

Fuel the Light of Discovery.

Because one spark can change everything.

Dear Friend,

If you've ever loved a dog, you know that unmistakable spark — that look in their eyes that brightens every day, that quiet companionship that makes life fuller and more joyful.

For 30 years, the AKC Canine Health Foundation — fueled by you, our donors and friends — has carried that same spark into something even greater: a mission that unites compassion and science to create a world where all dogs live longer, healthier lives.

When CHF was founded in 1995, *Toy Story* had just premiered, floppy disks cluttered our desks, and the Labrador Retriever had only recently claimed the title of America's most popular breed. The canine genome had yet to be mapped, leaving genetic testing for inherited diseases a seemingly distant dream.

**Because of caring donors like you, that dream became discovery.
And discovery led to life-changing progress.**

Through your generosity — as a donor, supporter, and champion of canine health — you've helped make possible a world where dogs live longer and are healthier than ever before.

Together, we've funded more than 1,200 studies in cancer, genetics, neurology, and aging — each one a spark lighting the way toward a brighter future for the dogs who give us so much.

Consider **Willow**, a Great Pyrenees whose story shines as proof of what your support makes possible. When Willow was born, it became apparent that she did not grow like her littermates, a sign of dwarfism that comes with health concerns and left breeders heartbroken.



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Thanks to CHF-funded research, scientists identified the genetic mutation responsible and developed a test to detect it. Affected adult dogs can face lifelong health challenges, which makes this progress especially meaningful. Now, this once-troubling condition has been nearly eliminated from the breed, a powerful example of how donor support leads to healthier generations of dogs.

Donate TODAY and Become the Spark that Fuels What's Next!

Your gift fuels the science that saves lives.

Or **Cooper**, a four-year-old Gordon Setter and one of the rare survivors of canine dysautonomia, an aggressive, poorly understood neurological disease that tragically claims the lives of most affected dogs. When Cooper fell ill, his owner, Trish Fenwick, refused to give up, hand-feeding and caring for him around the clock. Against all odds, Cooper survived. Today, CHF-supported researchers are unraveling the mystery of this heartbreaking disease, offering hope for progress.



**That's what your light — your support — does.
It transforms heartbreak into health, and compassion into discovery.**

And tomorrow, there's even more to uncover. CHF researchers are exploring new frontiers in areas like cancer genomics, immunotherapies, liquid biopsy, and translational medicine — advances that will help prevent cancer, manage chronic disease, and unlock the secrets of longevity and wellness in dogs.

As we celebrate 30 years of progress, I invite you to fuel the next spark of discovery by supporting CHF at this milestone.

Your year-end gift to the AKC Canine Health Foundation ensures that every breakthrough, from treating cancer to preventing disease, brings more birthdays, more tail wags, and more time shared with the dogs we love. Because while times may change, the bond between people and their dogs is timeless.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary journey.

Your compassion lights the path forward — thanks to you, more dogs live healthier, happier lives, one wag at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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