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# Letter *from the president*



Greetings,

In my role as Acting President of the AKC Canine Health Foundation, it is my pleasure to present the 2007 Annual Report of the AKC Canine Health Foundation. While 2007 brought changes to the Foundation, it also marked a year of success and growth.

AKC CHF continues its role as the premier funder of canine health research worldwide. In 2007, Christine Haakenson, Ph.D. joined our staff as Director of Research Program Development. Dr. Haakenson brings to the Foundation a solid scientific background as well as field experience in the drug industry, and her innovative ideas have already greatly streamlined the Grants process. This year saw the launch of the Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium (CCOGC), a joint project with the Morris Animal Foundation. Governed by many of the field's leading researchers and backed by the National Cancer Institute, the CCOGC has already created seven specialized tissue collection centers for cancer research.

In addition to funding research, AKC CHF hosted many exciting educational experiences including Breeders' Symposia co-presented with the American Kennel Club, and the biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference graciously supported by the Breeder/Enthusiasts Group of the Nestlé Purina PetCare Company.

I am proud to report that once again the AKC Canine Health Foundation has been awarded the coveted 4-Star rating by Charity Navigator, an independent evaluating agency. Considered the leading rating system in the industry, their rankings are based upon organizational efficiency and organizational capacity.

AKC CHF maintains nearly 250 donor advised funds representing 200 breeds. These funds are restricted for research use only. We maintain fiscal responsibility for their investment and also provide guidance for their use for approved projects.

Once again, the Gala by the Bay, our annual major fund-raiser was a huge success. We had over 600 attendees and raised a record-breaking \$83,000. We are now planning the 2008 Gala which promises to be better than ever.

In late breaking news, the AKC CHF welcomes our new Executive Director, Terry T. Warren, Ph.D., J.D. Dr. Warren brings a diverse background combining non-profit administration and fund-raising experience. We are excited and honored to have a director of Dr. Warren's stature and look forward to working with her bringing the Foundation to new heights.

We are grateful for the generous sponsorship of the American Kennel Club and the Breeder / Enthusiast Group of Nestlé Purina PetCare Company, and we sincerely appreciate all the individuals and clubs who have supported us in 2007. Finally, my personal thanks to the AKC CHF Board of Directors. As of March 2008, I have the privilege of serving as President of this excellent organization.

Looking ahead, I would like to emphasize our commitment to the health and well-being of all dogs as we spread our mission globally. In 2008, we will strive to garner the support of all dog lovers throughout the world.

Sincerely,

  
Cindy Vogels  
President



# Board of Directors 2007



From left to right

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# 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.



## AKC Canine Health Foundation's Goals

The AKC Canine Health Foundation will achieve the following goals:

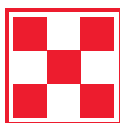
- To help dogs live longer, healthier lives.
- To respect the dedication and interest of dog clubs, breeders and owners in health and continuously seek ways to involve them in the work of the Foundation.
- To identify health issues of concern to dog breeders and owners.
- To identify and sponsor research 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 purpose, and to invest these funds for both growth of principal and income adequate to advance the Foundation's purpose.





**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB<sup>SM</sup>**

In addition to their generous financial support, the American Kennel Club donates office space and services. This in-kind donation allows CHF to keep our operating expenses low and apply a greater percentage of donations directly to canine health research.



**PURINA<sup>®</sup>**

## The Breeder / Enthusiast Group of Nestlé Purina PetCare Company

In 2007, 164 clubs participated in the Nestlé Purina Parent Club Partnership Program. By sending in weight circles from Purina packages, members of the Purina Pro Club raised over \$304,000 for their breed's health studies. Nestlé Purina presented a check to AKC CHF at the Purina Invitational Ball during the International Kennel Club of Chicago show weekend.

Christine Haakenson, PhD, Director

The AKC Canine Health Foundation is the only organization in the world focusing solely on canine health research. We support scientists and professionals in research that concerns the origins of canine illness, diagnosis of canine diseases, development of effective treatments and the identification of disease prevention strategies. We work to raise the awareness and funds necessary to support non-invasive, innovative health research that helps dogs and their owners live longer and healthier lives. We have allocated more than \$21 million to over 450 canine health research projects which will benefit all dogs.

The Foundation's grant process is distinctive in that it gathers information about canine health priorities from our AKC Parent Club Health Liaisons. We listen to the concerns of the dog owners and encourage our investigators to submit applications to the Foundation based on this closely monitored feedback. The unique alliance with the Parent Clubs also allows us to work together to fund the research and improve the health of the entire canine species.

Our 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 guarantee that funded research is of the highest quality and thereby ensure that the results are significant and add to the body of research which will benefit canines and ultimately humans.

More information about past and currently funded grants can be found on our searchable website at [www.akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org) or you may obtain a copy of the AKC Canine Health Foundation Grants Booklet by contacting the Foundation at 888-682-9696.

## Three Prong Approach

The AKC Canine Health Foundation evaluates its research focus over time to reflect the changes in research technology and the changes in canine health needs. In 2007, we began channeling our research into three major areas that will have a maximum impact on the lives of dogs and their owners. For a particular health concern, we search for research projects that will address each of these areas; Prevention, Treatment, and Cure.

