

AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2011



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# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR & CEO

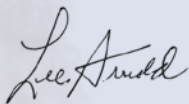
The AKC Canine Health Foundation is advancing the health of all dogs and their owners. This statement is never truer than today. The purebred dog is being recognized as the superior research model for understanding the prevention, treatment and cure of both canine and human disease. This growing research paradigm is known internationally as 'One Health.' Simply put, 'One Health' is an initiative to improve animal and human health globally through collaboration between veterinarians, physicians, osteopaths, dentists, nurses and other scientific-health professionals. This comparative medicine relational component between man's best friend and man is opening up a world of additional support for canine health research. This realization of the benefits canine health research brings to the global understanding of disease is leading to many success stories for advancing the health of all dogs.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation establishes its research funding criteria through surveying the concerns expressed from the parent clubs that are strong supporters of our program of work. We seek to fund grant applications that address the issues identified as important research areas of our breed clubs, recognizing proposals that improve the health of all dogs.

Disseminating current information on what we are doing is a top priority. We are pleased that the 2011 launch of 'e-Barks', the e-mail newsletter of the AKC Canine Health Foundation, has had rave reviews from a broad spectrum of our supporters. This provides a wonderful opportunity to increase communications with all of you, keeping you up-to-date on the many ways we are advancing our mission.

Throughout the year, the Foundation carries out its fundraising efforts. We thank all of you for responding in so many generous ways. We especially thank our major alliances the American Kennel Club, Nestlé Purina PetCare Company, and Pfizer Animal Health for their continual support. We are pleased that our audited financial statements demonstrate that we are positive stewards of the money that has been entrusted to us reflecting an increase in grant and program funding.

The work of the Foundation could not be accomplished without the many volunteer hours of the Board of Directors, the Grant Committee, and the peer reviewers. To all of our supporters and contributors we say 'THANK YOU' for helping us in 16 brief years to have dedicated more than \$33.2 million to canine health research projects and education programs.



**Lee Arnold**  
*Chairman of the Board*



**Terry T. Warren**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

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# MISSION

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 sound scientific research and supporting the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease.

## GOALS

Within this mission, the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation has three primary goals:

### **FUND RESEARCH:**

To fund canine health research projects to the Foundation's capacity which address the diversity of canine health concerns that may have comparative medicine benefits for humans.

### **ADVANCE RESEARCH:**

To select and monitor, through a rigorous process, research projects that meet high scientific standards and have the greatest potential for advancing the health of dogs.

### **COMMUNICATE**

**RESEARCH:** To communicate to breeders, handlers, veterinarians, researchers, and all pet owners funded discoveries that help prevent, treat, and cure canine diseases.



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# ALLIANCES

“The most promising aspects of canine cancer research is the demonstration that dog breeds give us enormous power for finding genes that have proven difficult to find in humans.”

CHF-Funded Researcher  
Dr. Elaine Ostrander  
National Institute of Health



## American Kennel Club

The American Kennel Club (AKC) founded the AKC Canine Health Foundation in 1995 and has been a dedicated supporter of the CHF mission over the past 16 years. The AKC's ongoing commitment provides generous direct financial support for canine health research, making a significant impact on furthering the health of all dogs. In addition, the AKC donates office space and other in-kind services to help keep operating expenses low. The AKC's continual support has allowed CHF to grow its canine health research program of work, ensuring this generation, and future generations of dogs live longer, healthier lives.



## Nestlé Purina Petcare Company

Nestlé Purina is a steadfast supporter of CHF, providing a generous annual gift to strengthen the mission of CHF. Additionally, the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program raised more than \$227,257 for AKC Canine Health Donor Advised Funds in 2011. Most recently, Nestlé Purina extended their commitment to CHF's mission through the engraved brick pavers at the Purina Event Center. These brick pavers not only serve as an avenue to raise funds for canine health, but as a way to honor any titled dog, other pet, person, kennel, or any national or local breed club.



## Pfizer Animal Health

As the biopharmaceutical partner with CHF, Pfizer Animal Health focuses on both basic and applied research initiatives, as well as sharing leadership and scientific expertise. Pfizer Animal Health is committed to supporting veterinarians through training and education, research and development, and investing in the future of the veterinary profession. We thank Pfizer Animal Health for their important financial commitment and their continued commitment to canine health.



# FUND RESEARCH



## CHF Funds Study that Discovers Gene Mutation in Tibetan Terriers Found in Human Disorder Related to Parkinson's

University of Missouri researchers believe both man and animal will benefit from their discovery that the same gene mutation found in Tibetan Terrier dogs can also be found in a fatal human neurological disorder related to Parkinson's disease.

