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**CANINE HEALTH
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2010 Annual Report

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“Most genetic diseases found in dogs are analogous to similar diseases in people. Perhaps one of the most important is cancer; both dogs and humans are cancer-prone. CHF recognizes the importance of cancer research for both species. It has funded over 135 cancer grants, providing in excess of \$6.95 million to research a wide range of cancers.”

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Vive la différence!

The very things that make dogs so different from other species also make them ideal genetic research subjects.

The dog has a wider range of body morphologies than any other species, living or extinct: There are huge dogs, tiny dogs, thin dogs, and chunky dogs, not to mention hairy dogs and hairless ones. Dogs have a plethora of skull shapes. Their coats vary in length, texture, color and pattern. Specific combinations of these physical traits are what define pure breeds. Different breeds exhibit highly specialized behaviors shaped through their long association with humans to suit a wide range of purposes. And all of this marvelous variety is due to their DNA.

Breed phenotypic traits are more than just a canine curiosity. The gene version that causes short legs in Basset Hounds and Dachshunds, a finding also supported by CHF, is not only normal but required for those breeds. However it is anything but normal for an Alaskan Malamute or a human. The identifying of the gene variation associated with chondrodysplasia, a common cause of abnormally short limbs in dog and human alike, has important implications if you breed Malamutes or your own child is at risk. When research leads to a DNA test, knowing which variations of a gene your child or dog has can be very important.

No one interested in the health and well-being of purebred dogs can deny the supreme importance of the DNA-based tests currently available for a wide variety of canine ills. These tests let breeders know with certainty what the genotype of a dog is. As more and more is learned about why dogs look and act the way they do and what gene versions lend themselves to particular results, breeders may someday be able to use this testing technology to determine genotype for some aspects of conformation or behavior. With such tests, breeders will be able to make more informed breeding decisions and avoid some of the educated guesswork currently necessary when making mating decisions. Meanwhile similar tests and scientific studies built upon purebred dog research will lead to a better understanding of other species and improved human healthcare, as well.

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Letter from the Chairman

Once again, it is my pleasure, as Chairman of the AKC Canine Health Foundation, to present the 2010 Annual Report. As you will read, the Foundation enjoyed a banner year under the capable guidance of our staff.

Every non-profit should periodically re-evaluate its mission statement; after more than 15 years, ours was in need of an update, and the new statement more fully reflects the present scope of AKC CHF:

“The Foundation is dedicated to advancing the health of all dogs and their owners by funding sound scientific research and supporting dissemination of health information to prevent, treat and cure canine disease.”

Our finances continue to be sound. Contributions exceeded expectations while expenses came in under budget forecasts. Investments continue to rebound. In 2010, CHF welcomed corporate sponsor Pfizer Animal Health, which now joins major contributors the American Kennel Club and Nestlé Purina PetCare Company.

The Foundation remains at the forefront of canine health research boasting an erudite Grants Committee, which in 2010, streamlined the grants process incorporating state-of-the-art software. Nearly \$1.6 million was allocated representing 38 worthy grants.

The website re-design is now complete, bringing this important tool up to date. It is now easily navigated and provides a wealth of news and information for the fancy, the research community and the public.

On the education front, we continue to release bi-weekly podcasts which are available on i-Tunes®. Attendance at informative quarterly breeder symposia was high.

It is with a sense of satisfaction that I complete my tenure as Chairman, as the Foundation is thriving. I add personal thanks to the Board of Directors, our wonderful staff, and all our contributors whose support makes it possible for the AKC Canine Health Foundation to “prevent, treat and cure” canine disease.



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Chairman

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A Heart-To-Heart On SAS (Severe Subaortic Stenosis)

Marley was barely eight-weeks old in 2008 when his veterinarian heard a severe heart murmur in the hound-mix's chest. Marley's owner, Debbie Suttles, adoption team leader at the Gainesville (Florida) Humane Society, was referred to Herbert Maisenbacher, VMD, at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, also in Gainesville. After Maisenbacher

confirmed the diagnosis of severe subaortic stenosis (SAS), a congenital heart disease, the veterinary researcher told Suttles about a new 2008-2010 study funded by an AKC Canine Health Foundation grant.

Common in larger-breed dogs such as Dobermans, Golden Retrievers, Boxers, Dogue de Bordeaux and German Shepherds, SAS has, in the

past, been treated with beta blocker medications or a low-pressure balloon valvuloplasty. With either protocol, the dogs lived an average of only 55 months. Doctors speculated that a more aggressive approach with earlier intervention might increase longevity and improve the animal's quality of life.

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Mission

The Foundation is dedicated to advancing 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:

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

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.

To communicate to the pet-owners, veterinarians and researchers funded discoveries that help prevent, treat, and cure canine diseases.

Alliances



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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.



THE BREEDER/ENTHUSIAST GROUP OF NESTLÉ PURINA PETCARE COMPANY

Nestlé Purina is a steadfast supporter of CHF in many ways. In addition to their significant annual unrestricted contribution, the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program raised over \$220,000 for AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Funds in 2010. Purina also launched a fundraiser benefiting CHF through the sale of engraved bricks at the Purina Event Center.