## Grants Funded

Throughout 2007, the Grants Department furthered the mission of the Foundation by supporting canine research by actively reviewing applications and funding projects.

- A total of 40 new ACORN grants were approved totaling \$410,000
- Research began on 19 OAK grants totaling \$2,200,000
- 21 new OAK grants were approved to begin in 2008 worth another \$2,200,000
- 40 research institutions received CHF funds to further canine health

## Areas of Research

In 2007, the Parent Clubs listed the following as their top ten health concerns:

- |                      |                    |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) Lymphoma          | 4) Hemangiosarcoma | 8) Progressive Retinal Atrophy |
| 2A) Hypothyroidism   | 5) Epilepsy        | 9) Cardiomyopathy              |
| 2B) Hip Dysplasia    | 6) Cataracts       |                                |
| 3) Addison's Disease | 7) Allergies       |                                |

Topics being studied by AKC CHF funded researchers are:

- |                 |                       |                        |                         |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Cardiology    | • Kidney Disorders    | • Ophthalmology        | • Respiratory Disorders |
| • Dermatology   | • Metabolic Disorders | • Orthopedic Disorders | • Theriogenology        |
| • Endocrinology | • Neurology           | • Nutrition            |                         |
| • Immunology    | • Oncology            | • Renal Disorders      |                         |

Most of the top requested concerns are being studied through grants for both basic and clinical research from the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

## New Genetic Discoveries

### DNA Test Available for PRA in English Springer Spaniels

Dr. Cathryn Mellersh of England's Animal Health Trust identified a mutation that is a major risk factor for development of Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) in English Springer Spaniels (ESS). Using the mutation discovered by Dr. Mellersh, with funding from the Foundation, Dr. Xuhua Chen, from Dr. Gary Johnson's Animal Molecular Genetics Laboratory at the University of Missouri-Columbia, developed a DNA test for this mutation. This gives ESS breeders a new tool to help reduce the incidence of PRA. More information can be found at [www.caninegeneticdiseases.net](http://www.caninegeneticdiseases.net).

### DNA Test Available for Fanconi Syndrome in Basenjis

Dr. Gary Johnson of the University of Missouri has developed a linked marker DNA test as part of an ongoing research project to identify the cause of Fanconi syndrome and to eventually eradicate the disease by marker-assisted selective breeding. Work continues to find the precise genetic cause of Fanconi syndrome. More information about the Fanconi syndrome linked marker test can be found at [www.caninephenome.org](http://www.caninephenome.org).

### DNA Test Available for Coat Color

Drs. Shelia Schmutz and T. G. Berryere from the University of Saskatchewan used ACORN funding from the AKC Canine Health Foundation to help identify seven genes which cause specific coat colors, and – as a result – many genetic tests have been developed for Briards, English Setters, Miniature Schnauzers, and Pug Dogs. The identification of these alleles has provided information on interactions in this complex set of genes involved in both pigmentation and neurological development. The tests are offered by HealthGene in Toronto.

### Genetic Links May Soon Be Identified

In 2007, there were over 75 studies still actively searching for genetic links for canine diseases, many of which are very close to announcing discoveries. The diseases under investigation include, but are not limited to, cancer (osteosarcoma, lymphoma, hemangiosarcoma, soft tissue sarcoma, transitional cell carcinoma), dilated cardiomyopathy, Addison's disease, encephalitis, ceroid lipofuscinosis, hip dysplasia, lens luxation, glaucoma, male infertility, epilepsy, hyperparathyroidism, diabetes mellitus, exercised-induced collapse, and degenerative myelopathy.



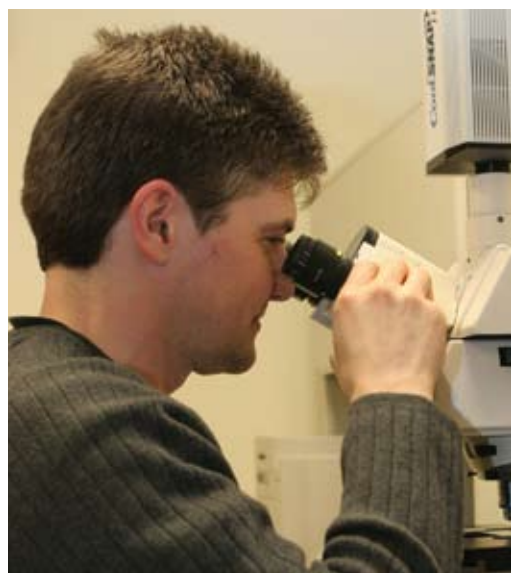




## Global Involvement

The AKC Canine Health Foundation supports research projects throughout the world. In 2007, grants approved were represented by six countries; Argentina, Canada, France, Germany, United Kingdom, and United States.