The disease in Tibetan Terriers is called adult-onset neuronal ceroid-lipofuscinosis (NCL). Within the dogs' cells in the brain and eye, material that should be "recycled" builds up and interferes with nerve cell function. Due to this buildup, around the age of five years old, the dog begins to exhibit dementia, impaired visual behavior, loss of coordination, and shows unwarranted aggression.

While there are many forms of NCL in humans, the symptoms of NCL are similar in people and dogs, and the disease is ultimately fatal for both. Utilizing the canine genome map and DNA samples from dogs diagnosed with NCL, the researchers were able to pinpoint the specific gene that causes NCL. The mutation they discovered in dogs, however, causes a hereditary form of Parkinson's disease in humans. This suggests that the recycling that goes awry in NCL may also be involved in degenerative diseases like Parkinson's.

To read more about the CHF-funded research at the University of Missouri, visit [www.akcchf.org/successstories](http://www.akcchf.org/successstories) ►

**FUND RESEARCH:** The AKC Canine Health Foundation funds canine health research to address the diversity of canine health concerns that may have comparative medicine benefits for humans.

■ **CHF and Golden Retriever Foundation Partner to Fight Cancer**

In September, CHF and the Golden Retriever Foundation (GRF) announced a joint effort to equally fund up to \$1 million in canine cancer research by 2013. The foundations are partnering to solicit, review, and ultimately select one canine cancer research project focusing on golden retrievers and potentially benefitting the health of all dogs.

■ **2011 Charity Cocktail Party**

A highlight of the events at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show is CHF's annual Charity Cocktail Party at the Affinia Manhattan Hotel. Hosted by Dr. and Mrs. William Truesdale, this elegant and successful fundraising event features delicious food, beautiful music, and brings together many dedicated supporters of CHF.

■ **Purina Event Center Walk of Champions and Path of Honor**

Thanks to the generosity of Nestlé Purina, we can remember any titled dog, other pet, person, kennel, or any national or local breed club and help support the important work of CHF-funded researchers by purchasing a brick paver. The Walk of Champions and Path of Honor are beginning to fill in. Visit this beautiful facility and see your sponsored brick.

■ **Canines & Cocktails**



The inaugural Canines & Cocktails took place in December at the Rosen Centre Hotel in conjunction with the AKC Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Florida. This event was a huge success and was well attended by individuals who support the purebred dog as the ideal research model for canine and human health. We are grateful to our corporate sponsor, The Canine Chronicle; our host sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Denman, Ms. Pam Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sosnoff, Ms. Torie Steele, and Dr. and Mrs. William Truesdale; and to Kevin and Darla Brooks of BB Unlimited for their donation of a beautiful piece of jewelry for our raffle.

■ **Donor Advised Funds**

Donor Advised Funds (DAF) are an integral part of our fundraising portfolio. Supported by parent clubs and individual members, DAFs sponsored more than \$600,000 in grant research in 2011 in fields such as oncology, cardiology, and immunology.



# ADVANCE RESEARCH

## CHF Funds University of PA School of Veterinary Medicine 9/11 Medical Surveillance Study

The Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon have left lasting impacts on the American population. While many human rescuers are showing respiratory health problems a decade later, their canine colleagues have had minimal setbacks, according to an AKC Canine Health Foundation-funded 9/11 study at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine led by Dr. Cindy Otto.

With nearly \$500,000 of financial support from the AKC Canine Health Foundation, this 9/11 Medical Surveillance study, monitored the long-term health impacts on 95 search-and-rescue dogs deployed to the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Staten Island landfills. Researchers also compared their health to a control group of non-deployed search-and-rescue dogs.

Because acute and chronic respiratory disease is highly similar between dogs and humans, future research could center on learning why the search-and-rescue dogs were able to endure the challenging conditions with minimal respiratory complications.

To read more about the CHF-funded research of Dr. Otto, visit [www.akcchf.org/successstories](http://www.akcchf.org/successstories) ►



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■ **ACORN and OAK Grants**

**ACORN Grants:** Smaller research grants up to the amount of \$12,960 that are submitted, reviewed, and approved on a revolving monthly basis.

