Houston Astrodome and Astroarena's *Astro World Series of Dog Shows*. Their novel idea was to offer hard-to-get grooming space for a generous donation.

An Annual Tradition. The South Windsor and Windham County, Connecticut and Springfield and Holyoke, Massachusetts Kennel Clubs held their annual *Bill Trainor Memorial Dinner and Auction*. This event honors the well-respected trainer and raises



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money for the Foundation in conjunction with the *Thanksgiving Classic Cluster*.

New Challenges. The Siberian Husky Club of America, the International Kennel Club and the Keeshond Club of America participated in challenge grants as Foundation fund raising initiatives.

Entries for Dollars. Many clubs now take part in the Dollar A Dog program initiated by the Ladies' Dog Club of Boston to support canine health. These clubs raise the entry fee at dog shows by just one

dollar to benefit the Foundation.

Rattail Days. The Irish Water Spaniel Club hosted *Rattail Days* with a barbecue, match show, dinner, auction and retriever workshop at Ashe Pond Farm in Rhode Island.

A Grandstand Picnic. The Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club invited the Foundation to hold a picnic fund raiser for canine health at the Steel Valley Cluster in Canfield, Ohio. The event, sponsored by Pedigree, starts a new summer tradition.

SPREADING THE WORD

New Video. An educational video on the work of the Foundation is now available, thanks to the help of Veterinary Pet Insurance, Inc. It will be shown to dog clubs throughout the country.

THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL 2000

Members of the President's Council conducted 77 visits to dog clubs, dog shows and other organizations — giving their time, talents and energy to support the Foundation and canine health education.

The following Council members travel to unfamiliar locations, meet new people and tirelessly promote the message of the Foundation in order to advance canine health. We are indebted to them all.

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Book Wins Writers Award. *Future Dog: Breeding for Genetic Soundness*, by Patricia Wilkie, Ph.D., has won a Dog Writers Association of America award for Best Care and Health Book. The book was published by Minnesota Agricultural Station in cooperation with the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Its first

printing sold out in three months.

Quarterly Newsletter. A canine health newsletter was begun in 2000, free to Foundation members and complete with articles by leading scientists in canine health plus the latest research findings, health tips, facts and available resources.

Updating Dog Owners and Breeders. The Foundation sponsored the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine's 4th Annual Dog Owners and Breeders Symposium on July 29 in Gainesville, Florida. White papers from these events are available.

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All of our donors, members, volunteers and scientists have made the future possible through their support and dedication. We thank them sincerely on behalf of dogs everywhere.

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Ten new genetic tests have been developed: Cystinuria in Newfoundlands (Dr. Paula Henthorn, University of Pennsylvania); Progressive Retinal Atrophy in Miniature Schnauzers (Dr. Gustavo Aguirre, Cornell University); Congenital Stationary Nightblindness in Briards (Dr. Gustavo Aguirre, Cornell University); von Willebrand's Disease in Poodles, Welsh Corgis, Manchester Terriers, and Bernese Mountain Dogs (Dr. George Brewer, University of Michigan); Narcolepsy in Doberman Pinschers (Dr. Emmanuel Mignot, Stanford University); and X-Linked Progressive Retinal Atrophy in Siberian Huskies and Samoyeds (researchers at the James A. Baker Institute and Cornell University).

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The Foundation has funded over 100 research studies at 26 veterinary schools and research institutions on canine diseases such as cancer, heart disease, epilepsy, autoimmune disease, bloat, eye disease, hypothyroidism, skin disease and hip dysplasia. The AKC Canine Health Foundation is also the principal funder of studies to map the canine genome.