## Asa Mays, DVM, Excellence in Canine Health Research Award



Dr. Matthew Breen

Matthew Breen, PhD, was awarded the Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award at the biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference held in October. The award, in honor of longtime breeder, veterinarian, and AKC Canine Health Foundation Board member Dr. Asa Mays, recognizes researchers who have made significant contributions to canine health research. Dr. Breen's work at North Carolina State University focuses on genomics, genome mapping and comparative aspects of canine cancer – including the crossover between canine and human cancer research. Dr. Breen played a key role in mapping the canine genome and is now investigating the molecular cytogenetic evaluation of canine tumors. Dr. Breen is a founding member and serves on the Board of Directors of the Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium, Inc. (CCOGC), a national organization that gathers tumor tissues for canine and human cancer research.

## Stem Cell Research

In January, the Foundation began its first stem cell research project with Dr. Richard Vulliet at the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. This study is to conduct safety trials using adult stem cells in canine patients suffering from degenerating diseases including degenerative myelopathy (DM). DM, similar to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and multiple sclerosis in humans, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that causes dogs to lose muscle strength in their rear legs, gradually paralyzing them completely. Although German Shepherd Dogs are most commonly affected, DM is also seen in Boxers, Welsh Corgis, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Irish Setters, Old English Sheepdogs, and mixed breed pets.

Later during the year, the Foundation approved a second research project using stem cells. Susan Volk, VMD, PhD from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine will characterize mesenchymal stem cells for tissue regeneration in dogs.



## CCOGC

The Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium and the Pfizer Biospecimen Repository continued to populate its tissue repository in 2007, obtaining 91 specimens (melanoma, lymphoma and osteosarcoma) from its three collection sites. This program, housed at the National Cancer Institute and sponsored by both the AKC Canine Health Foundation and Morris Animal Foundation, was created to develop strategic partnerships and collaborations to advance the causes and treatments of cancer in dogs. These strategies could also have implications for finding new treatments for children and adults with cancer. In 2007, the Foundation was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Laura J. Niles Foundation to benefit this program.



# C H I C

## The Canine Health Information Center

The Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) is a centralized database jointly sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). CHIC encourages the testing, recording, and evaluation of information to build health awareness. Since the program began in 2001, more than 42,000 dogs have been entered into the database.

CHIC has continued to expand. CHIC's DNA bank contains more than 4,000 samples, and three applications for samples were approved in 2007:

- Drs. Cheryl London (The Ohio State University) and Kirsten Linblad-Toh (MIT's Broad Institute) for Golden Retriever Mast Cell Tumor Study
- New approved sample request from Drs. Joan Coates (University of Missouri, Columbia) and Kirsten Linblad-Toh (MIT's Broad Institute) for Boxer/Corgi Degenerative Myelopathy study.
- Sample request in process for Dr. Danika Bannasch (University of California, Davis) for Hyperuricosuria in Parson Russell Terriers

The objectives of the CHIC program are:

- To work with Parent Clubs to identify issues that would benefit from a centralized health information system.
- To establish and maintain a centralized databank to support research into canine disease and provide feedback to owners and breeders.
- To establish scientifically valid diagnostic criteria for the gathering of information destined to be part of the database.

Basic to the CHIC philosophy is the understanding that each breed has different health concerns. Each Parent Club helps develop specific screening protocols for its particular breed.

CHIC operates as an informed-consent database. All information regarding test results remains confidential unless the owner specifically authorizes release into the public domain. All test information entered into the database is available in aggregate form for research and statistical reporting purposes. CHIC, OFA and the Foundation websites make aggregate and public information easily accessible via the Internet. The CHIC website, [www.caninehealthinfo.org](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org), contains basic information on the CHIC program and maintains a listing of participating breeds and approved test protocols for each breed. The website has been designed to integrate seamlessly with the OFA website at [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org).

Erika Werne, MIM, Director



## Education

### Breeders' Symposia

In conjunction with the American Kennel Club, the CHF continued its program of breeder education by presenting and/or sponsoring nine Breeders' Symposia in 2007. This is the third year that these programs have been offered by AKC and the Foundation. Often hosted by the local veterinary school, these programs provide breeders with information on canine genetics, reproduction, vaccination protocols and other topics of interest, as well as the opportunity to network with local specialists and other breeders.

### NPCCHC

The 7th Biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference, sponsored by the Breeder/Enthusiast Group of the Nestlé Purina PetCare Company, was held in October in St. Louis. This conference brought together researchers, veterinarians and breeders to discuss advances in canine veterinary medicine and genetic research. The keynote speaker, Rick Vulliet, DVM, PhD, of the University of California, Davis, spoke on cytotherapeutics in veterinary medicine and discussed the viability of stem cell research and therapy development for canine disease. Copies of the proceedings are available on our website, [www.akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org).

### Comparative Medicine Conference in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

This conference brought together investigators from both the veterinary and human research communities to determine how comparable Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis is between canines and humans, and whether researchers on each side can benefit from the other side's work and potentially work on joint or common research projects.

### Robert L. Kelly Scholarship

The inaugural scholarship was presented to April Boll, a student at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. April is already an accomplished young researcher having worked with purebred dog DNA samples in studies related to glaucoma and inflammatory bowel disease. Named for longtime Director and Founder, Robert L. Kelly, the scholarship is intended to encourage research and young investigators as they pursue dual degrees in veterinary medicine and research.