**OAK Grants:** Traditional grants that are submitted, reviewed, and approved on an annual cycle.

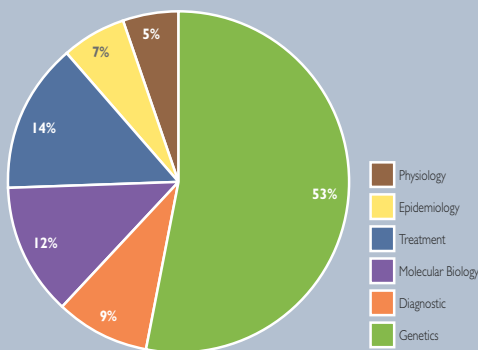
CHF supports research that will improve the health and lives of all dogs. We achieve this by awarding grants to scientists and professionals in research that concern the origins of canine disease, diagnosis of canine diseases, developments of effective treatments, and the identification of disease prevention strategies. Our established grants review process is rigorous and stringent. Applications are not only reviewed by our

Grants Committee, but also are subjected to reviews by experts in the application's field of study. We go to great lengths to make certain that funded research is of the highest quality and thereby ensure that the results are significant and add to the body of research. Because of the similarities between humans and canines, research funded by CHF often provides information for discoveries in human diseases, as well.

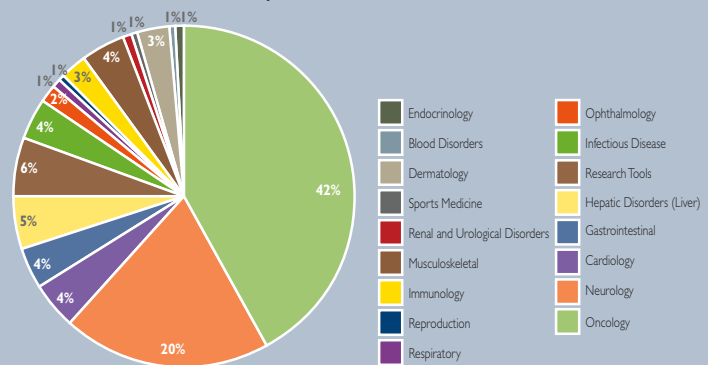
With your generous support, CHF funded 23 ACORN grants and 21 OAK grants to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease. The 44 grants awarded in 2011 totaled more than \$1.8 million and helped researchers study canine disease in fields such as cardiology, endocrinology, and oncology.

HIGHLIGHTS IN ADVANCE RESEARCH

Active Grant Distribution by Research Area



Active Grant Distribution by Disease Area



## HIGHLIGHTS IN ADVANCE RESEARCH

■ **Measuring Research Productivity**

While the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the researchers we fund, and the donors who generously support our mission have the desire to “solve” canine health problems, the complexity of many canine diseases makes it impossible to hit a homerun in a single project. Rather, the success or failure of biomedical research is measured by the contribution of a given project to the greater understanding of the disease under study. One tangible measurement of this contribution is through peer-reviewed publication of study results. Peer-reviewed publications are accessible to all researchers in the field, and each paper becomes the next stepping stone on the path to solving the problem and finding a cure.

In 2011 CHF-funded researchers published 32 articles in widely-read journals, such as *Plos One* and *Bone*, and in veterinary-specific journals such as the *Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine*, which reaches experts in canine health. Overall, we have contributed to 102 peer-reviewed publications that have been cited a total of 448 times in subsequent



studies. These publications and citations of our funded work affirm that we are significantly contributing to the knowledge-base of canine health.

■ **Supporting The Next Generation of Researchers**

The Robert L. Kelly Memorial Scholarship is named in honor of one of CHF's founding directors. It is presented annually to students pursuing dual degrees in veterinary medicine and research. The 2011 recipients were Katherine Megquier of the Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and Rebecca Csomos, PhD of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Both recipients demonstrate exceptional academic skills and an interest in advancing the health of all dogs through their research pursuits.

■ **Research Highlights****01694-A University of Pennsylvania**

*Progression of “Silent” Degenerative Mitral Valve Disease in Norfolk Terriers*

Cardiology/Mitral Valve Disease \$12,555.00

Dr. Mark A. Oyama, DVM

In Dr. Oyama's previous research he identified a subgroup of apparently healthy Norfolk terriers with echocardiographic evidence of degenerative mitral valve disease (DMVD), but without a heart murmur. These cases of “silent” DMVD might represent an important finding insofar as the current recommendation for screening is based on the absence or presence of a murmur. If echocardiographic changes can be detected prior to the onset of a murmur, changes to the screening protocols for Norfolks and other breeds might be helpful.

