It's hard to believe we are already in November. I remember hearing that time goes by faster as we get older and I'm a believer now. I love the cooler weather and looking forward to the holiday season. I'm thrilled that the Martha E. Hoffman CHIC DNA Banking project is up and running. I hope all of you have visited the new website created by Joan Johnson. This month the CHF Board voted to renew the rebates for 2018. The Board welcomed a new Director in October, Gail Currie. Also, our bi-annual election process is starting with the new Officers, Directors and Corporators taking their places at our annual dinner and live auction. Lastly, I'm getting excited about the 2018 Collie Club of America National Specialty in Virginia Beach.

The Martha E. Hoffman CHIC DNA Banking clinic has had a good start. We have had 137 applications turned in with 67 dogs banked so far. I want to urge anyone who has a dog with a health issue to get your Collie banked immediately. This will streamline and shorten the time of all future research. All of the information is on our website.

Speaking of our website, if you haven’t visited it yet, please do. Joan Johnson created a work of art when she designed the new website. I think you will find that the site is easier to navigate than the old one. Joan has trained a website committee to update the site which means it should stay up to date. It gives us the room to publish articles and updates on grants. Mary Hunter will keep the newsletters up to date too. The Store runs much smoother for our Promotions Chair, Chandra Flaim. Don’t forget to shop for holiday gifts at the Store! After next year’s Gathering at Sunnybank, items will be put up on the Store for purchase, so no one will miss out on the Madam’s great premium items. I must thank Mary Hunter and Gail Currie for their help with proofing and updating the website so it could go live. Several others helped so I want to thank everyone who pitched in. A special thanks to people who sent Joan pictures to post on the new site.

I received a resignation letter from our own Les Canavan from the Board. She felt, at this time, she could not be an active participant on the CHF Board. She was kind enough to stay on as Corporator and will always remain an icon at Sunnybank. She hopes to serve on the Board at a future date. Thinking of the
most proactive volunteer we had who was already a Corporator, one name came to mind to fill Les’s term on the Board. Gail Currie has gone above and beyond revamping membership and pitching in to help without anyone asking her on anything that needed doing. The Board unanimously approved Gail to fill the vacant position. Please congratulate her when you see her.

Because of your generous support, the Board has voted to continue the testing rebates for 2018. CHF could not do this without your donations of money, items and remembering us in your will. Thank you.

Ginny White was voted in again as our Election Chairwoman for our 2018 elections. By the time you receive this newsletter the election process will be in full swing. Ginny, working with Mary, Gerrie, and I continue to update our process while staying within our By-Laws. This year anyone wanting to run for Corporator and higher will need to write a short biography and let our members and Corporators know why they want to run and what they are willing to do as a volunteer for CHF.

I hope I’m not the only one feeling excited about Virginia Beach in 2018. Laura LaBounty has picked out a wonderful dinner menu for us. She has received some wonderful donations for the live auction, and with the items we have left from Sacramento, and many other donors, this may be the best auction in years. I’m thrilled that Dr. Leigh Anne Clark from Clemson University will be speaking during the cocktail hour. CHF has asked her to help breeders and owners understand how to interpret the Dermatomyositis Risk Assessment Test results. Dr. Clark will be explaining why there should be concern for the American Collie’s lack of genetic diversity.

Finally, we will need more volunteers than ever in Virginia Beach. CHF will be running an MDR1 Collection Clinic again headed by David Hansen, DVM. For the first time, CHF will be collecting blood samples for the Martha E. Hoffman CHIC DNA Banking Clinic managed by Cindi Bossart, VMD. We will have more information as we get closer. If you are a vet tech or a veterinarian, we will be able to use your help.

I always tell Mary my letter will be short and then once I start it, I have too many things I want to share with you. Please enjoy your holidays with your families, friends, and especially your Collies!