PFIZER ANIMAL HEALTH

This new alliance—in which Pfizer Animal Health is the sole biopharmaceutical partner of the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF)—will focus on both basic and applied research initiatives, as well as sharing leadership and scientific expertise.

The collaboration is part of Pfizer Animal Health's ongoing Commitment to Veterinarians—supporting veterinarians through training and education, research and development, and investing in the future of the veterinary profession.

Research

The AKC Canine Health Foundation supports research that will improve the health and lives of all dogs.

The Foundation achieves this by awarding grants to scientists and professionals in research that concern the origins of canine illness, diagnosis of canine diseases, developments of effective treatments and the identification of disease prevention strategies.

The Foundation's process is distinctive in that it gathers information about canine health priorities from the AKC Parent Clubs as well as dog owners, breeders, veterinarians, academic institutions, and researchers. We encourage our investigators to submit applications based on this 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.

The Foundation's established grant review process is rigorous and stringent. Applications are reviewed internally by dedicated professionals and are subjected to reviews by experts in the application's field of study.

The Foundation goes 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 often provides information for discoveries in human illnesses, as well. Not only are we helping our beloved companions, but we are helping ourselves.

More information about past and currently funded grants can be found on our searchable website at www.akcchf.org.

The Foundation offers two types of research grants, OAKs and ACORNs. Below is the description of each of these grants along with the process of how they are funded and monitored.

OAK GRANTS

Since the creation of CHF in 1995, 328 OAK grants have been approved for a total of over twenty two and a half million dollars. OAKs are grants that are

submitted, reviewed and approved annually. The cycle begins in January with the Foundation's announcement of funding opportunity and ends in September when grants are approved. During that period, a research proposal goes through three review cycles:

- 1) Pre-Proposal Review to evaluate the overall project hypothesis and the significance of the project to canine health.
- 2) Scientific Review by external peer reviewers, who are experts within the application's field of research to evaluate the scientific merit of the proposal.
- 3) Final Grants Committee Review to incorporate all of the external scientific evaluations as well as the available funding and portfolio of CHF projects.

ACORN GRANTS

ACORNs are seed grants that may be submitted at anytime throughout the year and are reviewed and approved by volunteer professionals on a monthly basis. 228 ACORNs have been approved for a total of nearly two and a half million dollars. The ACORN program was established to:

- Allow researchers to complete small, relatively short timeframe projects
- Test research hypotheses
- Generate preliminary data for possible future OAK proposals
- Encourage and assist new investigators to begin a career in research

Each year, approximately sixty ACORN applications are submitted each year and twenty are approved for funding. The quick turnaround between application submission and the funding decision enables these small research projects to commence quickly. Frequently, the preliminary data and proof of concept established in an ACORN grant has led to a larger OAK project.

More information about past and currently funded grants can be found on our searchable website at www.akcchf.org.

Year in Review

GRANTS FUNDED

Throughout 2010, the Grants Department has been fulfilling the mission of the Foundation by supporting canine research by actively reviewing applications and funding projects.

- A total of 21 new ACORN grants were approved totaling \$262,000
- 17 new OAK grants were approved to begin in 2011 worth another \$1,300,000
- 40 institutions received CHF funds to further canine health

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Topics currently being studied by funded researchers include:

- Oncology
- Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Neurology
- Immunology
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Gastrointestinal Disorders
- Infectious Diseases

2010 PUBLICATIONS

The research supported by the Foundation has generated over 325 peer review research articles. In 2010, 51 peer reviewed articles were published.

The journals included:

- Nature Genetics
- Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
- Genetics
- Human Genetics
- PLoS Biology
- Journal of Immunology
- Cancer Immunology, Immunotherapy
- Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science
- Molecular Genetics and Metabolism
- BMC Cancer
- Cancer Chemotherapy and Pharmacology
- Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine
- Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association
- Veterinary Microbiology
- The Veterinary Journal
- Veterinary Immunology and Immunopathology
- American Journal of Veterinary Research
- Veterinary Surgery
- Veterinary Pathology
- Veterinary Dermatology
- Journal of Animal Breeding and Genetics

Canine Health Information Center (CHIC)

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). The CHIC database collects health-related information from multiple sources encouraging the testing, recording, and evaluation of information to enhance health awareness among participants. Since its inception in 2001, more than 63,000 dogs from 135 breeds have been entered into the database.

CHIC's DNA bank continues to grow and has stored more than 12,000 samples for use in future genetic research. In 2010, CHIC developed a relationship with

the Van Andel Research Institute (VARI) coordinating collections at national specialties. Collected DNA is shared between VARI and CHIC.

Research institutions that have received samples from the CHIC DNA Repository include:

- University of California—Davis
- University of Missouri
- University of Kentucky
- Iowa State University
- Clemson University
- Cornell University
- University of Minnesota
- Broad Institute

Canine Health Information Center (CHIC)

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- University of Tennessee
- Animal Health Trust
- Van Andel Research Institution
- North Carolina State University
- University of Buffalo

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, so participating parent clubs establish specific screening protocols.