**01584 Western University of Health Sciences**  
*Conformation in Cranial Cruciate Ligament Deficiency in Dogs*

Musculoskeletal \$34,000.00

Dr. Dominique J. Griffon, DVM PhD

A torn ligament in the knee, known as cranial cruciate ligament deficiency (CCLD), is the leading cause of lameness affecting the knees of large breed dogs. The research conducted by Dr. Dominique Griffon of Western University of Health Sciences focuses on ways to identify individual dogs that are susceptible to this problem and, ultimately, prevent CCLD.

**01594 University of Iowa***Genetic Analysis of Familial Glaucoma in the Basset Hound*

Ophthalmology/Glaucoma \$87,480.00

Dr. Markus H. Kuehn, Ph.D.

Primary angle closure glaucoma (PACG) appears to be inherited in an autosomal recessive manner in the Basset Hound and therefore can be passed along undetected for many generations in trait carriers. To address this issue, Dr. Kuehn intends to map and identify the disease gene, or a marker closely associated with it, in order to provide breeders with a tool to detect carrier dogs.

**01615 University of Minnesota***Identification of Idiopathic Epilepsy Genes in Australian Shepherds*

Neurology/Epilepsy \$106,289.00

Dr. Ned E. Patterson, DVM PhD

In this ongoing study, Dr. Patterson plans to sequence a newly recognized small chromosomal area to identify the gene that is causing or contributing to Idiopathic Epilepsy (IE) in Australian Shepherds. The goal of this research is to develop a DNA based genetic test. An IE genetic test would greatly assist breeding programs to identify affected puppies, and aid veterinarians in diagnosis and possibly treatment of affected dogs.

**01701-A University of Missouri, Columbia**  
*Opioid Immunomodulation*

Immunology \$12,960.00

Dr. Amy Elizabeth DeClue, DVM, MS

Opioids are often used to treat pain in dogs, including during the post-operative period when dogs are at high risk for infection. Research in other species suggests these drugs can directly modulate the immune system resulting in either stimulation or suppression of immune function. Because the postoperative infection rate in dogs has been reported as high as 27%, Dr. DeClue will evaluate the effects of three of the most commonly used opioids and monitor any impacts on immune function.

**01689-A Louisiana State University***Investigation of a C-Kit Inhibitor (Palladia) as a Radiosensitizing Agent in Canine Mast Cell Tumor Cells In Vitro*

Oncology/Mast Cell \$12,921.54

Dr. Keijiro Shiomitsu, D.V.M.

Mast cell tumors are known to express the C-kit (also known as CD117), a well known Tyrosine kinase receptor that regulates cell survival, cell proliferation, and differentiation. Tyrosine kinase inhibitors have been reported to be radiosensitizers in humans. In this study, Dr. Shiomitsu will determine whether Palladia, an inhibitor of the tyrosine kinase receptor c-kit, can enhance the radiosensitivity of canine mast cell tumor cells in vitro, making them more sensitive to radiation and thus improve local tumor control.

To read more about the CHF-funded research of these and other scientists, visit [www.akchf.org/research/funded-research](http://www.akchf.org/research/funded-research) ►



# COMMUNICATE RESEARCH

## CHF Provides Information and Resources to Pet Owners, Veterinarians, and Researchers

CHF is committed to communicating information on research discoveries, health information, and genetic tests to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease. Through events like the biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference and our Breeder's Symposia, to our e-Barks, health liaison, and Discoveries newsletters, to our Genome Barks Podcasts and website, CHF provides up-to-date information to parent clubs, breeders, and dog enthusiasts throughout the world.

To learn more about CHF's outreach, log on to our  
website [www.akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org) ►

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■ **Breeder's Symposium**

Breeder's Symposia were held at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine in June and at the University of Texas at Arlington in November. Co-sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the American Kennel Club, Breeder's Symposia are targeted for novice and expert breeders alike, as well as canine health enthusiasts. The Breeder's Symposia is an ideal venue to learn about sound breeding practices and the advances in genetic health tests that lead to healthier dogs. In 2011 more than 150 people attended Breeder's Symposia learning about breakthroughs in canine health from the most respected researchers in the field.

■ **2011 National Parent Club Canine Health Conference**

In August more than 260 participants came together in Gray Summit, Missouri at the Purina Event Center for the biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference. Sponsored by Nestlé Purina, participants heard the latest information on canine cancer research from leading scientists in the field and learned that to date, CHF has provided over \$8.2 million for more than 165 cancer research grants.

