

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOUNDATION OF CAIRN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA
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The major focus for the Foundation of the Cairn Terrier Club of America (CTCA) for 2005 has continued to be health education and health related research. In addition, as indicated in last year's annual report, the Trustees of the Foundation were asked by the CTCA Board of Governors to review the functions and structure of the Foundation to assure that it continues to serve the CTCA and its members effectively. Specifically, the Trustees were asked to examine the merits of dissolving of the Foundation with some or all of the existing funds within the Foundation transferred to the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF) in their Donor Advised Funds Program. We are pleased to report that after a lengthy review and discussion of the report provided by the Foundation at the meeting of the Board of Governors in June, the Board affirmed the continuation of the Foundation and its work. Along with this action, the Board of Governors appointed a special task force composed of members of the Board, the Trustees, and the Health Related Concerns Committee to look at ways to clarify and enhance the interface of these respective functions. The members of the special task force are: Dave Tuttle, Connie Monahan, Karl Stearns, Lynda Hammel, and Ruth Barstow.

Included in the materials prepared for the Board of Governors in June 2005, was a summary of a majority of the contributions and distributions made by the Foundation from 1994 through April 2005. During this time period, contributions were \$84,561.55 and funds distributed were \$73,628.77. The distributed funds supported such activities as a health survey, education days, CERF clinics, research projects, and a genetics manual. Today the CTCA Foundation has total assets of \$50,723.72.in the bank and in Mutual Funds.

The Trustees pursued a deliberate data gathering process in order to complete a comprehensive report for the CTCA Board of Governors. This process included a historical review and accounting of the work of the Foundation, soliciting information about the programs and services offered by the AKC CHF, and preparing questions for the AKC CHF with a follow-up discussion with them via conference call. The information about the programs of the AKC CHF as well as their answers to our questions is available to CTCA members through the CTCA website. Members can access the information by going to <http://members.ctca.us/home.php>. The Foundation will continue to work with the AKC as we have in the past through shared research activities and utilization of their panels of researchers to review research projects. Some monies from the CTCA remain in a Designated Fund Account with the AKC CHF as a result of the discontinuance of the Portal Systemic Shunt research project in 2003.

As reported in previous years, the most ongoing and active research work supported by the Foundation is in the area of Ocular Melanosis. A comprehensive status report on this project is included in the annual report from the Health Related Concerns Committee. However, in brief, 210 DNA samples have been collected from Cairn Terriers as well as pedigree information on 240 dogs. Since January 2005, six additional enucleated eyes have been received. Ninety four

samples have been sent to the Veterinary Genomics Laboratory at UC Davis from Cairn Terriers as a part of gene mapping. The work on Ocular Melanosis was begun by Dr. Petersen-Jones in 1998.

It is important to note, that a common procedure for researchers in veterinary medicine is the collection of samples before they submit a formal proposal for a research project. This practice has occurred to a great extent to assure that sufficient samples are available to enable and support credible research.

Aside from the work in eye diseases, specifically Ocular Melanosis, the Foundation is currently supporting, or awaiting the consideration of potential proposals, in the other three genetic disease areas that are major problems for the Cairn Terrier – Craniomandibular Osteopathy (CMO), Portal Systemic Shunt (PSS), and Renal Dysplasia (RD). The CMO project is also financially supported by the Westie and Scottish Terrier Foundations.

During the summer, CTCA members should have received a newsletter from the Foundation along with a donor list. (See the attached list for additional donors). The Foundation will send a newsletter annually to the members through direct mail and will provide periodic updates through the CTCA website.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS FOR THE FOUNDATION INCLUDE:

- Fund a health survey within the year 2005
- Fund an update of the Genetics Manual
- Appoint a Trustee to monitor the progress of a new project being conducted for renal dysplasia by Dr. Ann Traas of the University of Pennsylvania.
- Appoint a Trustee to monitor progress on the CMO project being conducted by Dr. Venta
- Continue to monitor the progress on the Ocular Melanosis work by Dr. Petersen-Jones
- Appoint a Trustee to monitor the sample collection process on dogs affected with Portal Systemic Shunt. This project is under the direction of Dr. Sharon Center of Cornell University
- Explore the establishment of an open registry for dogs affected with any of these four diseases

With regret, the Trustees accepted the resignation of Mark Hamilton in April 2005. We appreciate his contributions during the time that he served.

Please let any of the Trustees know if you have concerns, questions or ideas. We welcome them!

(Trustees- Rena David, Joyce Britt, Linda Hammel, Linda Heiner, Anna Mullins, Lynne Nabors, Karl Stearns, and Gwynne Wright. Treasurer, Dwight Hutchinson)