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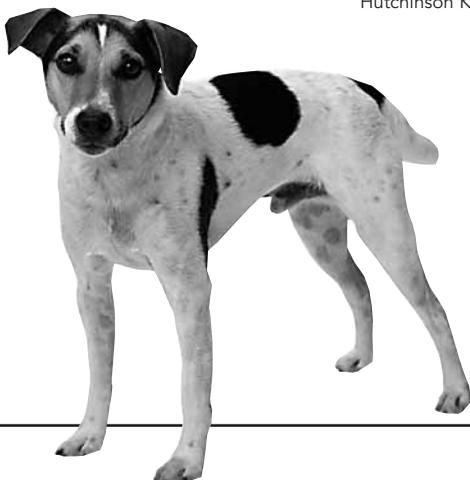
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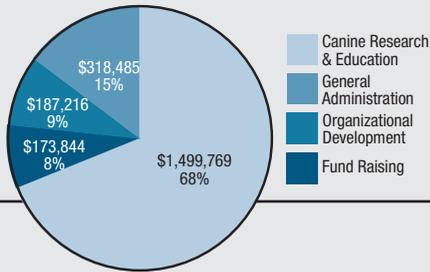
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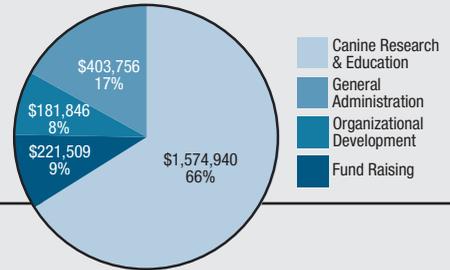
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The objectives, goals, hopes and dreams of the Foundation are, to a great degree, club inspired — improving the quality of life for dogs through health research and education, as well as the hope that these efforts will also help the health of humans in the future. The future of these aspirations could not be brighter. Why? Because CLUBS are people and PEOPLE care. Who are these people? They are people like you: individuals, owners and breeders of dogs, admirers of man's best friend, veterinarians, scientists and so many others that support the goals of the Foundation.

Accomplishing this takes money — large sums of money! Every dollar given, whether it is one or a million, is just as important.

Dog food companies produce quality food for maintaining health. Pharmaceutical companies produce quality products to relieve pain and sickness, and veterinarians prescribe and improve the health of dogs with many of these products. Companies supply an array of dog products used in a dog's daily life and humans of every description supply dog shelter. The AKC Canine Health Foundation supplies grants for research ensuring a healthy future for your dog. It is up to you, that special person, club or corporation to supply the funds for these research grants. With this support, we can look forward to healthier dogs. Blockbuster research results do not happen every day. Each minute of every hour of every day, knowledge

is being added to the "knowledge pool." From this resource important results often come quietly over a period of time.

The writing of research grant checks is by far the simplest part of the Foundation's administrative challenges. Not only are we dedicated to gaining the highest return on your invested dollar, but also just as important, we seek to gain the greatest return on our investment in research results. The Foundation has set a very high standard for grant research.

What impact have your financial gifts to the Foundation had? Consider these facts. There are 153 parent clubs. These clubs have reported 97 different diseases. Of these, the Foundation has funded major research grants in 46 of them. This has been accomplished in 5 years. The Washington Monument, half completed with Federal funds, was finished in 100 years. It took support from the private sector to do the job. The March of Dimes, when money was so scarce during the great Depression, raised over two million dollars in a matter of days. Polio was eliminated 20 years later.

Yes, the future is bright for improving the health of dogs. It can, and will, be even brighter with your support. Thank you.

Alexander Fraser Draper

The Board of Directors of American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended.



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These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluat-

ing the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 and the results of its activities and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Walthall, Drake & Wallace LLP

Certified Public Accountants

February 19, 2001

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2000 and 1999

ASSETS	2000	1999
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1)	\$ 644,253	\$ 639,905
Investments (Notes 1 and 2)	3,516,686	3,151,220
Dividend and interest receivable	15,730	14,463
Contributions receivable	58,242	121,844
Royalty receivable	—	125,000
Prepaid expenses	5,764	5,764
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net (Notes 1 and 3)	42,639	47,405
Charitable remainder annuity trust receivable (Note 1)	69,549	66,799
Contributed property held for resale (Note 1)	—	75,000
Mailing lists, net (Note 1)	23,957	37,934
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,376,820	\$4,285,334
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 48,076	\$ 147,446
Grants payable (Notes 1 and 4)	1,673,995	1,718,215
Amount due to broker	31,031	—
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,753,062	1,865,661
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted (Note 1)	702,533	823,071
Temporarily restricted (Notes 1 and 5)	878,394	556,064
Permanently restricted (Note 1)	1,042,831	1,040,538
TOTAL NET ASSETS	2,623,758	2,419,673
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 \$4,376,820	 \$4,285,334