■ **President's Award**

Each year CHF recognizes an individual, club, or organization that demonstrates excellence in advancing the health of purebred dogs. The 2011 President's Award was presented to Terence Block, President of Nestlé Purina PetCare's North American Pet Food Division, who recently retired. Mr. Block has been a tireless champion of canine health, from his work at Purina in the development and launch of their Purina One and Purina Pro Plan brands to the establishment of the multi-year, multi-million dollar alliance between Nestlé Purina PetCare and the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Most recently, Mr. Block was instrumental in bringing about the state-of-the-art Purina Event Center.

■ **Celebrity Public Service Announcement**

Chairman Lee Arnold unveiled a new celebrity Public Service Announcement to promote the mission of CHF. Many thanks to Willie Nelson and Lee Arnold for making this happen for the Foundation.

■ **Veterinary Campaign**

In July postcards were mailed to veterinary practices across the country with information about the work of the Foundation. This public awareness campaign helped CHF establish a partnership with veterinarians and veterinary practices in order to provide information on canine health and the research funded by CHF.



“The highly collaborative nature of the community of scientists, veterinarians, and dog fanciers allows us to use discoveries from other colleagues (often before publication) to guide our research, and to be nimble in our application and use of funding from agencies such as the AKC Canine Health Foundation to attack areas of high priority.”

**CHF-Funded Researcher Dr. Jaime F. Modiano, University of Minnesota**

■ **Canine of the Year**

Our Canine of the Year on-line contest was a huge success! Dozens of dog-lovers entered their canines and the winner, GCH. Tiffany's Baby Athena, was chosen by voters on Facebook. Marc Darren and Laura Hilton received a beautiful custom oil painting of Athena donated by artist John R. Havrilla.

■ **e-Barks Newsletter**

In January CHF launched the e-Barks newsletter. e-Barks is distributed via email six times per year and contains information on the latest advancements in canine health, research success stories, and upcoming CHF events.

■ **Health Liaison e-Newsletter and Yahoo! Group**

In September CHF launched the Health Liaison e-Newsletter. The quarterly publication is distributed via email and contains information about our newest grants, the reports CHF can generate for Parent Clubs, and upcoming events. Liaisons were also invited to join a new Yahoo! Group. Members share information relating to the NPCCHC materials, current grants, and research updates.

# 2011 FINANCIALS

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Years ending December 31, 2011 and 2010

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,280,690	\$ 3,394,107
Investments	6,846,802	7,072,450
Contributions receivable	22,600	68,274
Other receivables	3,908	2,409
Prepaid expenses	66,617	18,109
Fixed assets, net	<u>92,958</u>	<u>49,770</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,313,575</u>	<u>\$ 10,605,119</u>
 <b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 69,607	\$ 119,877
Grants payable	<u>3,033,749</u>	<u>2,840,266</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,103,356</u>	<u>2,960,143</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	1,980,393	1,110,122
Temporarily restricted	3,229,418	3,534,446
Permanently restricted	<u>3,000,408</u>	<u>3,000,408</u>
Total net assets	<u>8,210,219</u>	<u>7,644,976</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 11,313,575</u>	<u>\$ 10,605,119</u>

The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc. complete audited financial statements by KPMG are available online at [www.akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org).

## SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Years ending December 31, 2011 and 2010

<b>Revenues and other support:</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Contributions	\$ 1,783,112	\$ 1,680,675
Contributions—American Kennel Club, Inc.	500,000	500,000
Contributions—Nestle Purina	1,021,498	1,061,945
Contributions—Pfizer Animal Health	250,000	250,000
Interest and dividend income	112,810	58,437
Net unrealized and realized investment gains (losses)	(286,675)	604,582
Corporate sponsored events and conferences	247,605	139,570
In-kind donations	171,083	165,053
Miscellaneous income	<u>36,354</u>	<u>43,465</u>
Total revenues and other support	<u>\$ 3,835,787</u>	<u>\$ 4,503,727</u>
 <b>Expenses:</b>		
Canine research and education	2,523,782	2,105,680
Fundraising	401,737	380,472
General and administrative	<u>345,025</u>	<u>347,420</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$3,270,544</u>	<u>\$2,833,572</u>
Increase in net assets	565,243	1,670,155
Net assets – beginning of year	<u>7,644,976</u>	<u>5,974,821</u>
Net assets – ending of year	<u>\$ 8,210,219</u>	<u>\$ 7,644,976</u>

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The Honor Roll of Donors recognizes contributions made between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Space prohibits us from listing all donors; however 2011 donors over \$100 are listed on our website at [www.akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org).

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