## Communications

### Veterinary Outreach

AKC Canine Health Foundation continued its outreach to the veterinary community by having a booth at seven conferences in 2007. At these conferences, we provide veterinarians information about the mission and goals of the Foundation as well as recent research advances, available genetic tests and investigators looking for participation in research.

- North American Veterinary Conference, Orlando, FL
- Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA), Raleigh, NC
- American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Seattle, WA
- American Veterinary Medical Association, Washington, DC
- Central Veterinary Conference, Kansas City, MO
- European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Budapest, Hungary
- International Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Symposium, New Orleans, LA

### Club Relations

#### Presentations at National Specialties

Presentations on the AKC Canine Health Foundation were made at three National Specialties in 2007: Bernese Mountain Dog, Lowchen, and German Shepherd Dog. These presentations included updates on current research to benefit the breed, as well as how clubs can get more involved in breed-specific research.

#### President's Council

The volunteer President's Council made numerous presentations and staffed booths at over fifty dog shows across the country to spread the mission of the Foundation.

#### President's Award

The Golden Retriever Club of America and the Golden Retriever Foundation received the organization's President's Award for their steadfast support and enthusiasm in the fight against canine disease. This honor is awarded to individuals, clubs, and organizations who demonstrate "excellence in advancing the health of purebred dogs" and recognizes cumulative monetary donations and contributions to raising awareness toward health related issues.



Accepting on behalf of the Golden Retriever Club and the Golden Retriever Foundation were presidents Dianne Barnes and David Kinghorn, respectively. The award was presented by Foundation President Cindy Vogels at the annual **2007 Gala by the Bay** held in Long Beach, California.

Howard Falberg and Cindy Vogels, Foundation Board of Directors, Dianne Barnes, President, Golden Retriever Club and David Kinghorn, President, Golden Retriever Foundation

## Fundraising

- Our signature fundraising event, the **2007 Gala by the Bay**, raised over \$83,000 to support canine health initiatives.
- Two cocktail parties during the Westminster Dog Show weekend, one hosted by The Canine Chronicle, Brown-Forman Beverages, Royal Canin and Isle of Dogs and one hosted by Ruth Pereira and Donald Fontenelli, raised over \$47,000 to benefit the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

Dr. William Truesdale, CHF Board of Directors



Steve Remspecher,  
CHF Board of Directors



- Ron Scott partnered with photographer Miguel Betancourt and *The Canine Chronicle* to create the first “**Living Art Calendar**” benefiting the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The calendar will raise over \$65,000 for canine health research in 2008.
- A new **online donation system** was launched giving donors a new way to make fast, secure donations, including honor and memorial gifts.



- Six new **Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)** were established by groups or individuals seeking to make a significant impact on a specific area of canine health research.
  - The Dr. P.K. St. John Donor Advised Fund was established by Mary and Peter Hayes in memory of long time French Bulldog fancier and renowned veterinarian, Dr. P.K. St. John. Donations to this fund will be directed to French Bulldog health research.
  - The Australian Terrier Health Challenge DAF was established by Pamela Levy in honor of handler Gabriel Rangal. Ms. Levy was able to leverage gifts to this Donor Advised Fund by matching contributions from other Australian Terrier fanciers.
  - The Marcia Polimer Abrams Fund for Canine Behavior Studies was established by Darlene Arden to honor her mother’s memory. Ms. Arden hopes the fund will help find answers to canine behavior issues and maybe even make progress in treating dementia in both dogs and humans.
  - Additionally, the Matilda Fund was set up to benefit Dachshund health, and funds were created for the Havana Silk Dog and Brachycephalic breeds.



## Winner of AKC Pet Healthcare Plan Shows Double Generosity

Katreena Haley's association with the AKC Canine Health Foundation illustrates a dedication to man's best friend along with heartwarming good will. It began when a friend of Katreena's made a memorial gift to AKC CHF in remembrance of Katreena's beloved German Shepherd Dog, Shadow.



Marina

A few years later, Katreena had a chance to return the favor when she made an unrestricted donation to AKC CHF in memory of a friend's dog, Marina, who had succumbed to cancer. Cancer is the leading cause of natural deaths among dogs, and since its inception AKC CHF has allocated over \$5 million supporting over 80 cancer research projects.

"I like to 'pay it forward,' like the movie said - when someone shows me a kindness, I want to return the favor to the next person who may be suffering," says Katreena. Little did she know that she would have the opportunity to give back once again.

As this year's Annual Fund winner of an AKC Pet Healthcare Plan, Katreena decided to donate the year's worth of accident and illness coverage she won to a family adopting a dog from a local rescue group.