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

Education

BREEDERS' SYMPOSIA

In conjunction with the American Kennel Club, CHF continued its program of breeder education by presenting four Breeders' Symposia in 2010. This is the sixth 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. In 2010, attendance was at a record high, with nearly 300 breeders, veterinarians, vet techs and owners participating in this exciting educational program.

ROBERT L. KELLY SCHOLARSHIP

The 2010 Robert L. Kelly Scholarships were presented to Emily Marcus, a fourth-year veterinary student at Colorado State University and Jonathan Wood, a third-year veterinary student at the University of Pennsylvania. Named after longtime Director and

Founder of CHF, Robert L. Kelly, the scholarship is intended to encourage research and young investigators as they pursue dual degrees in veterinary medicine and research. Both Marcus and Wood have already demonstrated their interest in veterinary research, having worked in oncology and cardiology, respectively.

PODCASTS

In 2010, the AKC Canine Health Foundation continued the Genome Barks series, an audio podcast program developed to provide audiences with up-to-date information on the current state of canine health research, advances in veterinary healthcare and best practices in breeding management. Topics on Genome Barks include infectious disease, heart and eye disease, reproduction, nutrition and structure. These podcasts can be accessed from the AKC Canine Health Foundation website at www.akcchf.org—click on "Latest Podcast." It is also available on Apple's iTunes®.

Communications

NEW WEBSITE

The AKC Canine Health Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of its newly designed website, www.akcchf.org. While the address remains the same, the content is dramatically different from the previous site.



New features include a Canine Health section that contains descriptions of more than 300 canine diseases, information about caring for your dog, including dog training, safety, healthy weight, pet loss and much more; as well as articles that contain detailed information about canine health.

We now have a Success Stories section, which comes directly from research the AKC Canine Health Foundation has funded. This area takes grants funded by the Foundation and puts them into real-world terms, explaining how what could be considered “lofty science” is actually benefiting our dogs today.

Additional new features include short biographical profiles of the board and staff, as well as the members of the grants committee and funded investigators, a Heroes for Health section where individuals can create their own fundraising pages, and a list of research projects that need participation.

The new website continues to feature our Genome Barks podcast series, upcoming events, news releases, and other important information about the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

BOOTHS & PRESENTATIONS

The AKC Canine Health Foundation maintained its efforts to educate our constituents about CHF funded research with booths at several major dog shows. Additionally, the volunteer President’s Council made numerous presentations and staffed booths at over twenty-five more shows. Presentations were made by CHF staff at veterinary conferences, National Specialty Dog Shows and dog club meetings.



Purina launched a new fundraiser benefitting the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Personalized engraved brick pavers are being sold for the walkways leading up to the Event Center. The bricks are \$100 each and \$70 from each brick is a donation to the Foundation. To learn more and to order bricks visit <http://support.caninehealthfoundation.org/bricks>.

PRESIDENT’S AWARD

The 2010 President’s Award was presented to Dr. Bill and Tina Truesdale at the Foundation’s Gala by the Bay in Long Beach, California. This award is presented to individuals, clubs, or organizations who demonstrate excellence in advancing the health of purebred dogs. Said Chairman Cindy Vogels, “This year I am delighted to honor two individuals who have given generously and selflessly for years.” She continued, “They have contributed, not only monetarily—often anonymously—but have also devoted their energies, intelligence and spirit—helping engage others in our quest. From the bottom of my heart, my thanks to Bill and Tina Truesdale.”

Fundraising

GRANT SUPPORT

The AKC Canine Health Foundation received over \$1 million in grant support in the form of new donations and monies released from Donor Advised Funds. Support was widespread from Parent, All Breed and Regional Specialty Clubs, Breed Foundations, organizations and individuals.

MEMBERSHIP

The addition of club membership in 2010 was a huge success. We were proud to have 171 club members at the conclusion of 2010. Members received a two by five foot banner to hang at shows and other club events demonstrating their support. We look forward to adding new club, veterinary, family, individual and junior members to our ranks in 2011.



2010-2011 LIVING ART CALENDAR

Miguel Betancourt donated his talents to photograph twelve accomplished show dogs whose owners made generous contributions to the Foundation. This project has raised over \$250,000 for canine health over the last four years. Dog fanciers who are interested in featuring their dog in the 2012 calendar should contact the Foundation's Director of Development.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISERS

The fourth edition of the "Living Art Calendar" to benefit the AKC Canine Health Foundation was a great success. Miguel Betancourt donated his talents to photograph twelve accomplished show dogs whose owners made generous contributions to the Foundation. The calendar was revealed at the 2010 Gala by the Bay and distributed by the Canine Chronicle in January 2011. This project has raised over \$250,000 for canine health over the last four years. Dog fanciers who are interested in featuring their dog in the 2012 calendar should contact the Foundation's Director of Development.