Robette

Attending your Collie club Christmas party this holiday season? Remember the Collie Health Foundation. Check out the new store and find the perfect item for the dog lovers in your life.
OLD FRIENDS, LASTING MEMORIES

The 21st Annual Gathering at Sunnybank, August 19th & 20th, 2017

One weekend each August, the serenity of Terhune Sunnybank Memorial Park in Wayne is interrupted by the boisterous barks and good-natured growls of scores of collies. The hubbub signals “The Gathering” – when collie fans far and wide come to compete, learn, socialize and generally celebrate the breed at the mecca of collieism.

Sunnybank, nestled along the east shore of Pompton Lake, was once the home of author Albert Payson Terhune, and is famous as “The Place” – the setting for his beloved collie stories. Terhune’s house is gone but, thanks to the efforts of fans of the books and fanciers of the dogs, the central 9.6 acres of the estate is part of the Wayne Township Parks Department. Amid centuries-old oaks and pristine views, visitors find “Champion Rock” and other burial grounds for the famous dogs that lived at Sunnybank, as well as a memorial to Terhune. The Terhune magic endures.

The Gathering was first held at Sunnybank in 1997, after an officer of The Collie Health Foundation attended a puppy show on the site. It is an ideal spot because so many collie fans fell in love with the breed after reading Terhune’s books. The event, the foundation’s flagship fund-raiser, has grown from an intimate affair centered around a small circle of folding lawn chairs, to a crowd that fills a field that was once Terhune’s orchard. Upward of 60 dogs, most of them collies that are either American Kennel Club champions, rescue dogs or plain old family pals, will roam the grounds – much as Lad, Terhune’s most famous character, did before them. About 100 “collie people” from all over North America are expected – last year someone traveled from Australia!

Saturday – Sunnybank Day – is packed with lectures and discussions by pre-eminent Terhune experts, tours and perhaps a visit to the Terhune Collection at the Van Riper-Hopper Historic House Museum in town. Sunday, a.k.a. Collie Day, is filled with memorials, matches and competitions.

- Dog Day Afternoons by Christopher Greenberg, Wayne Downtown Magazine, 2004

I could not have created a better introduction for this year’s Gathering of Old Friends and Lasting Memories than Christopher’s 2004 article. The Place doesn’t change. Year after year I enjoy seeing familiar faces—the dedicated Terhune and collie fans that come back again and again to reunite with friends from around the corner or around the country who have become faithful Gathering attendees. Together they share memories from the past and look forward to creating new ones. First-time visitors are welcomed with the same warmth and camaraderie so they can begin to build their own memories.

In keeping with the theme of Old Friends, Lasting Memories, Judy Leathers, President of the Terhune Sunnybank Memorial, shared her “Ever So Special Journey” from her earliest visit to Sunnybank in 1960 to her return with good friend Diane Kapostasy in 1997 to meet Claire Leishman, and many of her soon to be “old friends” Sam & Mary St. Clair, Donna McKoy, Krissy Thomas Marshall, Barb Backer, Howard Ball and Irv Litvag. What a fabulous twenty year journey!

Marilyn Horowitz joined us once again on the dais to bring us “Back to the Beginning”. Marilyn first met Claire Leishman in 1966 and together they worked to find ways to keep The Place and Terhune’s memory alive. Along the way Marilyn ended up in a tangled tale of getting APT’s pistol which was shipped up to JFK Airport from the National Archive Museum in Washington nearly getting arrested. Who knew there were so many papers to sign? The gun is now on display at the Terhune Exhibit at the Van Riper-Hopper Museum in Wayne. In those early years she got to know Claudia Schroeder who maintained detailed research records on the pedigree history of 49 litters of Terhune dogs. Early on Marilyn also met Barb Backer, Howard Ball, Irv Litvag Bill Mastbrook and Dale Hooper. Threads of new beginnings were formed.