The plan was donated as an incentive for contributors to AKC CHF's Annual Fund by PetPartners, Inc., the exclusive provider of AKC's Pet Healthcare Plan. It represents savings of \$250 in premium costs for the owners of the adopted dog. More importantly, the plan also covers up to \$11,000 per year (\$1500 per incident) of costs associated with unexpected accidents or illnesses. For more details on the AKC Pet Healthcare Plan, visit [www.akcphp.com](http://www.akcphp.com) or call 1-866-725-2747.





l e t t e r f r o m t h e  
*Executive Director and  
General Counsel*

On June 1, 2008, I began serving as the new Executive Director and General Counsel of the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

Administratively, we have a very able staff to continue the work of the Foundation. Erica Kitchen has been promoted to Acting Development Director. With the outstanding support of our Board and broader constituency, we look forward to growth in Development. This growth will enable us to further our mission of finding answers to the many health issues facing all dogs. Erika Werne's position has a new title, Director of Education, Communications and Club Relations. This change emphasizes, as well as clarifies, her important role as the promoter of all the outstanding work being done by the Foundation. Dr. Christine Haakenson, Director of Research Program Development is celebrating her one year anniversary with the Foundation. Her professionalism has brought the Foundation to a new level of scientific credibility. Of course, all that we do could not be accomplished without the administrative assistance of Betty Moore, Rita Gardner and student Brittany Lloyd.

Financially, RSM McGladrey, the contract accounting firm that has assisted the Foundation's transitioning from QuickBooks to the more sophisticated financial software known as Financial Edge, has completed this project for the Foundation. We are now in the process of identifying a qualified financial manager. Lunsford & Strickland, P.A. has done a thorough job of the Foundation's audit.

Cindy Vogels, President of the Foundation, and the Board of Directors have provided outstanding leadership. With this support we have brought 2007 to a successful close. Thank you. Together, we shall continue the momentum of positive governance and financial responsibility.



Terry T. Warren, Ph.D., J.D.  
Executive Director and General Counsel

# l e t t e r   f r o m   t h e *Treasurer*

As the newly elected Treasurer of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, I look forward to working closely with the organization's Board of Directors and staff to enhance the Foundation's prospective financial position. We're pleased to report some recent positive developments in this regard:

- A Finance Committee of the Board of Directors has been established to proactively provide enhanced oversight of the Foundation's finances. The Audit Committee has greater participation and a greater voice.
- A more sophisticated approach has been implemented in redesigning a broadly diversified investment portfolio with the goal of improving our long term investment returns while seeking to preserve the safety of our capital.
- A national accounting firm has been engaged to temporarily assume responsibility for handling some of the Foundation's more routine accounting tasks. This will enable the Foundation's staff to focus their attention on other important matters. As part of this process, we have taken steps to further strengthen our system of internal controls and improve operating efficiencies. A search for our own full-time accountant is underway.

We believe that these steps are essential in establishing an enhanced infrastructure for the Foundation.

With the shared goals of reducing canine disease and improving canine health, we will work closely with our constituents – the specialty clubs and others who have created donor-advised funds; the all-breed clubs who have donated the critically important unrestricted funds; our major corporate sponsors, the American Kennel Club and Nestlé Purina PetCare; and all the dedicated individuals who have trusted us with their many dollars. We intend to make every effort to continue to deserve that trust.

If you or your clubs have any questions or concerns about the Foundation, please feel free to contact me or any of the officers. We look forward to hearing from you.



J. Charles Garvin, M.D.  
Treasurer, AKC Canine Health Foundation

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*Auditors' Report*



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, 2007 and 2006 and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. 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 audit.

We conducted our audit 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 evaluating 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, 2007 and 2006 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.

*Lunsford & Strickland, P.A.*

Raleigh, North Carolina

June 30, 2008



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*of Financial Position*  
**December 31, 2007 & 2006**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b> (as Restated)
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1)	\$ 1,036,473	\$ 863,720
Investments (Notes 1 and 2)	8,834,431	8,561,622
Dividends and interest receivable	44,059	14,979
Contributions receivable (Note 1)	613,179	187,628
Other receivables	9,538	7,112
Prepaid Expenses	12,032	—
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$117,696 and \$91,029, at Dec. 31, 2007 and 2006 (Note 1)	58,489	81,609
Charitable remainder annuity trust receivable (Note 1)	—	88,598
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 10,608,201</b>	<b>\$ 9,805,268</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 233,351	\$ 105,578
Grants payable (Notes 1 and 3)	3,200,816	3,162,597
Line of credit (Note 4)	445,702	131,623
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,879,869</b>	<b>3,399,798</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted (Note 1)		
Operating	77,444	626,381
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>77,444</b>	<b>626,381</b>
Temporarily restricted (Notes 1 and 5)	3,770,543	3,020,608
Permanently restricted (Note 1)	2,880,345	2,758,481
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>6,728,332</b>	<b>6,405,470</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 10,608,201</b>	<b>\$ 9,805,268</b>

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

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*of Activities and Changes  
in Net Assets*