With the grand opening of the Purina Event Center in Gray Summit, Missouri, Purina launched a new fundraiser benefitting the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Personalized engraved brick pavers are being sold for the walkways leading up to the Event Center. The bricks are \$100 each and \$70 from each brick is a donation to the Foundation. To learn more and to order bricks visit <http://support.caninehealthfoundation.org/bricks>.

ONLINE MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

With the launch of our redesigned website in 2010, the Foundation also invested in advanced online marketing software. This platform enables the AKC Canine Health Foundation to communicate with our constituency in targeted and innovative ways. The software is already helping us to grow our email house file and increase online donations.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation's social media presence continues to grow. Regular updates are posted to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/akccaninehealthfoundation) and on Twitter (www.twitter.com/caninehealthfnd).

PLANNED GIVING

The Heritage Society grew by six members and the Foundation received donations in excess of \$680,000 from bequests in 2010. We are extremely grateful to all our Heritage Society members and the legacy in canine health they create.

EVENTS

Our signature fundraising event, the Gala by the Bay, was held in Long Beach, CA for the final time in 2010. We will miss the hospitality of the people of Long Beach, but we look forward to a new event in Orlando on December 16, 2011.

Other successful events held in 2010 were the Charity Cocktail Party in New York City and the Fiesta! event hosted and sponsored by the Fiesta Cluster Dog Show.

PREVENT, TREAT & CURE



Monitoring the Health of Canine Heroes

When the first plane struck the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, Tony and Annette Zintsmaster of Indianapolis braced themselves for the call. By the next day they were stepping through the ash in lower Manhattan along with their FEMA-certified search-and-rescue dogs, Kaiser and Max. As always, the eager German shepherds were ready to help.

In response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, some 300 search-and-rescue dogs were deployed to the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Along with their human handlers, the fearless canines helped scour the rubble looking for victims of the tragedy. And, just like their human handlers, the dogs were exposed to a cloud of ash, asbestos, toxins, and fine particles.

Since October 2001, Cynthia Otto, an associate professor of critical care at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary medicine, has been tracking the health of those dogs. With funding from CHF, Otto and her colleagues have followed 95 dogs that worked at the World Trade Center and at the Pentagon, and compared their health to 55 search-and-rescue dogs that did not participate in the 9/11 response. Each year, veterinarians take blood samples and chest X-rays and collect information about the dogs' health and behavior. Whenever dogs enrolled in the study pass away, researchers perform a full autopsy.

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Transitional Cell Carcinoma: Once considered incurable, now highly treatable

In many respects, Frankie was a lucky dog. Just a few years ago Frankie's diagnosis of transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) would have been a death sentence. Dogs with this most common type of urinary bladder cancer had a zero chance of survival. Often they were euthanized as soon as they were diagnosed because there was no known treatment for the disease.

TCC develops from the cells that line the bladder. As the cancer grows, it moves into the bladder wall and muscles. In some cases, the tumor obstructs the flow of urine. In others, the cancer eventually spreads to other organs and the lymph nodes. Either way, the prognosis was bleak. That is, until recently.

Fortunately for Frankie and other dogs, times are changing. Thanks to ongoing research supported by grants from the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the past decade has seen great progress in managing TCC. "It's definitely a treatable cancer," says Dr. Deborah Knapp, Director, Purdue Comparative Oncology Program, at Purdue University's School of Veterinary Medicine.

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WWW.AKCCHF.ORG/TCC

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Letter from the CEO/General Counsel



The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation Inc. is dedicated to ensuring that all dogs live longer, healthier lives. In the last fifteen years, we have supported over \$25 million in canine health research at 74 different veterinary schools and research institutions. Because of your continuous support, we have a grant portfolio of funded grants by disease as follows: oncology (29%), genetic tools (14%), neurology (14%), ophthalmology (7%), cardiology (6%), musculoskeletal (5%), endocrinology (4%), renal and urological disorders (4%), other diseases (17%).

The research funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation is carefully reviewed and held to the highest scientific standards. Your donations make it possible for us to fund sound scientific research and to disseminate health information to prevent, treat and cure canine disease. We thank each of you for this support.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation's financial statements demonstrate that the Foundation continues to be an excellent steward of the monies donated. The Foundation's net assets have grown, expenses remain within budget and program funding liabilities are responsible.

We are very pleased with our newly re-designed website, www.akcchf.org. While the address remains the same, the content is dramatically different from the previous site. We now have a Success Stories section, which comes directly from research the AKC Canine Health Foundation has funded. There is also a new Canine Health section that contains descriptions of hundreds of canine diseases, genetic tests, health resources, as well as articles that contain detailed information about canine health. The opportunity to donate to specific research grants has become easier with the new navigational tools.

All of this is being accomplished because of the generous contributions of our major alliances: The American Kennel Club, Nestlé Purina PetCare Company and Pfizer Animal Health; and because of the tremendous support we receive from the Fancy and general pet loving community who contribute to Donor Advised Funds, directly to specific research grants and to our overall goal to prevent, treat and cure canine disease. Thank you.

