

ANNUAL REPORT

NCA CHARITABLE TRUST

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Our Mission

The mission of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust is to secure donations, to manage and distribute research grants to study health issues affecting Newfoundlands, to provide necessary monetary aid for Newfoundland rescue assistance, to award educational scholarships to junior Newfoundland fanciers, and to provide general education involving the care, raising, health, nutrition, training, disease, research, breeding, judging and exhibiting the Newfoundland breed.



Chairman's Letter

Thinking about the past this year, as I write this annual report for the NCA Charitable Trust, I am thankful, grateful and confident. Thankful for the mentors in the Newfoundland community who came before me. Grateful for the opportunities that have been afforded me in both the Newfoundland Club of America and the NCA Charitable Trust. Confident in the position of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust to positively affect the lives of present and future Newfoundland dogs while having a positive impact on the lives of those in the Newfoundland community.

Looking back on 2023, we lost two members of the Newfoundland Community that were both mentors to me personally and instrumental in the formation of the NCA Charitable Trust. David Helming and Mary W. Price both served on the committee to develop a charitable trust for Newfoundland dogs. Their passing while sad created great memories for me and our Newfoundland community that they were part of our lives and their involvement and actions left a positive impact on the future of the Newfoundland community.

"There are things that we never want to let go of, people we never want to leave behind. But keep in mind that letting go isn't the end of the world, but a new beginning." - unknown

Contrary to the idea that nostalgia can leave us stuck in the past, looking back fondly seems to help us look forward optimistically. Especially during rough times, reflecting on happier times can remind us that things do have the potential to prepare for the future and react to the present.

"Nostalgia involves reflecting on past experiences but it motivates affective states, behaviors, and goals that improve people's future lives." - Taylor FioRito

We must continue to look forward and explore our opportunities in Newfoundland Health Research, Rescue, Education and Scholarship.

NCA National Newfoundland Rescue is a large volunteer network that supports rescue efforts throughout the United States. These dedicated volunteers work with Regional Newfoundland Clubs to assist Newfoundlands in need and to work independently with the support of the Trust in areas where Regional Club rescue is not available. Your donations continue to make this important work possible. The Trust provides grants to Regional Clubs when needed to support rescue dogs.

The health of our Newfoundlands today and in the future is a priority for the NCA Charitable Trust. We are investing in the future health with our research funds.

The Research efforts of the Trust and the Research Advisory Committee are definitely prepared for the future as we have teamed up with the Morris Animal Foundation to fund Donor Inspired Studies.

Nostalgia: Why Thinking About the Past Can Be Good for You

Currently, we are funding Research projects for Newfoundland Forelimb Anomaly (Congenital Radial Head Luxation), Cranial Cruciate Ligament Disease in the Newfoundland and Sub-aortic Stenosis in Newfoundlands. We recently funded a study on a new novel treatment for canine otitis externa. The Trust recently funded a study involving Hemangiosarcoma Cancer with the Morris Animal Foundation.

What's New for the Trust in 2024? An online store for NCA Trust, NCA National Rescue and NCA Health Challenge logo items is open. Please shop for your favorite logo items and support the Trust: https://nca-charities.myspreadshop.com The NCA Charitable Trust will host an information tent and raffles ringside at the National Specialty in 2024 to support Rescue and Health Challenge with a few very special items available daily for three days.

The number of subscribers to the e-newsletter NewfCare: Research and Rescue continues to grow with over 1,000 subscribers. This newsletter is published quarterly and provides current information from the Trust with Research and Rescue updates. Follow the NCA Charitable Trust on Facebook™ to keep up with our activities.

The NCA Board of Directors serves as the Trustee of the NCA Charitable Trust and sets policy for the management of the Trust that is carried out by a nine- member Charitable Trust Management Board. The administrative expenses of the Trust are covered by an annual grant from NCA Inc., so that 100% of your donations can be used to support the mission of the Trust.

The motto of the NCA Trust is simply "Your Gift Their Future"! The NCA Charitable Trust exists and continues to grow with the generous support of our donors. Many donors to the Trust have included the NCA Charitable Trust in their Will and Estate Planning. The generosity of time and resources to support the health and safety of future generations of Newfoundland dogs is an inspiration to us all. I am very proud and honored to have been a part of this journey and I am looking forward to what lies ahead.