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2007**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>				
Contributions	\$ 398,299	\$ 602,222	\$ 21,864	\$ 1,022,385
Contributions - American Kennel Club, Inc. (Notes 1 and 7)	1,750,000	—	—	1,750,000
Contributions - Nestlé Purina	734,543	263,582	—	998,125
Contributions - Planned Giving	—	—	100,000	100,000
Interest and dividend income	274,361	98,932	—	373,293
Net unrealized and realized investment income	114,930	115,148	—	230,078
Corporate sponsored events and conferences	269,758	—	—	269,758
In-kind donation - (Notes 7 and 9)	273,405	—	—	273,405
Symposia (American Kennel Club, Inc.)	38,281	—	—	38,281
Miscellaneous income	14,858	—	—	14,858
<b>NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS</b>				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	329,949	(329,949)	—	—
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>4,198,384</b>	<b>749,935</b>	<b>121,864</b>	<b>5,070,183</b>
<b>FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</b>				
Canine research and education	3,721,248	—	—	3,721,248
Fundraising	412,751	—	—	412,751
General and administrative	613,322	—	—	613,322
<b>TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,747,321</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,747,321</b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(548,937)</b>	<b>749,935</b>	<b>121,864</b>	<b>322,862</b>
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING</b>	<b>626,381</b>	<b>3,020,608</b>	<b>2,758,481</b>	<b>6,405,470</b>
<b>NET ASSETS - ENDING</b>	<b>\$77,444</b>	<b>\$3,770,543</b>	<b>\$2,880,345</b>	<b>\$6,728,332</b>

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*of Activities and Changes  
in Net Assets*

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2006**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>				
Contributions	\$ 237,354	\$ 890,099	\$ 46,409	\$ 1,173,862
Contributions - American Kennel Club, Inc. (Notes 1 and 7)	1,000,000	—	—	1,000,000
Contributions - Nestlé Purina	800,000	242,112	—	1,042,112
Contributions - Planned Giving	—	—	—	—
Interest and dividend income	346,538	3,502	—	350,040
Net unrealized and realized investment income	760,260	—	—	760,260
Corporate sponsored events and conferences	271,928	—	—	271,928
In-kind donation - (Notes 7 and 9)	141,534	—	—	141,534
Symposia (American Kennel Club, Inc.)	67,657	—	—	67,657
Miscellaneous income	10,987	—	—	10,987
<b>NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS</b>				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	706,988	(706,988)	—	—
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>4,343,246</b>	<b>428,725</b>	<b>46,409</b>	<b>4,818,381</b>
<b>FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</b>				
Canine research and education	2,782,287	—	—	2,782,287
Fundraising	376,763	—	—	376,763
General and administrative	488,462	—	—	488,462
<b>TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,647,512</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,647,512</b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>695,735</b>	<b>428,725</b>	<b>46,409</b>	<b>1,170,869</b>
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING</b>	<b>(69,354)</b>	<b>2,591,883</b>	<b>2,712,072</b>	<b>5,234,601</b>
<b>NET ASSETS - ENDING</b>	<b>\$626,381</b>	<b>\$3,020,608</b>	<b>\$2,758,481</b>	<b>\$6,405,470</b>

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*of Functional Expenses*  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2007**

	<b>Canine Research and Education</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>General and Administrative</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
Grants (Note 1)	\$ 2,678,212	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,678,212
Payroll and related expenses	349,445	142,225	69,944	561,614
Professional fees	43,448	3,363	339,504	386,314
Travel	28,215	37,874	19,180	85,269
Educational programs	294,581	—	—	294,581
Conferences, events, and meetings	45,581	91,199	8,347	145,128
Printing and publications	12,126	5,755	8,576	26,457
Telephone	1,936	1,054	1,108	4,098
Postage and shipping	5,185	3,628	1,882	10,695
Supplies	13,700	6,332	5,060	25,091
Equipment rental and repairs	5,354	5,175	1,361	11,890
Marketing and advertising	41,055	44,873	35,689	121,617
Dues and subscriptions	5,501	2,539	385	8,426
Training and education	2,901	1,733	3,404	8,039
New development	—	5,588	3,433	9,020
Insurance	3,484	1,659	(1,337)	3,805
Depreciation	—	—	33,089	33,089
In-kind donation				
Office space and services (AKC)	124,800	59,426	23,722	207,948
Program support (corporate donor)	65,457	—	—	65,457
Interest	—	—	41,622	41,622
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	—	—	1,610	1,610
Miscellaneous	267	328	16,743	17,339
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,721,248</b>	<b>\$ 412,751</b>	<b>\$ 613,322</b>	<b>\$ 4,747,321</b>

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*of Functional Expenses*  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2006**

	<b>Canine Research and Education</b>	<b>Fund Raising</b>	<b>General and Administrative</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
Grants (Note 1)	\$ 2,047,535	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,047,535
Payroll and related expenses	265,188	84,201	114,377	463,766
Professional fees	15,476	9,081	137,061	161,618
Travel	23,498	27,129	11,281	61,909
Educational programs	253,758	—	—	253,758
Conferences, events, and meetings	44,871	163,966	25,980	234,817
Printing and publications	11,517	25,155	26,107	62,779
Telephone	1,093	870	1,686	3,649
Postage and shipping	3,610	6,905	2,156	12,671
Supplies	7,107	2,448	1,670	11,225
Equipment rental and repairs	2,480	2,480	3,170	8,131
Marketing and advertising	17,946	18,309	25,046	61,300
Dues and subscriptions	5,417	1,913	407	7,737
Training and education	—	1,391	960	2,351
New development	—	2,645	5,120	7,765
Insurance	746	746	10,772	12,264
Depreciation	—	—	31,271	31,271
In-kind donation				
Office space and services (AKC)	81,184	27,684	32,666	141,534
Program support (corporate donor)	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	31,118	31,118
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	—	—	8,245	8,245
Miscellaneous	861	1,840	19,368	22,069
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,782,287</b>	<b>\$ 376,763</b>	<b>\$ 488,462</b>	<b>\$ 3,647,512</b>