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Year Ended December 31, 2000

		2000		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Contributions	\$ 571,161	\$ 580,036	\$ 2,293	\$1,153,490
Contributions -				
American Kennel Club, Inc. (Note 7)	500,000	—	—	500,000
Membership income	41,763	—	—	41,763
Interest and dividend income	301,741	—	—	301,741
Net unrealized and realized investment gains	(271,760)	—	—	(271,760)
Corporate sponsored events and conferences (Note 7)	115,811	—	—	115,811
Administrative support -				
American Kennel Club, Inc. (Note 7)	508,000	—	—	508,000
Royalty income	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous income	34,356	—	—	34,356
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	257,706	(257,706)	—	—
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	2,058,778	322,330	2,293	2,383,401
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES				
Canine Research and education	1,499,769	—	—	1,499,769
Fund raising	173,845	—	—	173,845
Organizational development	187,216	—	—	187,216
General and administrative	318,486	—	—	318,486
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	2,179,316	—	—	2,179,316
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(120,538)	322,330	2,293	204,085
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	823,071	556,064	1,040,538	2,419,673
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 702,533	\$ 878,394	\$1,042,831	\$2,623,758

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Year Ended December 31, 1999

		1999		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Contributions	\$ 387,117	\$ 397,904	\$ 4,975	\$ 789,996
Contributions -				
American Kennel Club, Inc. (Note 8)	500,000	—	—	500,000
Membership income	54,778	—	—	54,778
Interest and dividend income	200,236	—	—	200,236
Net unrealized and realized investment gains	130,072	—	—	130,072
Corporate sponsored events and conferences (Note 8)	205,483	—	—	205,483
Administrative support -				
American Kennel Club, Inc. (Note 8)	564,900	—	—	564,900
Royalty income	125,000	—	—	125,000
Miscellaneous income	23,198	—	—	23,198
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	348,200	(348,200)	—	—
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	2,538,984	49,704	4,975	2,593,663
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES				
Canine Research and education	1,574,940	—	—	1,574,940
Fund raising	221,509	—	—	221,509
Organizational development	181,846	—	—	181,846
General and administrative	403,756	—	—	403,756
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	2,382,051	—	—	2,382,051
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	156,933	49,704	4,975	211,612
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	666,138	506,360	1,035,563	2,208,061
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 823,071	\$ 556,064	\$1,040,538	\$2,419,673

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STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year Ended December 31, 2000

	2000				
	Canine Research and Education	Fund Raising	Organizational Development	General and Administrative	Total Expenses
Grants	\$1,187,216	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$1,187,216
Payroll and related expenses	176,034	62,852	44,450	86,300	369,636
Professional fees	37,800	500	2,558	76,100	116,958
Travel	36,880	6,057	4,325	10,813	58,075
Meetings	7,193	139	622	3,067	11,021
Conferences	24,181	—	35,059	—	59,240
Printing, telephone, postage and office	23,911	38,698	36,377	21,058	120,044
Equipment rental and repairs	4,711	475	779	11,391	17,356
Insurance	—	—	—	6,357	6,357
Rent and utilities	—	—	—	46,474	46,474
Marketing and advertising	—	11,950	20,420	25,601	57,971
Website design and expense	—	—	8,555	—	8,555
Membership expenses	—	13,860	22,601	4,357	40,818
Depreciation and amortization	—	12,990	6,989	10,146	30,125
Miscellaneous	1,843	26,324	4,481	16,822	49,470
TOTAL	\$1,499,769	\$173,845	\$187,216	\$318,486	\$2,179,316

STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year Ended December 31, 1999

	Canine Research and Education	Fund Raising	Organizational Development	1999 General and Administrative	Total Expenses
Grants	\$1,340,130	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$1,340,130
Payroll and related expenses	60,744	74,197	23,255	138,745	296,941
Professional fees	22,880	212	10,954	119,143	153,189
Travel	9,208	5,339	22,010	13,381	49,938
Meetings	695	25	84	5,706	6,510
Conferences	115,185	—	57,012	—	172,197
Printing, telephone, postage and office	25,131	46,670	22,188	29,327	123,316
Equipment rental and repairs	967	339	339	10,512	12,157
Insurance	—	—	—	4,908	4,908
Rent and utilities	—	—	—	34,683	34,683
Marketing and advertising	—	12,791	24,588	20,451	57,830
Website design and expense	—	—	15,150	—	15,150
Membership expenses	—	58,160	3,885	2,739	64,784
Depreciation and amortization	—	8,748	1,250	9,100	19,098
Miscellaneous	—	15,028	1,131	15,061	31,220
TOTAL	\$1,574,940	\$221,509	\$181,846	\$403,756	\$2,382,051

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended December 31, 2000 and 1999

Increase in net assets	\$ 204,085	\$ 211,612
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	30,125	19,098
Non-cash contribution of securities	(21,245)	(11,136)
Non-cash contribution of property	—	(75,000)
Non-cash contribution of mailing lists	—	(41,930)
Net unrealized and realized investment gains (losses)	271,760	(130,072)
Gain from sale of contributed property held for resale	(3,522)	—
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Dividend and interest receivable	(1,267)	(3,838)
Contributions receivable	63,602	75,263
Royalty receivable	125,000	(125,000)
Prepaid expenses	—	(5,764)
Accounts payable	(99,370)	83,772
Grants payable	(44,260)	28,096
Charitable remainder annuity trust receivable	(2,750)	(12,440)
Amount due to broker	31,031	—
Total adjustments	349,104	(198,951)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	553,189	12,661
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments	(2,913,334)	(6,287,678)
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,297,353	6,605,019
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(11,382)	(10,844)
Proceeds from disposition of contributed property held for resale	78,522	—
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(548,841)	306,497
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	4,348	319,158
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING	639,905	320,747
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - ENDING	\$ 644,253	\$ 639,905

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Cash paid during the year:

Interest	\$ —	\$ —
Income taxes	\$ —	\$ —

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2000 and 1999

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation"), established February 21, 1995, is a not-for-profit organization (exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) formed for the purpose of furthering the advancement of knowledge of canine diseases and health care by clinical study, laboratory research and publication.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

ESTIMATES

In preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Foundation places its cash and cash equivalents with high-credit quality institutions. At times these balances may be in excess of the FDIC insurance limit. Cash and investments in money market funds and shares of registered investment companies are uninsured.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Foundation considers demand deposits and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased as cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the Statements of Cash Flows.

INVESTMENTS

Investments in mutual funds, commercial paper, and marketable equity securities, and U.S. government obligations are stated at fair market value with both realized and unrealized gains and losses recognized in the Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Foundation recognizes contributions received, including all unconditional promises to give, as revenues in the period received at their fair values. Contributions receivable reflected on the Statements of Financial Position are expected to be received within one year. The Foundation considers contributions receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation computed on the straight-line method. Depreciation is based upon the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation charged to expense was \$16,148 and \$15,102 in 2000 and 1999, respectively.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER ANNUITY TRUST

The Foundation is a beneficiary under a charitable remainder annuity trust agreement under which the donor is entitled to annuity payments for the remainder of his life. Upon the donor's death, the assets in the trust will revert to the Foundation. The Foundation has reflected a receivable in the amount of \$69,549 and \$66,799 at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively, in its Statements of Financial Position, representing the present value of the future benefits to be received by the Foundation.