To learn more about the NCA Charitable Trust or to make a donation visit NCACharities.org .

Clyde E. Dunphy DVM, NCA Charitable Trust Board Chairman

Financial Highlights

Health Challenge	2023
Donations, Fundraising, Grants	\$ 45,479
Gains/Loss on Investments	\$ 23,094
Grants Awarded	-\$ 105,238
Fundraising Costs/Administrative Expenses	-\$ 2,387
Rescue	
Donations, Fundraising, Grants	\$ 149,905
Rescue Placement Fees	\$ 34,400
Gains/Loss on Investments	\$ 52,606
Rescue Veterinary Care	-\$ 190,448
Fundraising Costs/Administrative Expenses	-\$ 5,528
Grants Awarded	-\$ 27,768
Education & Scholarship	
Donations, Fundraising, Grants	\$ 6,036
Gains/Loss on Investments	\$ 5,061
Fundraising Costs/Administrative Expenses	-\$ 264

Newfoundland Health Challenge

What is the Newfoundland Health Challenge and why is it important?

The Newfoundland Health Challenge was approved November 3, 1996, as a fund-raising campaign for Newfoundland health related research. Since that date the Health Challenge became an important arm of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust supporting numerous research grants involving hundreds of thousands of dollars in Newfoundland specific and basic canine scientific research. We continue to invest in the future health of our Newfoundland companions by supporting current research initiatives.

Has your dog ever suffered from a hot spot, orthopedic problem, skin disorder, bloat, cancer, ear infection or allergies then the Heath Challenge should be important to you! These are just a few of the areas the Health Challenge has supported research grants within the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) and the Morris Animal Foundation (MAF).

The NCA Charitable Trust conducts the Newfoundland Health Survey every five years to evaluate the current health problems affecting Newfoundland dogs. In 2022 1,264 dogs were surveyed in the last health survey and the highlights of the last survey were published in the 2022 Annual Report which can be viewed on the NCA Charitable Trust website. This information is used by the Research Advisory Committee which evaluates current research areas or creates a research interest area specific to Newfoundland dogs and then seeks out researchers to conduct this research.

The NCA Charitable Trust recently supported Donor Inspired Research with Morris Animal Foundation in the areas of Newfoundland Forelimb Anomaly (Congenital Lateral Radial Head Luxation), Sub-Aortic Stenosis and Cranial Cruciate Disease affecting Newfoundlands. Additionally, research is ongoing with Dr. Stern regarding SAS in Newfoundland Dogs.

Research always provides answers, though sometimes not the answers we wanted or the desired result. However each research grant gives us a part of the puzzle to a complex disease process.

This past year Lori Littleford and Clyde Dunphy attended the AKC CHF Canine Health Conference. The mission of the conference is to promote canine health by Prevent, Treat and Cure! With 18 research papers presented and numerous panel discussions, the importance of continued research support was evident. This important research can be accomplished only with your financial support. The cost of research continues to escalate and your donations are more important each year.

Thank You to each of our donors that have supported the Newfoundalnd Health Challenge in the past, present and future and to our new donors thank you in advance for helping improve the health, quality of life and longevity for future generations of Newfoundland dogs.

Mary Jane Spackman, Chairman

Clyde Dunphy DVM, NCA Charitable Trust Chairman

Research Advisory

Our role is to select and monitor research projects that meet high scientific standards and have the greatest potential for advancing the health of Newfoundland dogs.

In January 2023, Morris Animal Foundation approved our Donor Inspired Sub Aortic Stenosis grant. Led by Dr. Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan, Professor, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics and Small Animal Clinical Sciences at Michigan State University and the project's Principal Investigator, the study will employ advanced tools to discover genetic determinants of SAS in Newfoundland dogs. If successful, findings could be used to genetically screen dogs for this disease and inform breeding decisions.

