



**DOBERMAN
PINSCHER**
— HEALTH FOUNDATION —



Doberman Pinscher Health Foundation Summer 2022

President's Message

I would like to welcome you to the summer 2022 DPHF newsletter.

What better time to write to our supporters than during the “Dog Days of Summer” ? Fun fact, did you know that the term “Dog Days of Summer” was coined by the ancient Greeks? They noticed that the hottest days of the year coincide with the time Sirius (the dog star) rises with the sun.

I know this year has been particularly warm and hope that you are finding ways to keep you and your pets cool and safe.

This newsletter includes information on our newest grant recipient, as well as notable donations and contributors.

As always, I hope you find this newsletter informative and entertaining. We cannot do this without you and are humbled by your continued support of the DPHF.

2022 Grant Process

The DPHF has recently completed our 2022 grant cycle. We had four grant applications with three focused on DCM and one focused on VWD. Two of the applications focusing on DCM were new research and one was a continuation of work previously funded by the DPHF.

After careful consideration by our research committee, the overwhelming consensus was to provide additional funding to Dr. Amara Estrada, Dr. Chris Martyniuk and Dr. Chris Vulpe at the University of Florida in the amount of \$16,518.

Just as a reminder, the research team, lead by Dr. Estrada, is working to optimize a tool called CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing which can be used to edit or "correct" defects in genes . Once PDK4 is edited into a gene without mutation, cardiomyocytes are expected to show normal metabolic function like healthy cells. Gene editing in heart cells will act as pre-clinical support for

translation as a molecular therapy into the clinical realm.

In addition to the DPHF, this important research has received funding from the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) and the Morris Foundation. This additional funding has allowed the research to maintain steady progress and momentum.

In fact, the project has recently added a new PHD Candidate to the team, Megan Slovisky. Megan is a Doberman owner herself and tragically lost her dog, Moose, to DCM last year. Our hearts go out to Megan on her loss and believe, as a Doberman owner and lover, she is particularly motivated for success on this project.

Speaking of Megan, she is also the first recipient of our student grant program. Megan was awarded \$1,000 to be used for direct costs of her studies as a PHD student in the above mentioned grant.

DPHF is proud to be able to offer this financial support to upcoming veterinary researchers who represent the future of innovative veterinary science.

Fund Raising

2023 Calendar

The DPHF Is happy to announce we will once again be producing our popular DPHF calendar.

We are calling for photographs of your dogs to feature in the calendar. As in the last two years we will be selecting finalists for our Facebook followers to vote on.

Just a reminder of the rules:

High resolution photographs only.

No humans or other breeds in the photograph.

You must have full rights to the photograph or provide written permission for use from the photographer.

So start looking through your photographs; they can be now be submitted [here](#), the submittal period ends on October 31st at which time voting on the finalists will begin.

Watch our Facebook [page](#) for details on the progress of this years calendar campaign.

Noteworthy Contributions

While we cherish every single donation received at the Doberman Pinscher Health Foundation, we have recently received some donations that have played a significant role in our ability to increase the funding of our grants.

We want to take a moment to publicly thank these supporters for their overwhelming generosity:



Nancy Wall donated \$55,000 in memory of her beloved dog Tagg. Nancy stipulated that \$40,000 be restricted to cardio research In hopes that one day we will have more answers to this devastating disease.

The Estate of Margaret Mee - The DPHF was deeply saddened to hear of Margaret's passing, and send our sincerest condolences to all her family, friends and loved ones. We were also deeply touched to be remembered in her will for the amount of \$20,000.

Eve Auch - Thank you Eve Auch, for your generous and much appreciated gift of \$10,000.

Thank You to everyone who answered the call for donations in memory of **Mike Dellorto's** dog Griffin. Your donations during the campaign period resulted in a matching amount of an additional \$6,000.

It is not just the one-time large donations that are significant contributions. We would also like to thank the following supporters who provide substantial sustaining monthly and annual donations. Having these dependable donations are greatly appreciated as they aid us in forecasting future revenue, as well as providing funds to aid in our mission of genetic research and education.

Monthly Donors:

Craig French
Janice Morton
Robin Nuttall

Annual Donors of \$1,000 or more:

Libby Hargrove
Marsha Sheppard

Finally, thank you to all of our other supporters. Please know that every contribution is greatly appreciated and valued by everyone at The DPHF. You are all helping us make a difference.

You can also support our mission by visiting our online [store](#):

What's Next?

Website Update

The DPHF Is currently looking to update and add information to our [website](#).

We are planning on adding a new page with links to all of our newsletters, and refreshing our donation and memorial pages as well as detailed information on the research that we have funded.

If there is some particular information you would like to see on our website, drop us a line and let us know. We will look into the feasibility of it.

Also, if you have questions or ideas for useful information for our newsletter, please let us know!

Research Update

We will be reaching out to our existing grant recipients over the next few months to get status updates for our previously funded research projects. Look for updates in our next newsletter.

DPCA National

Several of our Board of Directors will once again be attending this years DPCA National. We would love to talk to you about what we do in person. We are always looking for new volunteers or DPHF regional ambassadors. If you are interested in learning more about us, or how you can be involved, let us know.

Thanks again for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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