CONTRIBUTED PROPERTY HELD FOR RESALE

Contributed property held for resale is recorded at its fair value at the date of contribution.

MAILING LISTS

Mailing lists, representing in-kind contributions to the Foundation, are recorded at their fair value at the date of contribution. Amortization is being calculated on the straight-line method over three years. Amortization charged to expense was \$13,977 and \$3,996 in 2000 and 1999, respectively.

GRANTS

Unconditional single or multi-year grants are considered incurred and charged to expense at the time of approval by the Board of Directors. Any grant cancellations approved by the Board of Directors are recognized at the time of approval.

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted net assets include contributions and investment income that will be used to fund canine research and educational programs designated by the Board of Directors. Temporarily restricted net assets are those whose use has been limited by donors to a specific time period or purpose. Permanently restricted net assets have been restricted by donors to be maintained by the Foundation in perpetuity. Investment income from permanently restricted net assets is unrestricted.

ADVERTISING COSTS

The cost of advertising is expensed as incurred.

MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES

All costs related to acquiring new members are expensed as incurred.

FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statements of Activities and the Statements of Functional Expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefitted.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year classifications.

NOTE 2 INVESTMENTS

Investments in mutual funds, commercial paper, marketable equity securities and U.S. government obligations with readily determinable fair values are reported at their fair values in the Statements of Financial Position.

Investments are comprised of the following:

	2000	1999
Mutual funds	\$2,275,033	\$2,279,986
Commercial paper	99,098	50,000
Marketable equity securities	183,765	11,344
U.S. government obligations	928,085	809,890
Other	30,705	—
	\$3,516,686	\$3,151,220

NOTE 3 FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture, fixtures and equipment consisted of the following :

	2000	1999
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 95,272	\$ 83,890
Less accumulated depreciation	52,633	36,485
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net	\$ 42,639	\$ 47,405

NOTE 4 GRANTS PAYABLE

Grants payable are scheduled to be disbursed as follows:

	2001	1999
		\$1,583,606
	2002	90,349
Total		\$1,673,955

NOTE 5 TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

	2000	1999
Specific canine research	\$ 808,845	\$ 489,265
Annuity trust agreement (for future periods)	69,549	66,799
Total temporarily restricted net assets	\$ 878,394	\$ 556,064

Temporarily restricted net assets were released for research related to the study of specific diseases.

NOTE 6 LEASES

The Foundation leases office space under an operating lease agreement which expires in May 2004. The Foundation also leases certain office equipment under an operating lease agreement which expires in September 2004. Rent expense under these operating leases totaled \$38,645 in 2000 and \$29,689 in 1999.

The minimum future rents payable for these operating leases are:

	2001	1999
		\$ 38,645
	2002	38,645
	2003	38,645
	2004	18,146
Total		\$134,081

NOTE 7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The American Kennel Club, Inc. ("the Club") contributed funds to be used for canine research, educational programs and administrative support totaling \$1,008,000 and \$1,064,900 for 2000 and 1999, respectively. Contributions totaled \$500,000 for both 2000 and 1999, while administrative support provided was \$508,000 in 2000 and \$564,900 in 1999. The Club also contributed \$50,000 for the National Parent Club Conference in 1999. The Foundation's employees are covered under the Club's medical and pension plans as a related organization. The defined benefit pension plan, administered by the Club, is currently overfunded and therefore no pension expense is recorded in the accompanying Statements of Activities.

SPECIAL THANKS

The AKC Canine Health Foundation would like to acknowledge the support and dedication of those who attended various fundraising events throughout 2000. When people come together for a cause such as canine health, the small contributions of many make a definite difference and greatly further the mission of the Foundation. We appreciate the individuals whose presence enhanced our events, and whose enthusiasm helped to make each one a success. This special thanks goes to everyone who has sat down to a dinner, taken to the dance floor, held up a hand for an auction item, bought a raffle ticket, or engaged in conversation with another guest to talk about the dogs we love.





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