A newcomer to the Saturday morning program, but certainly not new to Terhune aficionados, Kathleen Rais MacMurray, provided background on a real “Friend” – Robert Friend. Dr. Terhune, APT’s father first hired Friend in 1888 in Brooklyn, NY. He later left the city to enjoy the Sunnybank countryside, living with his wife and
daughter in the gatehouse and managing the kennels from late 1890’s through 1927. If you know your Terhune stories, you’ll remember that it was Robert Friend who named “Treve”!

Sunnybank theme designer and TSM Archivist, Kathy George, shared with us the contents of "A Sunnybank Memory Box," which contained Terhune's reminiscences of his dogs, his friends' reminiscences of Terhune himself, and Kathy's own cherished Sunnybank memories.

The tear-filled but heartwarming Collie Rescue Parade hosted by Karyn Hahn, Karen Cassel and Shannon Schrier of Collie Rescue of Northern New Jersey, took place later in the afternoon. New host, Ava Hahn introduced the beloved rescue collies as they marched under the tent with their proud owners as well as named many who couldn't make the trip but provided their latest photos to join the parade.

One especially fun event this year was the chance to “Step into Paradise” to have your photo taken with Albert Payson Terhune and Jean, Treve, & Gray Dawn. A life-size cutout of the man himself was set up on the hillside. Famed photographer Ron Sherr captured the special memories. (Check out all the photos on Ron Sherr’s Facebook photo album “Gathering at Sunnybank”.)

A tradition began in 2013 to honor hard-working individuals who do things “just for the collie” when the Collie Health Foundation established the “Noah” Award. Deserving recipients do not seek fame or glory but just go about the business of making things nicer for all of us.

For those of you who don’t know it, Noah, a beautiful rough sable & white dog, is the CHF logo mascot. He also just “made things nicer”. Noah was born with a serious heart defect and was not expected to live. But he fooled everyone by growing up and showing us he had a really big heart. He took it upon himself to leash break all the puppies that came along and teach them how to behave. What better example of CHF’s mission than to have Noah leading the next generation to a healthier life!

The Noah award recognizes this same gentle nature and kindness in us. Earlier recipients are Leigh Cohen, 2011; Les Canavan, 2014; Kathy George, 2015, and Susie DeLorenzo, 2016. This year it gave me great pleasure to award the 2017 Noah to Diane Mierz. Diane has attended practically every Gathering since at least 2006, brought her dogs here to show, celebrated with friends, raised her children Matt & Sara here and through her own unselfishness taught them what it means to give. Always happy in the background, she has worked at the Premium table year after year. She was even content to watch Steve take the spotlight at the dais in 2009 to talk about “The Wonder of It All’. Well, I am in wonder of you! Thank you and congratulations, Diane.
Saturday finished with a fabulous dinner at Portobello’s where friends old and new got to enjoy good food and great company.

Sunday continued the “Old Friends, Lasting Memories” theme with the Lad Veterans Parade. Holding back tears of joy, Nancy McDonald read the names of the fabulous veterans as they entered the center ring while I had the privilege of awarding the ribbons. This was an amazing opportunity to see some truly great dogs! What better tribute to CHF than to recognize the seniors. Thanks to all who entered.

The famous Virtues Match followed with host Les Canavan of Royal Rock guiding judges Mary Benedict of Long Acre, Amy Gau of Rosepoint and Patt Caldwell of Alaric who had the very difficult job of finding the best virtues out of over 100 entries! This is a perfect opportunity for exhibitors and spectators alike to learn the best qualities in good outline, expression, profile, skull, muzzle, front, rear, and side gait.

The Juniors and Lad Memorial Match was judged by Dr. David and Krista Hansen of Camloch who had the delightful job of selecting top dog from an incredible entry from puppies to adults. The Best Veteran winner
received the beautiful sculpture by Zora Mellitz for this year’s special entry. The Lad Match Winner received the Alexander Frasier Draper Memorial Trophy.