Terry T. Warren, Ph.D., J.D.
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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Directors
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, 2010 and 2009, and the related statements of activities, 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, 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, 2010 and 2009, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

March 28, 2011

Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2010 and 2009

Assets	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,394,107	3,246,177
Investments (note 2)	7,072,450	5,828,494
Contributions receivable	68,274	79,504
Other receivables	2,409	3,504
Prepaid expenses	18,109	19,229
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$177,926 and \$143,088 at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively	<u>49,770</u>	<u>83,057</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$10,605,119</u></u>	<u><u>9,259,965</u></u>
 Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 119,877	162,845
Grants payable (note 3)	<u>2,840,266</u>	<u>3,122,299</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,960,143</u>	<u>3,285,144</u>
 Net assets (deficit) (note 5):		
Unrestricted	1,110,122	(288,658)
Temporarily restricted	3,534,446	3,363,071
Permanently restricted	<u>3,000,408</u>	<u>2,900,408</u>
Total net assets	<u>7,644,976</u>	<u>5,974,821</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$10,605,119</u></u>	<u><u>9,259,965</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2010

	2010			Total
	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	
Revenues and other support:				
Contributions	\$ 625,404	955,271	100,000	1,680,675
Contributions – American Kennel Club, Inc. (note 7)	—	500,000	—	500,000
Contributions – Nestle Purina and Pfizer Animal Health (note 8)	1,050,000	261,945	—	1,311,945
Interest and dividend income	22,162	36,275	—	58,437
Net unrealized and realized investment gains	77,446	527,136	—	604,582
Corporate sponsored events and conferences	139,570	—	—	139,570
In-kind donations (note 7)	165,053	—	—	165,053
Miscellaneous income	43,465	—	—	43,465
Net assets released from restrictions (note 6):				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	2,109,252	(2,109,252)	—	—
Total revenues and other support	4,232,352	171,375	100,000	4,503,727
Expenses (note 7):				
Canine research and education	2,105,680	—	—	2,105,680
Fundraising	380,472	—	—	380,472
General and administrative	347,420	—	—	347,420
Total expenses	2,833,572	—	—	2,833,572
Increase in net assets	1,398,780	171,375	100,000	1,670,155
Net assets (deficit) – beginning of year	(288,658)	3,363,071	2,900,408	5,974,821
Net assets – end of year	\$ 1,110,122	3,534,446	3,000,408	7,644,976

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2009

	2009			Total
	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	
Revenues and other support:				
Contributions	\$ 339,722	807,639	—	1,147,361
Contributions – American Kennel Club, Inc. (note 7)	—	1,000,000	—	1,000,000
Contributions – Nestle Purina and Pfizer Animal Health (note 8)	767,548	298,285	—	1,065,833
Interest and dividend income	8,468	26,523	—	34,991
Net unrealized and realized investment gains	378,699	464,896	—	843,595
Corporate sponsored events and conferences	261,511	—	—	261,511
In-kind donations (notes 7 and 9)	155,637	—	—	155,637
Miscellaneous income	68,429	—	—	68,429
Net assets released from restrictions (note 6):				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	2,365,050	(2,365,050)	—	—
Total revenues and other support	4,345,064	232,293	—	4,577,357
Expenses (notes 7 and 9):				
Canine research and education	2,114,775	—	—	2,114,775
Fundraising	435,450	—	—	435,450
General and administrative	361,034	—	—	361,034
Total expenses	2,911,259	—	—	2,911,259
Increase in net assets	1,433,805	232,293	—	1,666,098
Net assets (deficit), beginning of year	(1,722,463)	3,130,778	2,900,408	4,308,723
Net assets (deficit), end of year	\$ (288,658)	3,363,071	2,900,408	5,974,821

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2010

	2010			
	Canine research and education	Fundraising	General and administrative	Total expenses
Grants	\$ 1,527,349	—	—	1,527,349
Payroll and related expenses	320,274	161,992	150,430	632,696
Professional fees	46,211	11,068	64,769	122,048
Travel	23,440	8,473	2,492	34,405
Educational programs	43,312	925	6,057	50,294
Conferences, events, and meetings	6,463	94,134	6,871	107,468
Printing and publications	16,216	33,671	5,975	55,862
Telephone	3,423	2,198	2,019	7,640
Postage and shipping	5,841	3,655	1,385	10,881
Supplies	365	—	2,519	2,884
Marketing and advertising	11,612	14,107	34	25,753
Dues and subscriptions	815	600	620	2,035
Training and education	1,431	5,757	750	7,938
Computer maintenance	12,152	3,096	5,801	21,049
Insurance	4,250	2,550	1,700	8,500
Depreciation	—	—	34,838	34,838
In-kind donations (note 7):				
Office space and services	82,526	33,011	49,516	165,053
Interest and bank fees	—	5,235	6,670	11,905
Miscellaneous	—	—	4,974	4,974
Total	\$ 2,105,680	380,472	347,420	2,833,572