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*of Cash Flows*  
December 31, 2007 & 2006

<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Increase in net assets	\$ 322,862	\$ 1,170,869
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	33,089	31,271
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,610	8,245
Net unrealized and realized investment gains	(230,078)	(760,260)
Non-cash contribution of securities	(11,664)	(21,763)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Dividends and interest receivable	(29,080)	682
Contributions receivable	(425,551)	(78,428)
Other receivables	(2,426)	(7,112)
Prepaid expenses	(12,032)	—
Accounts payable	127,773	9,362
Grants payable	38,219	264,236
Charitable remainder annuity trust receivable	88,598	(3,502)
Deferred contribution income	—	(16,904)
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b>(421,542)</b>	<b>(574,173)</b>
<b>NET CASH (USED IN) PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(98,680)</b>	<b>596,696</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of investments	(8,658,823)	(1,567,406)
Proceeds from sale of investments	8,627,756	1,065,543
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(11,579)	(36,123)
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(42,646)</b>	<b>(537,986)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Release of board designated reserves	—	250,000
Proceeds from line of credit	870,079	906,626
Payments on line of credit	(556,000)	(1,013,816)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>314,079</b>	<b>142,810</b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>172,753</b>	<b>201,520</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING</b>	<b>863,720</b>	<b>662,200</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 1,036,473</b>	<b>\$ 863,720</b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ 38,921	\$ 31,118

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

# Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2007 and 2006

## 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, 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. Conditional promises to give are recognized as revenues when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Temporarily restricted support is recorded as unrestricted support if the restriction is met in the same period as the support is received.

The Board of Directors has predicated funding for certain grants on receiving a stipulated amount of donor support. Pledges received on these grants are considered conditional pledges and are not included in revenue until the required donor support level has been obtained. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, there were no conditional pledges made on grants not meeting the required donor support level. Cash contributions received on these grants are shown on the Statements of Financial Position as deferred contribution income.

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE AND ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS

Contributions receivable reflected on the Statements of Financial Position are expected to be received within one year. Contributions receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to operations and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to contributions receivable. The Foundation considers all contributions receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required as of December 31, 2007 and 2006.

### FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT

Purchased property and equipment are carried at cost and consist

primarily of furniture, fixtures and equipment. Donated property and equipment are carried at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. Depreciation charged to operations was \$33,089 and \$31,271 in 2007 and 2006, 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 have been limited by donors for research grant purposes. 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.

### 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 benefited.

### RECLASSIFICATION

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation including the presentation of functional expenses as shown on the Statements of Functional Expenses. These reclassifications resulted in no change to total assets, liabilities, net assets or change in net assets of the Foundation.

### CHARITABLE REMAINDER ANNUITY

The Foundation was a beneficiary under a charitable remainder annuity trust agreement under which the donor is entitled to annuity payments for the remainder of his life. The assets in the trust reverted to the Foundation upon the donor's death in 2007 and are stated at fair market value for the purposes of these statements.

### NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and expands disclosure requirements about fair value measurements. This Statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, and accordingly does not require any additional fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal periods beginning after November 15, 2007. The Foundation is evaluating the impact of this new pronouncement and currently believes it will not have a material or adverse effect upon the Foundation's reported assets, liabilities, net assets or results of activities.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115* ("SFAS No. 159"). SFAS No. 159 provides companies with an option to measure, at specified election dates, many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value that are not currently measured at fair value. A company that adopts SFAS No. 159 will report unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. SFAS No. 159 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between entities that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. SFAS No. 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. Management does not believe that the adoption of SFAS No. 159 will have a material impact on the Foundation's results of operations or financial condition once adopted.



## 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.

A summary of the Foundation's investments reported at fair value is as follows:

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Mutual funds	\$1,663,001	\$ 6,536,031
Commercial paper	—	911,661
Equities	3,947,600	—
U.S. government obligations	2,164,400	826,852
Certificates of deposit	—	287,078
Corporate Bonds	1,059,430	—
	<b>\$ 8,834,431</b>	<b>\$ 8,561,622</b>

Investment related income was as follows for the years ended December 31:

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Dividend and interest income	\$ 373,293	\$ 350,040
Realized and unrealized gains	230,078	760,260
	<b>\$ 603,371</b>	<b>\$ 1,110,300</b>

## NOTE 3 - GRANTS PAYABLE

Grants payable consist of amounts awarded, but not paid, to canine health researchers. Amounts included in grants payable at December 31, 2007 are scheduled to be disbursed as follows:

2008	\$ 2,260,070
2009	791,056
2010	149,690
	<b>\$ 3,200,816</b>

## NOTE 4 - LINE OF CREDIT

In October 2007, the Foundation paid off the outstanding balance of a commercial bank line of credit. In addition during 2007 a new line of credit was opened with an investment brokerage firm. The new line of credit bears interest at the broker's prime rate (APR 6.7% at December 31, 2007). As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, \$445,700 and \$131,000, respectively, was owed under these lines of credit. Interest expense totaled \$41,622 and \$31,118 for 2007 and 2006, respectively. The outstanding balance under the new line of credit was completely paid in January 2008.