The Live Auctions on Saturday and Sunday were a “lively” event and everyone enjoyed the bidding on many amazing Sunnybank collie treasures such as original artwork by Heidi Wirtner, Anne Liveley, handmade crafts, beautiful baskets by Roseann Cynigier, a Carol Phelps Statue donated by Les Canavan in memory of Janet Leek and even a Puppy Play Gym created and donated by Genee Foulkes and Sylvia Gorup. Sincere thanks to all donors and lucky high-bidders.

As you can imagine an event such as this doesn’t just happen. There is an army of volunteers who work very hard to make this entire weekend magical. And, they do so without any expectation of reward. So back in 2007 I looked for a way to recognize and thank them for their hard work and created the “Above & Beyond” award. I’m sure you’ll recognize some of our past recipients many of whom are members of the Collie Club of Northern New Jersey—Elizabeth Smith, Ann & Jim Boles, my dear friend Candy Wisnieski, Linda Raven, Sue, Roy & Cassie DeLorenzo, Kathy George, Karen Hahn, Sue Chandler and Marjorie Liddle. Usually we celebrate the success of The Gathering at the CCNNJ September meeting with a pizza party and the announcement of the winner. However, the 2016 recipient was unable to attend any of the regular meetings so she had to wait a whole year to be recognized. I was proud to announce at The Gathering that the 2016 winner was Corinne Boerth. Corinne has been helping for years but last year she assumed a huge responsibility and willingly jumped in to host the wonderful Collie Memorial and did a truly fabulous job. Congratulations Corinne!

The Terhune magic endures. Hope to see you all sometime soon one weekend in August…

Gerrie Oliver
aka The Madam
It wouldn’t be The Gathering without the famous Virtues Match, which provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about your dog’s best virtue, and the Lad of Sunnybank Memorial Match

**Virtues Match Results**
(Moderated by Royal Rock’s Leslie Canavan)
Judges: Mary Benedict (Long Acre), Amy Gau (Rosepoint), and Patt Caldwell (Alaric)

**Best Overall in Virtues/Best General Appearance** - Andy, (Riverrun Galatean Set The Moon On Fire x Riverrun Galatean Beyond Blue Eyes) bred/owned by Mary Jackson, Jillian Jackson, Mary Robischon, Rose Robischon

**Best Expression** - Carlos, (Ch. Cheviot Lochlaren Lover Boy x Ch. Riverrun Galatean Another Think Coming) bred by Nancy McDonald, Mary Jackson & Mary Robischon/owned by Nancy McDonald

**Best Profile** - Comeaway Magic Spell (Ch. Overland Richie Rich x Can Ch. Comeaway Ever After) bred/owned by Norma Strangway

**Best Skull** – Laurel Highlands (Ch. Deep River Smooth Talker x Ch. Mandalay Gateside The Cat’s Meow) bred by Kathye Walker, Dona Williams & Lynn McDermott/owned by Christine Grabowski

**Best Muzzle** – Overland Lucky Charm (GCh. Overland Never Too Rich x Overland Afterglow) bred/owned by Marcy & Mike Fine

**Best Front** – Daisy (GCh. Milen’s Step Above x Ch. Special Hey There Delilah) bred/owned by Laura LaBounty

**Best Rear** – Sophie (Am/Can Ch. Braeton Ennismoor Soul Of A Sailor x Ch. Overland Braeton Sinfully Rich) bred/owned by Karen Weber

**Best Side Gait** – Rook (Riverrun Galatean Gateside Mandalay Riptide x Ch. Gateside Mandalay River At Twilight) bred by Kate DelGrosso & Jaye Athy/owned by Kate DelGrosso

**Juniors Match Results**
Judge: Krista Hansen (Camloch)

**Best Junior** – Brendan Carroll with Poseidon (Open Junior)

**Lad of Sunnybank Memorial Match Results**
Judges: Dogs – David Hansen (Camloch) and Bitches – Krista Hansen (Camloch)

**Best in Lad Match** – Maddie (Ch. Riverrun Galatean Unleash The Lion x Ch. Riverrun Galatean A Beautiful Silhouette) bred/owned by Mary Jackson, Jillian Jackson, Mary Robischon, Rose Robischon, & Susie DeLorenzo