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2009

	2009			Total expenses
	Canine research and education	Fundraising	General and administrative	
Grants	\$ 1,419,853	—	—	1,419,853
Payroll and related expenses	268,731	177,479	171,601	617,811
Professional fees	45,769	23,510	74,838	144,117
Travel	15,574	11,394	1,331	28,299
Educational programs	173,256	2,302	4,790	180,348
Conferences, events, and meetings	42,047	101,918	6,618	150,583
Printing and publications	10,805	29,723	10,437	50,965
Telephone	3,411	2,093	1,780	7,284
Postage and shipping	6,416	6,443	1,052	13,911
Supplies	691	242	5,289	6,222
Marketing and advertising	17,533	29,080	665	47,278
Dues and subscriptions	97	600	225	922
Training and education	2,634	912	1,158	4,704
Computer maintenance	8,799	3,245	1,657	13,701
Insurance	4,958	4,241	1,337	10,536
Depreciation	—	—	38,304	38,304
In-kind donations (notes 7 and 9):				
Office space and services	61,592	36,955	24,637	123,184
Program support	32,453	—	—	32,453
Interest and bank fees	156	5,313	15,235	20,704
Miscellaneous	—	—	80	80
Total	\$ 2,114,775	435,450	361,034	2,911,259

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statements of Cash Flows

Years ending December 31, 2010 and 2009

	2010	2009
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Increase in net assets	\$ 1,670,155	1,666,098
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	34,838	38,304
Net unrealized and realized investment gains	(604,582)	(843,595)
Noncash contribution of securities	(8,869)	(21,524)
Contributions restricted for long-term investment	(100,000)	—
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Contributions receivable	11,230	25,311
Other receivables	1,095	(1,079)
Prepaid expenses	1,120	(7,096)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(42,968)	(84,401)
Grants payable	(282,033)	(779,556)
Total adjustments	(990,169)	(1,673,636)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	679,986	(7,538)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of investments	(649,582)	(881,177)
Proceeds from sale of investments	19,077	569,684
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(1,551)	(26,221)
Net cash used in investing activities	(632,056)	(337,714)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from contributions restricted for long-term investment	100,000	—
Net cash provided by financing activities	100,000	—
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	147,930	(345,252)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	3,246,177	3,591,429
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 3,394,107	3,246,177
See accompanying notes to financial statements.		

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(1) Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) 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 healthcare by clinical study, laboratory research, and publication.

(b) Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Foundation and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met either by actions of the Foundation and/or the passage of time. Temporarily restricted net assets have been restricted by donors for research grant purposes.

Permanently restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that the assets be maintained permanently by the Foundation. The earnings on related investments are primarily unrestricted.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related asset is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as net assets released from restrictions.

(c) Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), 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.

(d) Fair Value

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the

asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. GAAP describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The Foundation follows the measurement provisions of ASC 820, *Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)*, to certain investments in alternative investments that do not have readily determinable fair values. This guidance allows for the estimation of the fair value of investments in investment companies for which the investment does not have a readily determinable fair value using net asset value per share or its equivalent, as reported by the investment managers.

Most investments classified in Levels 2 and 3 consist of shares or units in investment funds as opposed to direct interests in the funds' underlying holdings, which may be marketable. Because the net asset value reported by each fund is used as a practical expedient to estimate the fair value of the Foundation's interest therein, its classification in Level 2 or 3 under ASC 820 is based on the Foundation's ability to redeem its interest at or near the date of the statement of financial position. If the interest can be redeemed in the near term, the investment is classified as Level 2. The classification of investments in the fair value hierarchy is not necessarily an indication of the risks, liquidity, or degree of difficulty in estimating the fair value of each investment's underlying assets and liabilities.

(e) Concentration of Credit Risk

At times, cash and cash equivalent balances may be in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance limit. Cash and investments in money market funds and shares of registered investment companies are uninsured.

(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents.

(g) Contributions

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenues in the period received. Conditional

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promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value.

(h) Contributions Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Unconditional promises to give are included in the financial statements as contributions receivable and revenue of the appropriate net asset category. Contributions receivable are expected to be received within one year, and are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. The Foundation considers all contributions receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been established as of December 31, 2010 and 2009.

(i) 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 expense was \$34,838 and \$38,304 in 2010 and 2009, respectively.

(j) Grants

Unconditional grants are considered incurred and charged to expense at the time of approval by the Board of Directors.

(k) Income Taxes

The Foundation is exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code 501(a) as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made.

The Foundation follows the provisions of ASC 740-10, *Income Taxes – Overall*, relating to uncertainty in income taxes. ASC 740-10 establishes a minimum threshold for financial statement recognition of the benefits position taken, or expected to be taken, in filing tax returns. It requires the evaluation of tax positions taken, or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Foundation's income tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are more likely than not of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more likely than not threshold are recorded as tax expense. The Foundation has no tax positions requiring accrual under this criteria.