The CTMB approved \$5000.00 of funding from the Newfoundland Health Challenge Fund for MAF study DA23CA-801 - Fosmidomycin for treatment of canine otitis externa. This pilot study started in March, 2023 using a new antibiotic that has been used to successfully treat bladder infections in humans.

RAC also reviewed both the abstracts and full proposals of the 2023-4 MAF hemangiosarcoma studies recommending funding of D24CA-536: Discovery of public tumor specific neoantigens (pTS-NAs) and pTSNA reactive T cells arisen from hotspot mutations in canine hemangiosarcoma. This study's goal is to yield targets for future development of cancer vaccine and other immunotherapies to treat and prevent hemangiosarcoma in dogs. CTMB approved \$10,000.00 of funding.

One of the great benefits of sponsoring grants is the opportunity to review interim progress updates. We received the following updates:

MAF D21CA-503: A Genomics Approach to Understanding Newfoundland Forelimb Anomaly. This pilot study has completed high resolution sequencing of a family trio of an affected puppy. "Of particular interest is a loci on chromosome 4 which has by far the strongest significant association amongst the SNPs in the study. Interestingly, this region is homologous to a region on the long arm of chromosome 10 in humans, which contains a gene which has been associated with spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia, a form of chondrodysplasia that shares a similar phenotype and clinical presentation to NFA, and which is characterized by an autosomal recessive inheritance pattern." Analysis of the data is ongoing.

CHF Grant 02880: Enhanced Surgical Margin Imaging with Polarization-sensitive Optical Coherence Tomography in Canine Soft Tissue Sarcoma and Mammary Tumors "We have had good progress in our patient enrollment, we completed enrollment of the

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) consists of Bill Cuddy, Sharon Gwaltney-Brandt, chair Lori Littleford, Sharron Oviatt, Roger Powell and Tamzin Rosenwasser. RAC reviews research proposals from AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) and Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) as well as independent research contacts. RAC serves the vital purpose of advising the Charitable Trust Management Board which studies may have the greatest impact on Newfoundlands, are likely to be adopted into clinical practice and should be considered for funding. We are pleased to note that the CTMB decided to fund grants based on our recommendations.

60 cases already! We are in the second phase of this project where we are looking at accuracy of surgical margin imaging soft tissue sarcomas and mammary tumors after surgical removal in dogs. Soon, we will start evaluating the images and preparing the training and test sets of images for observers to assess." This study is scheduled to conclude 5/31/2024.

CHF Grant 02851-A: Development of Regional Anesthesia Techniques to Treat Chronic Painful Conditions of the Stifle and Elbow in Dogs "Using cadaver limbs, a new proposed technique which consists of four peri-capsular injections was developed to better target the affected nerves. These landmarks are located on the humerus (arm bone) in relation to the four quadrants of the joint and are easily recognizable with ultrasound and by palpation." A similar technique will be developed for the stifle (knee) joint. This study is expected to conclude 12/31/2023 so we should have a final report soon.

Cruciate Risk Marker study:

Dr. Peter Muir writes "Participation by your members has been great and we now have largely completed the recruitment of dogs under this award for phenotyping as cruciate ligament rupture cases and controls and for genotyping. I can tell you that risk prediction of cruciate ligament rupture in the Newfoundland is not accurate when our large Labrador Retriever reference population is used as the training set for prediction. This means that, unfortunately, the portfolio of risk variants that are particularly influential in the Labrador Retriever are different from the ones that are particularly influential in the Newfoundland." Dr. Muir's group has applied for additional AKC/CHF funding to continue his investigations.

The CTMB has received current accounting on our Canine Health Foundation donor advised fund. RAC is currently reviewing 2024 grant applications for its recommendations. The NCA Trust's donor advised fund at CHF includes individual donations earmarked for the Newfoundland as well as Purina Pro Club Parent Club program support. Purina's revised program requires donated funds to be assigned to specific projects within 2 years of their donation or revert to the non-breed specific general fund.