**Best Veteran in Lad Match** – Keeper (Ch Tartanside Heir Force x GCH Breezy Acre’s Lasting Impression) bred/owned by Pat Ortiz
The Gathering 2017
Photos Courtesy of Ron Sherr
**Speaker/Cocktails/Dinner/Live Auction!**

**Thursday March 29, 2018**

**DoubleTree by Hilton (Host Hotel)**

1900 Pavillion Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA

Don’t miss one of the most spectacular events of the year! If you have never been to one of our dinners and live auctions, you should make this year the first. Those who have joined us before know how much fun we have and what great items you can take home from the auction. There are many wonderful things that will be available. CHF has been given donations of unique and hard to find items.

Watch our Facebook page (Collie Health Foundation) for pictures of some of items that will be presented at the night auction.

**COCKTAIL RECEPTION (CASH BAR) & SPEAKER:** Prior to the dinner, Dr. Leigh Anne Clark, Clemson University Canine Genetic Laboratory, will present information on how to interpret the DMS Risk Assessment test and speak about the lack of genetic diversity in the American Collie. A MUST ATTEND. The free seminar is open to all.

**DINNER:** The annual dinner and auction will follow Dr. Clark’s presentation. Space is limited so tickets will be limited to a maximum of 175.

**Menu:** $45 per person  
Fresh Field Greens Salad with Seasonal Toppings  
Roasted Atlantic Salmon with Lemon-Dill Brown Butter Sauce  
Sliced Top Round of Beef with Au Jus  
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Brown-Buttered Jumbo Asparagus  
Warm Rolls and Butter  
Chef’s Perfect Pairing of Desserts  
Coffee and Iced Tea

**RESERVE BY MARCH 11, 2018**  
**DINNER AND AUCTION COORDINATOR:**

Mail checks, payable to CHF, to:  
Krista Hansen  
1525 Minkel Rd.  
North Java, NY 14113  
camlochcollies@aol.com

OR


A VERY limited amount of dinner tickets will be available March 12-28 for $48.

Have an auction donation? Ship AFTER March 1st to:  
Al or Liz Bianchi – 2012 Inland Cove, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 - 757-285-4868  
k4ux@cox.net
**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS!**

You know the Collie benefits when you join the Collie Health Foundation as your dues help fund health research but did you know that **YOUR MEMBERSHIP OFFERS YOU A DIRECT BENEFIT** in the form of rebates for select DNA tests? The Collie Health Foundation Board recently voted to extend the rebates for PRA, CEA, MDR1, Cyclic Neutropenia and the DMS Risk Assessment test through 2018. These rebates are available only to Collie Health Foundation members, all with no limits on the number of rebates per household - a definite membership advantage! Check out [www.colliehealth.org](http://www.colliehealth.org) for more information.

**Rebate of $50 per PRA test from OptiGen**

**Rebate of $50 per CEA test from OptiGen**

For further savings, order both the PRA and CEA tests from OptiGen on the same sample.

**Rebate of $20 per MDR-1 test from Washington State University**

**Rebate of $50 per Canine Cyclic Neutropenia (Gray Collie Syndrome) test through either Health Gene or VetGen**

**Rebate of $65 per DMS Risk Assessment Test from OptiGen or VetGen**

For your rebate(s) for any of these tests, submit your paid receipt(s) to the CHF Treasurer Karen Anderson at treasurer@colliehealth.org

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**The 2017 AKCCHF National Parent Club Canine Health Conference**

Dr. Nancy Kelso, Chairman, Collie Health Foundation Grants Committee attended the AKCCHF National Parent Club Canine Health Conference in St. Louis this past August on behalf of the Collie Health Foundation. The biennial event, sponsored by Purina, drew over 250 attendees including speakers, veterinary students, and 150 breed club representatives from across the United States. Check our website ([www.colliehealth.org](http://www.colliehealth.org)) in the near future for a link to the full report with abstracts of all the following presentations.