(l) Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and activities of the Foundation have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

(m) Subsequent Events

In connection with the preparation of the financial statements and in accordance with GAAP, the Foundation considered for disclosure subsequent events that occurred after the statement of financial position date of December 31, 2010 through March 28, 2011, which was the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events were noted that required disclosure in the financial statements.

(n) Reclassifications

Certain prior year balances have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation. These reclassifications had no impact on net assets or the financial position as previously reported.

(2) Investments

A summary of the Foundation's investments at December 31, 2010 and 2009, reported at fair value, is as follows:

	2010	2009
Equities	\$ 21,633	30,784
Mutual funds:		
Large cap equity	1,670,195	1,301,212
Mid cap equity	580,073	407,754
International equity	543,809	422,402
Fixed income	125,784	113,442
Subtotal	\$ 2,919,861	2,244,810
Corporate bonds	\$ 58,563	58,974
Alternative investments:		
International	1,396,562	1,286,642
Market neutral	1,137,514	1,039,514
Diversified	1,538,317	1,167,770
Subtotal	4,072,393	3,493,926
Total Investments	\$ 7,072,450	5,828,494

All mutual fund and equity are measured at fair value based on quoted market prices. Debt instruments are measured at fair value based on quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable. Investments in the alternative investments, which are described as funds of funds, are stated at net asset value. The financial statements of the alternative investments are audited annually by independent auditors.

The Foundation's alternative investments are organized as a limited partnership whose strategic objective is to invest in investee funds that invest or trade in securities.

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Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes

could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of financial position.

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, the fair value of the Foundation's investments was determined based on the following:

	2010			
	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Other observable inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Fair value
Mutual funds	\$ 2,919,861	–	–	2,919,861
Equities	21,633	–	–	21,633
Corporate bonds	–	58,563	–	58,563
Alternative investments	–	4,072,393	–	4,072,393
	<u>\$ 2,941,494</u>	<u>4,130,956</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>7,072,450</u>

	2009			
	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Other observable inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Fair value
Mutual funds	\$ 2,244,810	–	–	2,244,810
Equities	30,784	–	–	30,784
Corporate bonds	–	58,974	–	58,974
Alternative investments	–	3,493,926	–	3,493,926
	<u>\$ 2,275,594</u>	<u>3,552,900</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>5,828,494</u>

The Foundation's alternative investments contain monthly redemption restrictions with required written notice of 45 days, and annual redemption restrictions with required written notice of 90 days. In addition, certain equity securities contain various quarterly redemption restrictions with required written notice ranging from 45 to 65 days. As of December 31, 2010, the following table summarizes the composition of such investments by the redemption provisions.

Redemption period	Amount
Monthly	\$ 309,780
Quarterly	2,625,099
Annual	1,137,514
	<u>\$ 4,072,393</u>

(3) Grants Payable

Grants payable consist of amounts awarded, but not paid, to canine health researchers. Amounts included in grants payable at December 31, 2010 are scheduled to be disbursed as follows:

2011	\$ 1,805,267
2012	791,917
2013	221,653
2014	21,429
	<u>\$ 2,840,266</u>

(4) Line of Credit

The Foundation maintains a \$250,000 line of credit at the prime rate with Wachovia. No amounts were outstanding under this credit line at December 31, 2010 and 2009.

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(5) Endowment

At the request of its donors, the Foundation has established a permanent operating endowment. Effective March 14, 2009, the Foundation's donor-restricted endowment funds are subject to the provisions of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA). UPMIFA provides, among other things, expanded spending flexibility by allowing, subject to a standard of prudence, the institution to spend from an endowment fund without regard to the book value of the corpus of the fund. Management of the Foundation has interpreted this law as requiring the preservation of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary and considers the invasion of endowment principal as an option of last resort. As a result of this interpretation, the original value of all donor-restricted endowed gifts are recorded as permanently restricted net assets. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until these amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence described by the Act. Once appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation, the amount is classified as unrestricted net assets.

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding for its programs while seeking to maintain the stability of the endowment assets. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Directors, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that equal the performance of a custom-balanced index (comprised of the S&P 500 Index, Russell 2000 Index, MSCI EAFE, and Citigroup 90-day Treasury

Bill Index) and rank in the top 33% of a nationally recognized evaluation service's universe for comparable funds over a rolling three to five year time period while assuming a reasonable level of investment risk.

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Foundation relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Foundation targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints. The Foundation has adopted an annual spending policy of 5% of the endowment balance.