## NOTE 5 - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Specific canine research	\$ 3,770,543	\$ 2,932,010
Annuity trust agreement (for future periods)	—	88,598
	<b>\$ 3,770,543</b>	<b>\$ 3,020,608</b>

Temporarily restricted net assets totaling \$329,949 and \$706,988 were released during the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, to fund canine health research.

## NOTE 6 - BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Board of Directors had approved an executive committee recommendation to establish an operating reserve account in the amount of \$250,000 from unrestricted donor contributions. During 2006, the Board of Directors authorized the use of the operating reserve to pay down the Foundation's line of credit.

## NOTE 7 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During 2007, the American Kennel Club, Inc. ("the Club") contributed \$1,750,000 to the Foundation. During 2006, the Club contributed \$1,000,000 to the Foundation.

The Foundation's offices are located within the Club's operation center in Raleigh, North Carolina. In addition to providing rent-free use of its office space, the Club also provided administrative support services to the Foundation. The total estimated value of these donated items was approximately \$208,000 and \$142,000 in 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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.

## NOTE 8 - CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The Foundation received contributions from a corporate donor totaling approximately \$998,000 and \$1,042,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Also see Note 8 - Related Party Transactions for contributions from the American Kennel Club, Inc.

## NOTE 9 - IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

The Organization received in-kind marketing and public relation services that meet the requirements for revenue and expense recognition in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principals. The 2007 in-kind marketing and public relation services received were valued at approximately \$65,000.

See Note 7 - Related Party Transactions for the in-kind donations received from the American Kennel Club.

## NOTE 10 - CONTINGENCIES

The Foundation had no lawsuits outstanding at the end of 2007. The civil lawsuit filed by a former employee of the Foundation was settled in 2007. This settlement was not material to the Foundation's financial statements.

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In 2007, individual, corporate, and club donors stepped up to the plate in support of \$2.5 million in grants ranging from lymphoma to stem cell research and everything in between. Discoveries continue to astound and amaze us – but stay tuned – with your continued support we will charge on in the fight against canine and human disease!

## Honor Roll of Donors 2007

### DIAMOND BENEFACTOR (\$1,000,000)

#### CORPORATIONS

American Kennel Club  
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### BUILDER (\$100,000 - \$999,999)

#### INDIVIDUALS

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall B. Simonds

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#### CORPORATIONS

Canine Chronicle  
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#### FOUNDATIONS

American Boxer Charitable Foundation, Inc.  
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#### INDIVIDUALS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kusumoto  
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#### CLUBS

Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.

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Australian Shepherd Health and Genetics  
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#### FOUNDATIONS

Alaskan Malamute Research Foundation, Inc.  
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#### CLUBS

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Atlantic States Briard Club  
Australian Cattle Dog Club of America  
Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.  
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#### CORPORATIONS

AKC Companion Animal Recovery  
Fortuna Insurance Services LLC  
Great West Life & Annuity Insurance Company  
Huron Valley Travel

#### FOUNDATIONS

The BTCA Charitable Trust, Inc.  
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American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.  
American Norfolk Terrier Association  
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.  
Battle Creek Kennel Club, Inc.  
Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.  
Bedlington Terrier Club of Greater Chicago  
Bedlington Terrier Wellness and Rescue Association  
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Canada  
Blackhawk Kennel Club, Inc.  
Border Terrier Club of the Redwoods  
Briard Club of America, Inc.  
Catoctin Kennel Club  
Central New Jersey Hound Association  
Cincinnati Kennel Club, Inc.  
Clackamas Kennel Club  
Clearwater Kennel Club  
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia  
Coyote Cluster  
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club  
Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.  
Edwardsville IL Kennel Club  
Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club  
Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.  
Flatirons Kennel Club  
Fun-Tier Kennel Club of Greater Killeen  
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Keeshond Club of Southern California  
Kennel Club of Pasadena  
Lima Kennel Club  
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.  
Missouri Valley Gordon Setter Club  
Newnan Kennel Club  
North Georgia Hound Association  
Norwegian Elkhound Club of The Potomac Valley  
Norwegian Elkhound Minutemen Association, Inc.  
Old English Sheepdog League of Northern California  
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.  
Park Shore Kennel Club, Inc.  
Prairie Standard Schnauzer Club of Central Illinois  
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Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.

Seminole Kennel Club  
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South Central Giant Schnauzer Club  
Syracuse Obedience Training Club  
Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.  
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