1. Genetic Predisposition to Infection - Dr. Urs Giger
2. Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) of Golden Retrievers Has a Unique DNA Methylation Signature that Yields Biomarkers of Disease - Dr Jeffrey Bryan
3. How Flow Cytometry Expands Our Understanding of Canine T Cell Lymphoma - Dr Anne Avery
4. Chemotherapy and Probiotics - Dr Korinn Saker
5. Bring Genomic Data Back to the Clinic - Dr Matthew Breen with North Carolina’s Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and Dr Moldiano’s Broad Institute
6. The Effects of an Omega-3-Fatty Acid Rich Diet with Rehabilitation on Recovery, Activity, and Osteoarthritis in Dogs Following Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy Surgery for Cranial Cruciate Ligament Disease - Dr Wendy Baltzer
7. Canine Lyme Disease- Is the Clock Ticking – Dr Jason Stull
8. Bartonellosis: The Dog that Changed the Course of My Research, Career, and Life - Dr Edward Breitschwerdt who received this year’s AKC CHF Award of excellence
9. Characterization of the Hematologic Response to Ehrlichia canis Infection - Dr Anne Avery
10. Canine Cognition: A Neuropsychological Approach - Dr Bill Milgram
11. Searching for Genetic Risk Factors for Canine Epilepsy in Whole Genome Sequences - Dr. Gary Johnson
12. Exploring the Role of the Gut Microbiome in Epilepsy - Dr Karen Munana
13. Epilepsy and Nutrition - Dr. Rowena Packer in place of Dr. Holger Volk
14. Harmonizing of Genetic Testing for Dogs - Dr. Brenda Bonnett
15. Semen Evaluation, Quality, and the Effects of Aging - Dr. Stuart Meyes
16. An Update on Canine Brucellosis: A Call for Interdisciplinary Action - Dr. Angela Arenas
17. Canine Pyometra - Marco Coutinho da Silva
Thoughts about the COLLIE HEALTH FOUNDATION

By Steve Johns

It has been brought to my attention a couple of times recently that there is a misunderstanding in the Collie world about how a charitable foundation manages its funds. People say to me that they don't need to donate to the Foundation because it already has $1,100,000. This is a misunderstanding of how the Foundation (and all charitable foundations) works.

A charitable foundation has a fiduciary responsibility to its donors to responsibly manage the donated funds. This is usually taken to mean preserving them while using the income for charitable purposes. The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) is a good case in point. In 2016, they ended the year with Total Assets of $16,517,382 - up from $14,239,233 in 2015. In 2016, they funded Grants totaling $3,727,667, up from $3,571,296 in 2015. You can see that they increased Total Assets $2,278,149 from 2015 to 2016 while increasing Grants funded by only $153,377. They aren't trying to run their assets down to zero, they are trying to increase them.

The ideal for a charitable foundation is to have enough assets to fund their work without decreasing their assets. The greater their assets, the more they can fund. The Harvard University Endowment stands at over $37 Billion. No one says they won't donate because Harvard has too much.

The advantage of having over $1,000,000 in the bank (so to speak) is that if the "perfect" research project does come along, we can fund it. Meanwhile, we continue to solicit proposals from research institutions and work with AKC/CHF to fund what research we can to improve the health of our Collies. We can also afford to subsidize a substantial amount of Collie health testing.

Thoughts from the CHF President

By Robette Johns

Steve's original article was written many years ago. I asked Steve to update his article and I wanted to add some of my thoughts. The Foundation has been very lucky because of some large bequests that we have received over the years and your dedication to CHF. Without the bequests, annual membership dues, monetary donations, and the Collie memorabilia donations that you give us to fundraise through our auctions, we would not be able to do the important work of our mission statement.