Lori Littleford, chairman

Rescue Report

2023 Newfoundland Rescue Fund grants to NCA Regional Clubs:

"Thor" Ne	wfoundland Health & Rescue, Northern California	\$4,449.22
"Maverick"	Southeastern Newfoundland Club Rescue	\$2,294.48
"Zhukov"	Southeastern Newfoundland Club Rescue	\$4,388.34
"Annabelle"	Southern California Newfoundland Rescue	\$8,361.82

The NCA Rescue Fund provides grants to NCA Regional clubs for rescue services incurring extraordinary expenses. Generous donations to the NCA Rescue Fund make these grants possible. Southern California Newfoundland Rescue Corporation requested a grant to support expenses for "Annabelle". The grant request was reviewed according to the NCA Rescue Grant policy* and the 50% grant - \$8,361.82 - was approved. Southern California Newfoundland Rescue Corporation provided her story.

"Annabelle"

Annabelle came into Rescue in early December 2022. She was a 3.5-year-old intact female relinquished by her owners who were being evicted, and she was living in less than stellar conditions. Annabelle was fed a cup of cottage cheese for breakfast and a can of Alpo with a slice of cheese for dinner.

She had patent ductus arteriosus, PDA, that was never corrected and was continually given a CBD oil with a high ratio of THC (toxic) to keep her quiet.

She had not been groomed and was covered in matts; the ones on her hindquarters were encrusted in feces. She seemed painful when walking and it was not readily apparent whether that was due to matts, muscle atrophy or an orthopedic issue.



We had to work to improve her nutrition and body condition so she could tolerate corrective PDA surgery, to be followed by spay surgery and a consultation with an orthopedic surgeon. But tests prior to the PDA surgery indicated a serious staphylococcal infection which had to be resolved before any surgery. Her skin infection was treated and resolved and the Cardiologist proclaimed the postponed PDA procedure was successful so she was healthy enough to be spayed. The orthopedic surgeon said he was not sure he could make a difference in her intermittent lameness. Like so many Newfs she has allergies so she will require chronic dermatology and cardiology follow ups.

Thanks to great veterinary care and wonderful T.L.C. by her multiple foster care providers, she is expected to have a normal Newf lifespan with an excellent quality of life. After one year Annabelle is finally healthy enough to be adoptable and we are searching for a perfect match for her.

With generous discounts from the veterinary hospitals - Animal Dermatology Clinic-Tustin, Blue Pearl CA-Irvine (Cardiology), Veterinary Surgical Specialists (orthopedic consultation) and Arch Beach Animal Hospital (spay), the costs to date for Annabelle's veterinary care total \$16,723.64."

Southern California Newfoundland Rescue now reports, "Annabelle has quite the personality. Every one of us who had the opportunity to meet her while taking her to one of her vet. appointments or other outings found her to be full of heart to survive and so happy to meet new people. She has become a gorgeous girl and will be a great ambassador for our breed!"

* NCA Rescue policy: Grants are available to Regional Clubs' Rescue Services to subsidize up to 50% of estimated veterinary services costs. Applications for these grants are reviewed by the CTMB to determine correct diagnosis and prognosis. A grant application up to \$1,000.00 is reviewed by the NCA Rescue Chair for approval. A grant application over \$1,000.00 is reviewed by the NCA Rescue Chair and the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board Chair.



Stay In Touch



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Donate to NCA Charities through your employer's giving campaigns in the fall, and watch the tremendous impact your payroll-deduction gifts have on the lives of Newfoundlands throughout the year. Designate Federal ID 06-1500326. Giving smaller amounts through regular payroll deductions allows you to make a larger impact overall for Newfoundlands in need.

Monthly Donors

Did you know that monthly giving is an incredibly efficient way to support NCA Charities? Monthly gifts provide a consistent, reliable income stream, allowing us to focus more resources on our lifesaving programs, and less on raising the necessary funds. It's easy to budget and it feels great to be making a difference for Newfs every month of the year. www.ncacharities.org/donatemonthly.html

Legacy Gifts

One of the constants in the NCA Charitable Trust's success story is that those who believe in the mission of the Trust support it financially and make it part of their legacy. From its earliest days, the NCA Charitable Trust needed private support to fund vital Health Research and assist rescued Newfoundland in need. Get started today: www.ncacharities.org/bequests.html

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https://nca-charities.myspreadshop.com

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