The composition of the Foundation's donor-restricted endowment by net asset class at the end of the year is as follows:

	2010	2009
Unrestricted	\$ —	(4,914)
Temporary restricted	205,817	77,042
Permanently restricted	3,000,408	2,900,408
	<u>\$ 3,206,225</u>	<u>2,972,536</u>

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balance of the Foundation's endowment, in total and by net asset class, is as follows:

	2010			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total
Endowment, beginning of year	\$ (4,914)	77,042	2,900,408	2,972,536
Interest and dividend income	—	17,483	—	17,483
Net unrealized and realized investment income (loss)	4,914	280,041	—	284,955
Contributions	—	—	100,000	100,000
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	168,749	(168,749)	—	—
Expenditures	(168,749)	—	—	(168,749)
Endowment, end of year	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>205,817</u>	<u>3,000,408</u>	<u>3,206,225</u>

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	2009			Total
	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	
Endowment, beginning of year	\$ (411,093)	–	2,900,408	2,489,315
Interest and dividend income	7,417	–	–	7,417
Net unrealized and realized investment income	398,762	56,979	–	455,741
Additions	–	20,063	–	20,063
Endowment, end of year	\$ (4,914)	77,042	2,900,408	2,972,536

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or state law requires the Foundation to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. There was no deficiency of this nature reported as unrestricted net assets as of December 31, 2010. As of December 31, 2009, there was a deficiency of \$4,914 in unrestricted net assets resulting from unfavorable market fluctuations. Future gains to restore the fair value of the donor-restricted endowment funds to the required level shall first be reported as increases in unrestricted net assets to the extent of the deficiency.

(6) Net Assets Released from Restrictions

Temporarily restricted net assets are available to fund canine research. Net assets of \$2,109,252 and \$2,365,050 were released from donor restrictions by incurring grant expenses satisfying the restricted purposes specified by donors during the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

(7) Related Party Transactions

During 2010 and 2009, the American Kennel Club, Inc. (the Club) contributed \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively, to the Foundation.

The Foundation's offices are located within the Club's operations 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 \$165,053 and \$123,184 in 2010 and 2009, respectively.

The Foundation's employees are covered under the Club's pension plan as a related organization. No contributions were required to this plan, which is administered by the Club, in 2010 and 2009.

(8) Concentration of Support

The Foundation receives contributions from corporate donors. Nestle Purina contributed \$1,061,945 and \$1,065,833 for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Pfizer Animal Health contributed \$250,000 for the year ended December 31, 2010. Also, see note 7 – Related Party Transactions for contributions from the Club.

(9) In-Kind Donations

In 2009, the Foundation received in-kind marketing and public relation services that meet the requirements for revenue and expense recognition. In-kind marketing and public relation services received were valued \$32,453 for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Honor Roll of Donors

The Honor Roll of Donors recognizes contributions made between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010. Space prohibits us from listing all donors; however 2010 donors over \$100 are listed on our website at www.akcchf.org

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Corporations

Nestlé Purina PetCare Company

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Osteosarcoma

When Faith Bult's six-year-old Rottweiler started limping on his left leg, she figured Punch tore another ligament. "Three years ago when he blew his ligament on the other leg, the orthopedic surgeon said he had a 50-50 chance of doing the same thing with this leg," explains the Washington dentist.

After scheduling surgery to repair the assumed rupture, Bult was blindsided by what happened next: Punch's limp suddenly worsened, accompanied by knee swelling. Rushing him to the vet, a rapidly-growing lump between the size of a golf and tennis ball was found on the inside of his leg. The diagnosis: An aggressive bone cancer called osteosarcoma.

Punch is affectionately called Bult's "Velcro dog," because "he never leaves my side," she says. "He's my heart. He

and I live inside each other. Every morning he greets me wiggling his body and crying from happiness. He's so excited to see me. When I come home from work, he stands on top of the stairs and smiles by pulling his teeth back. It's so appropriate for a dentist's dog," she says, chuckling. "Punch is also my running partner, helping me prepare for triathlons and races. He's probably run 4,000 to 5,000 miles with me."

Bult immediately began researching the best course of treatment for her beloved dog. "It's been a gut-wrenching emotional week talking to vets, radiologists and oncologists," she relates, shortly after the diagnosis. "This is ripping my heart out." Despite her devastation, Bult enrolled Punch in a canine research project focused on pinpointing diseased genes associated with osteosarcoma.

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Getting a Leg Up on Cruciate Ligament Rupture

As soon as she saw her one-year-old Golden Retriever, Morgan, limping, Nina Zitzer knew what was wrong.

“My dad and I had Morgan at the local dog park with her sister Carley,” recalls Zitzer, who is a veterinary student and research assistant at the University of Wisconsin. “Morgan was chasing Carley through the tall grass and when they came back toward us, Morgan was lame on her left hind limb.”

Morgan had ruptured the cruciate ligament in her left hind leg. Cruciate ligament rupture, or CLR, is quite common, particularly among large purebred dogs such as Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Rottweilers, and Newfoundlands. “It’s the most common problem I see in my clinic,” says Dr. Peter Muir, a veterinary orthopedist who teaches and practices at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. “Twenty-five percent of the cases I see each week are CLR cases.”

CLR results when one or both of the ligaments that connect the femur (thigh bone) to the tibia (shin bone) tear apart. Normally these ligaments work like a hinge so that the two bones don’t slide over each other whenever the dog moves. When one or both of the ligaments rupture, the hinge function is lost, the bones slide across each other, and the dog becomes lame.

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