It is because of the large bequest that we received in 2016 and 2017 that CHF can offer the “Martha E. Hoffman CHIC DNA Banking Project”. The DNA banking project will be the future foundation of most Collie health research projects and a very important part of preserving our breed in America.

Without your commitment to us, we would not be able to renew the extremely important genetic testing rebates that have helped many breeders breed healthier Collies. We know all purebred dogs have lost genetic diversity, but American Collies are all so closely related that we need to use genetic testing as an important tool to maintain health of our gene pool. I heard a geneticist at an American Kennel Club Delegates’ meeting remark in his presentation, that “today if a breeder is not health testing they cannot be considered a responsible or reputable breeder.” I'm glad CHF can be a part of helping breeders achieve these goals. We may be the only canine health foundation that offers rebates to our members for genetic testing.

By the end of this year we will have awarded over $1,100,000 in grants. In 2016, we gave over $31,000 in health test rebates and this year, we are on track to do the same. The Board has been voted to renew the rebates without limitations on an annual basis because of you. The more money the Foundation has available, the more we can do for the Collie breed, all dogs and now even people. Remember, we are not a club, we are a charitable foundation that answers to the Internal Revenue Service, the New York Charities Bureau and our members and donors. Don’t just join for the rebates, join us on this wonderful journey to improve the health, longevity, and preservation of our breed.
The Collie Health Foundation Joins the AKC Canine Health Foundation’s Tick Borne Disease Research Initiative as a Champion Sponsor

The Winter 2013 Newsletter included an announcement that the Collie Health Foundation had joined the AKC Canine Health Foundation’s Bloat Initiative as a Champion Sponsor. In late May 2014, the CHF Board voted to again join with the AKC Canine Health Foundation and support their Epilepsy Research Initiative as Champion Sponsor pledging $50,000 toward the initiative. In April of this year, the CHF Board voted to send another $25,000, matched by the AKC, toward the Epilepsy Research Initiative. Now, we are pleased to announce that the CHF Board has once again voted to partner with the AKC Canine Health Foundation as a Champion Sponsor of their Tick Borne Disease Research Initiative, granting $50,000 toward the initiative to be matched by AKC. The following information came from the AKC/CHF and has been edited and reformatted for our newsletter. To read more on this initiative visit http://www.akcchf.org/ticks

Tick-Borne Disease Initiative

AKC/CHF is pleased to announce year II of a matched-funding initiative to fight tick-borne diseases in dogs, which aims to educate dog-owners and find better diagnostics, preventatives, and therapeutics for dogs.

Tick-borne disease is a growing threat to canine and human health. Disease occurs when ticks infected with a pathogen bite a dog or human and transmit the pathogen into the body. Many tick-borne pathogens infect dogs, and can also infect humans; a direct tick bite is required to transmit disease. The geographic distribution of ticks is spreading, and can change yearly by season and region of the United States. The outdoors is not the only area of risk, home infestations can also occur. The most important tick-borne diseases of dogs are Ehrlichiosis, Anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Hepatozoonosis, Babesiosis, Bartonellosis, Hemotropic Mycoplasmosis, and Lyme disease. All can have serious health consequences, and infection rates have been on the rise over the past five years. The feeding time required for disease transmission from a tick to a dog or person can be as little as 3 – 6 hours!

Research

In year I of the Initiative, five grants were awarded. These exciting grants address tick-borne disease by funding much-needed research to find new ways to prevent infections, and recognize, diagnose and treat tick-borne diseases before they become debilitating or even fatal to dogs.

