

A HISTORY OF



A review of the AKC Canine Health Foundation's milestones and achievements over the past 25 years.

2020

- CHF celebrates its **25th anniversary** and launches the **"It's About Time"** endowment campaign.
- Surpasses **1,000th awarded grant**.
- CHF board member Sue Copeland wins Dog Writer's Association of America award for **'Best Magazine Article - Training or Behavior.'**

2019

- CHF awards over **\$2.9 million** for **48 new research grants**.
- Total grants and programs funding awarded since 1995 surpasses **\$52 million** for **978 research grants and canine health projects**.
- CHF-funded research surpasses **794 peer-reviewed publications cited more than 31,000 times** demonstrating their impact on canine health.
- **Dr. Anita Oberbauer** receives the [Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award](#).

2018

- CHF launches the [Hemangiosarcoma Research Initiative](#).
- Surpasses **\$50 million** in total grants and programs funding.

2017

- CHF launches the [Epilepsy Research Initiative](#).
- **Dr. Ed Breitschwerdt** receives the [Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award](#).

2016

- CHF launches the [Tick-Borne Disease Research Initiative](#).
- CHF collaborates with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and Theriogenology Foundation (TF) for the [AKC/AKCCHF/TF Small Animal Theriogenology Residency Program](#).
- CHF is one of the original collaborators for the NIH [Comparative Brain Tumor Consortium](#), benefitting dogs and people with brain cancer.
- **J. Charles Garvin, MD, FACS** named Chairman of the Board of Directors.

2015

- CHF wins Dog Writer's Association of America award for **'Best Podcast.'**
- **Dr. Douglas Thamm** receives the [Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award](#).

2014

- CHF-funded infectious disease research leads to the development of [key recommendations to prevent and control infectious disease transmission among dogs at group settings](#).
- CHF wins Dog Writer's Association of America awards for **'Best Single Photo'** and **'Best Podcast.'**

2013

- CHF launches the [Bloat Initiative](#).
- CHF wins Dog Writer's Association of America award for **'Best Website.'**
- **Mary O. Smith, BVM&S, PhD, DACVIM** named Chair of the [Scientific Review Committee](#).
- **Dr. Kathryn Meurs** receives the [Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award](#).
- **A. Duane Butherus, PhD** named Chairman of the Board of Directors.

2012

- CHF launches the [Canine Athlete Initiative](#) and the [Clinician-Scientist Fellowship Program](#).
- CHF wins Dog Writer's Association of America awards for **'Best Canine Newsletter'** and **'Best Health/Care Article in Canine Newsletters.'**



2011

- The first annual **Canines & Cocktails** gala is held in conjunction with the AKC National Championship in Orlando, FL.
- CHF launches its quarterly **Health Liaisons Newsletter** providing updates to breed clubs.
- **Dr. Jaime Modiano** receives the [Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award](#).
- **Lee Arnold** named Chairman of the Board of Directors.

2010

- The Purina Event Center at Purina Farms opens, and Purina offers **engraved brick pavers** at the site to raise funds for CHF programs.

2009

- CHF programs growth warrants use of online grants management system.
- **Genome Barks** podcast series launched.
- **Dr. Mark Oyama** receives the [Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award](#).

2008

- CHF-funded research leads to the development of a genetic test for **Exercise-Induced Collapse in Labrador Retrievers**.
- Surpasses **\$25 million** in total grants and programs funding.
- **Cindy Vogels** named Chairman of the Board of Directors.

2007

- CHF is one of the original collaborators to launch the **Canine Comparative Oncology & Genomics Consortium**, a repository of tissues from tumor bearing dogs at NIH, providing a critical resource for canine cancer research.
- CHF-funded research leads to the development of a genetic test for **Fanconi Syndrome in Basenjis**.
- **Dr. Matthew Breen** receives the [Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award](#).

2006

- CHF-funded research leads to the development of a genetic test for **copper toxicosis in Bedlington Terriers**.
- **Wayne E. Ferguson** named President of the Board of Directors.

2005

- **Dr. Elaine Ostrander** receives the first [Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award](#) at the National Parent Club Canine Health Conference.

2004

- In honor of its 10th Anniversary in 2005, CHF launches the **"Double the Dollars for Dogs Endowment Challenge."** The American Kennel Club contributes \$500,000 plus an additional \$500,000 to match other donations. The Foundation raised more than \$1.6 million in endowment funds to help support future canine health research efforts.

2003

- CHF moves from Aurora, OH to the AKC Operations Center in Raleigh, NC.
- The **Acorn Grants** program is started to provide seed money for smaller-scale pilot studies.
- The **Purina Parent Club Partnership Program** is started with more than 100 participating clubs, resulting in a \$42,000 donation to CHF.
- The first annual **Gala by the Bay** is held in association with the AKC National Championship in Long Beach, CA.
- **John A. Stuebaker** named President of the Board of Directors.

2002

- CHF launches the **Canine Cancer Initiative**.
- Surpasses **\$10 million** in total grants and programs funding.

2001

- CHF hosts the first **Genes, Dogs & Cancer Conference**.
- CHF starts the **Search & Rescue Dog Health Fund**, awarding \$400,000 to the University of Pennsylvania and The Animal Medical Center to [study the health of search and rescue dogs](#) deployed at the World Trade Center and Pentagon following the terrorist attacks of 9/11.
- **"A Night to Remember"** gala is held in Orlando, FL as CHF's annual fundraiser and celebration.
- **Howard Falberg** named President of the Board of Directors.



2000

- CHF-funded research uncovers the mode of inheritance for [Addison's Disease in Bearded Collies](#).
- CHF-funded research leads to a genetic test for [Progressive Retinal Atrophy in Siberian Huskies](#).

1999

- CHF collaborates with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) to launch the [Canine Health Information Center](#) (CHIC), a resource for breeders and owners of purebred dogs to research and maintain information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds.
- Surpasses **\$5 million** in total grants and programs funding.

1998

- CHF-funded researchers discover genetic mutations responsible for [cystinuria in Newfoundlands](#), [stationary night blindness in Briards](#), and [von Willebrand Disease](#) in several breeds.
- CHF website is launched.

1997

- CHF spearheads research funding at the Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center leading to the first [genetic linkage map of the canine genome](#). Results are published and presented at the first biennial **AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference**, sponsored by Purina.

1996

- CHF awards its first **canine health grants**: 13 research grants and 2 educational grants.

1995

- February 21 – The **AKC Canine Health Foundation** is founded and earns 501(c)(3) status.
- The American Kennel Club provides \$1 million for the Foundation's endowment and \$600,000 for program support.
- Mission, goals, and bylaws are drafted.
- The Board of Directors is established with **Dr. Robert J. Hritz** as the first Board President.

