



CSHF Newsletter

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Schedule of Events:

National Specialty show in St. Louis
28 April 2009, 1 pm
CSCA sponsored
CERF Clinic with Dr. Ben Johnson from Animal Eye Associates in St. Louis
Guest Speaker:
Dr. Nick Duesbury
Ph.D, Deputy Director for Research and Senior Scientific Investigator,
www.vai.org/Research/Labs/CancerAndDevelopmentalCellBiology.aspx

On-Going Projects:

Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia with Dr. Lorna Kennedy at the University of Manchester
www.medicine.manchester.ac.uk/genomicepidemiology/aboutus/cigmr/

Clumber Spaniel DNA Bank and online health survey with the University of Missouri
www.caninephenome.org

Hemangiosarcoma with the Van Andel Research Institute
www.vai.org/Research/Labs/CancerAndDevelopmentalCellBiology/Hemangiosarcoma.aspx

IRS Tax Deductible Status

We have officially heard from the IRS, which has determined that the Clumber Spaniel Health Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity. We are delighted with this accomplishment and want to thank key board members, Jennifer Amundsen and Roe Froman and former founding board member Wayne Holbrook, for their hard work on this project.

All contributions made to the Clumber Spaniel Health Foundation since April 16, 2007, are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, as are all future contributions.

Van Andel Research Institute

The CSHF has partnered with the Van Andel Research Institute (VARI) in a research project focusing on hemangiosarcoma. Hemangiosarcoma is one of the most common cancers in dogs, especially large breed dogs such as Clumber spaniels. It is a cancer of the blood vessels, and often attacks the spleen. Other organs which may be involved commonly include the heart (heart based tumors), the liver, the kidneys, the spinal cord and even the brain. Since the cancer evolves from the blood vessels themselves, it has often spread to other organs at the time of diagnosis. This makes it one of the more fatal forms of cancer in dogs.

Jay and Betty Van Andel founded the Van Andel Institute in 1996. Their vision was to create a world-class research and educational institution, focused on enriching and enhancing lives through biomedical research and education. The Van Andel Research Institution is the scientific arm of the VARI.

Research at the VARI has led to advances in cancer diagnosis, treatment and prevention in human medicine. Now, through this partnership, they are embracing the advancements that can be made both for humans and for dogs. There are several advantages to human research by incorporating dog models into research projects. First, the generational time period for dogs is only two to three years, compared with a much longer time in humans.

Second, dogs have multiple offspring at a time, providing closely related control subjects when both affected and unaffected subjects are studied. Third, canine pedigrees are often well documented. And finally, many purebred dog groups host dna banks, such as the Clumber spaniel dna bank founded by the Clumber Spaniel Club of America, which is managed by the Clumber Spaniel Health Foundation.

Such collaborations are proving very fruitful both for the human medicine, as well as veterinary medicine. Once again, man's best friend truly *is* man's best friend.

Roe Froman, DVM, President, CSHF

Changes to the Board of Directors of the CSHF:

President: Roe Froman, DVM
Vice President: Kim Daboo
Secretary: Janice Friis
Treasurer: Milford Cole
Directors: Jennifer Amundsen, JD
Carolyn Morrison, CSCA VP

We wish to thank former Board member Jenni Toebben for her dedicated service to the CSHF Board while she was Vice President of the CSCA. We also wish to thank founding Board member Wayne Holbrook for his invaluable service to the CSHF Board. We wish Wayne success in his new business venture and hope to welcome Wayne back to the CSHF Board when we have time for this commitment. We also sincerely thank founding Board member Marie-Anne Desjardins for her extensive input while serving as the Board Secretary. We extend a sincere welcome to new Board members Carolyn Morrison and Milford Cole, as they have already made a positive impact.

First Quilt Fundraiser

We made a quilt as a fundraiser for the 2008 National Specialty and auctioned it off at the CSCA banquet. Jane Scott bought the quilt for \$650. Thank you very much, Jane!



We have prepared another quilt out of Clumber Spaniel t-shirts for the Annual Banquet auction on 30 April 2009, and that is pictured too.



Kim Daboo has donated a quilt that was created by Cindy Hicks and a section is pictured for your review. This lovely quilt (approximately 70 x 84 inches) will be raffled at the CSCA National in 2009. When you attend the banquet please help us out with the auction and raffle.



Jan Friis is looking for donations of used t-shirts, not sweatshirts, to make a quilt for 2010. Please contact Jan at JaniceFriis@msn.com if you have a donation. Thanks!