2016 Grants

02284-A: Lyme Disease in Dogs: Prevalence, Clinical Illness, and Prognosis
Principal Investigator: Dr. Jason Stull, VMD, PhD; Ohio State University
Total Grant Amount: $14,148.00; Grant Period: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2018

02285-A: Thrombocytopenia and Occult Vector-Borne Disease in Greyhound Dogs: Implications for Clinical Cases and Blood Donors
Principal Investigator: Dr. Linda Kidd, DVM, PhD; Western University of Health Sciences
Total Grant Amount: $12,960.00; Grant Period: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017

02295-A: The Role of Lymphocytes in Canine Monocytic Ehrlichiosis
Principal Investigator: Dr. Mary Anna Thrall, DVM, MS; Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine
Total Grant Amount: $15,000.00; Grant Period: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
02287: Enhanced Testing for the Diagnosis of Bartonellosis in Dogs  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Edward B Breitschwerdt, DVM; North Carolina State University  
Total Grant Amount: $103,013.00; Grant Period: 8/1/2016 - 7/31/2017

02292: Broad-Range Detection of Canine Tick-Borne Disease and Improved Diagnostics Using Next-Generation Sequencing  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Pedro Paul Diniz, DVM, PhD; Western University of Health Sciences  
Total Grant Amount: $60,717.00; Grant Period: 9/1/2016 - 8/31/2017

More grants have been awarded through the Tick-Borne Disease Initiative during year II in 2017.

2017 Grants

02386-A: Surveillance of Hepatozoon americanum In Populations of the Gulf Coast Tick Vector  
Principal Investigator: Andrea Varela-Stokes, DVM, PhD; Mississippi State University  
Total Grant Amount: $12,960; Grant Period: 12/1/2017 - 11/30/2019

02383: Identifying Cellular Mechanisms of Inflammation During Canine Tick-Borne Diseases  
Principal Investigator: Christine Petersen, DVM, PhD; University of Iowa  
Total Grant Amount: $207,526; Grant Period: 9/1/2017 - 8/31/2019

Additional Ongoing Tick-Borne Disease Research:

1780: Defining the Mechanism by Which Ticks Locate Dogs in Order to Better Prevent Disease Transmission  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Emma Natalie Ivy Weeks, PhD; University of Florida  
Grant Amount: $104,867.31; Grant Period: March 1, 2013 - February 28, 2018
Welcome to the Family!

The Collie Health Foundation Welcomes the Following New Members

Alinda Angerville  Darlene Allison  Karen Barnes  Catherine Brisedou
Charlotte, NC      Goodwood, Ontario  White Plains, NY  Cotes D’Armor, France

Richard & Celia Calvin  Cynthia Casby  Paul Ehiker  Cheryl Class-Erickson*
Otis Orchards, WA  Burbank, CA  Germany  Pagosa Springs, CO

Deen Doughty  Karen Duncan  Linda Gruno  Ralf Henkel
Jasper, GA  Waldheim, Saskatchewan  Randolph, NJ  Germany

Sue Kennedy*  Heidi Krueger  Sandra Leon*  Randa Mayfield
Australia  Roslyn, PA  Miami, FL  Ashland, VA

Peg Miles  Deborah Muir  Vicki Omsted  Karen Plambeck
Hopkinton, IA  North Arlington, NJ  Germany  Sherrard, IL

Pauline Plamondon  Jan Reed  Kathleen Reid  Suzy Royds
Rock Hill, SC  Columbia, MD  Mullica Hill, NJ  Redondo Beach, CA

Catherine Sims  Theodore Slupik  Norma Strangway  Doreen & John Thomas*
Maben, MS  Naperville, IL  Cameron, Ontario  Cambridge, NY

Lori Torrini  Jessica Velten  Bob Vierra  Laura Weiss*
Yoder, CO  Germany  Riverside, CA  Applegate, CA

Carolyn Whisman*  Mary Wilson
Potomac Falls, VA  Montgomery, AL

Note: **indicates previous member…Welcome Back!
New Members – July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017

Donations in Honor/Celebration/Memory/General Donations
July 1, 2017 – October 31, 2017

Donor

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Please indicate: __new member OR __renewal membership

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__ Individual Membership - $ 25 __ Promotions __ Sunnybank
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16150 Bonzai Trail
Brooksville, FL 34613

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