NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

2021 Annual Report



YOUR GIFT THEIR FUTURE



25 years of creating a safe and healthy future for every Newfoundland.

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Celebrating Our Silver Anniversary

Looking back on the first 25 years of the NCA Charitable Trust no one could have envisioned where our journey would take us. Here we are with a Charitable Trust making a difference in the lives of Newfoundlands and people in the Newfoundland Dog community every day.

Clyde Dunphy, DVM Charitable Trust Management Board Chair

The journey of our Trust reminds me of a quote by writer and Nobel Prize winner William Faulkner,

"You cannot swim for new horizons until you lose sight of the shore."

The vision for the NCA Charitable Trust was formed many years ago, when the Newfoundland Club of America saw a need to support the health and welfare of Newfoundland dogs by forming the Health and Longevity Committee, the Newfoundland Rescue Committee and the NCA Donations Committee with a bequest from an NCA Member. The Donations Committee continued to receive funds to support health related research and with a growing Rescue network the need for a Charitable Trust was identified. The Newfoundland Health Challenge was created to generate funds to support research and identify health issues within the Newfoundland breed. The driving force behind the creation of the Charitable Trust was to have a group of individuals who would devote their time and expertise to the management of the Trust activities. The NCA Charitable Trust was created in 1997, organized as a 501(c)

(3) Charitable Trust recognized by the IRS so donations may be tax deductible. The Trust moved forward with a vision to create a safe and healthy future for generations of Newfoundland dogs. The mission of the NCA Trust is to secure donations, manage and fund research grants that study health issues affecting Newfoundland dogs, support veterinary care for Newfoundlands in Rescue, award educational scholarships to junior Newfoundland fanciers and provide grants for education on the care, raising, nutrition, training, disease, research, breeding, judging and exhibiting the Newfoundland breed.

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 ninemember Charitable Trust Management Board. The administrative expenses of the Trust are covered by an annual grant from NCA Inc., so 100% of donations can be used to support the mission of the Trust.

The NCA Charitable Trust was created with \$25,000 of donations and has

grown to over \$700,000.

A major milestone for the Trust was the creation of an Endowment Fund for the permanent upkeep and benefit of the NCA Trust's mission and responsibilities in the future. The NCA Charitable Trust in the last 25 years has invested over 2 million dollars in the health and wellbeing of Newfoundland dogs.

Health research funding started with a small donation in 1993 to the Morris Animal Foundation. The NCA Trust joined the AKC Canine Health Foundation in 1995 as a charter member. The Trust was recognized in 2015 by the AKC/CHF as a Distinguished Research Partner. The NCA Trust was one of six organizations responsible for over \$3 million dollars in AKC CHF Canine Health Research. Sheila Nardone, MS, Ph.D., chief scientific officer of the AKC/CHF in 2015 said, "These clubs and organizations are making a lasting impact on canine health. Their donations are supporting research that address some of the most prominent health concerns for our dogs."

In twenty-five years the NCA Charitable Trust has expanded our health research opportunities with Donor directed research grants through the AKC Canine Health Foundation to study Sub-Aortic Stenosis in Newfoundland Dogs. Additionally, this past year the Trust partnered with the Morris Animal Foundation to develop two Donor Inspired Studies, first to investigate Newfoundland Forelimb Anomaly

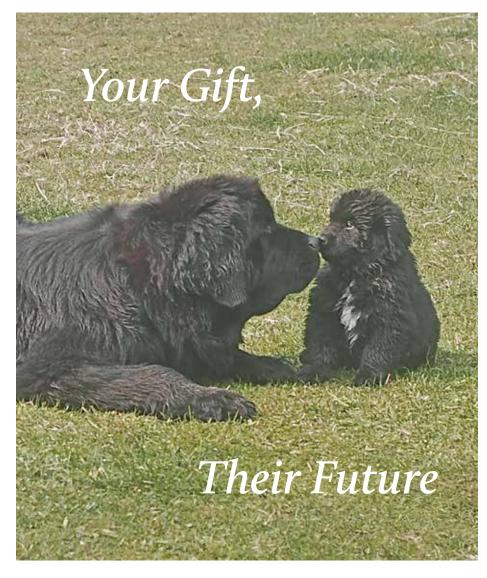
(Lateral Radial Head Luxation) and secondly, to study Sub-Aortic Stenosis in Newfoundland dogs.

A celebration of the twenty-five-year journey of the Charitable Trust will take place in Frankenmuth, Michigan at the Newfoundland Club of America National Specialty in May 2022. A Welcome Reception for NCA members will be hosted by the Trust on May 10th. Additionally, a special reception for Trust donors will be held on, May 13, 2022 -Save the Date.

The NCA Charitable Trust simply would not exist and grow without the support of our donors which are comprised of NCA members and Newfoundland owners around the world. Our donors volunteer to assist our rescue network, donate to the Trust and include the NCA Charitable Trust in their 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 twenty-five-year journey.

Where will the Trust be 25 years from today? Just as no one could have predicted where we would be today and what we have accomplished, the future journey is impossible to predict. I can assure you that the future is bright for the Trust, both financially with our Endowment Fund and with the guidance of the Charitable Trust Management Board, currently Clyde Dunphy, Mary

L Price, Lori Littleford, Mary Jane Spackman, Denise Hatekayma, Mary Lou Cuddy, John Cornell, Christopher Plum and Roger Powell The Trust will journey to new horizions. We'd like to thank Cherrie Brown for her many years of service to the Research Advisory Committee. She has volunteered her time and expertise since the inception of the committee. She's decided to retire so we'll be actively recruiting NCA members with scientific, veterinary or research expertise to follow in her footsteps. Thanks Cherrie!





The CTMB approved funding from the Newfoundland Health Challenge for the following three studies for \$5000 each at Morris Animal Foundation.

Creating canine-specific cell lines to study hematopoietic and immune diseases

D21CA-834 Pilot study (\$10,000). Rationale: good basic science, very applicable to the Newfoundland.

E. coli Benefits from Coinfection with Enterococcus ssp. In Canine UTI: Genetic Investigation and Clinical Significance.

D21CA-837
Pilot study (\$10,800). Rationale:
observational study, all samples at hand,
likely to generate more testable hypotheses,
very applicable to the Newfoundland.

In vitro and in vivo evaluation of Staphylococcus felis as a potential probiotic therapy for canine pyoderma.

D21CA-820 Pilot study (\$10,800). Rationale: Work is doable, applicable to the Newfoundland and likely to lead to testable hypotheses.





Research Advisory Committee

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) consists of Cherrie Brown, Sharon Gwaltney-Brandt, chair Lori Littleford, 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. While workflow changes, especially at CHF, have limited the study design input that RAC used to provide, 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. The committee had a busy year reviewing the 2020 MAF grants in January, giving input on the Forelimb Anomaly project in February, reviewing the 2021-22 CHF grants in August and September, and the 2022 MAF grants in October and November. We are pleased to note that the CTMB decided to fund these grants based on our recommendations.

The CTMB approved \$17,500 in funding from the Newfoundland Donor Advised Fund at Canine Health Foundation for 2021 research grants after receiving a

recommendation from the Research Advisory Committee.

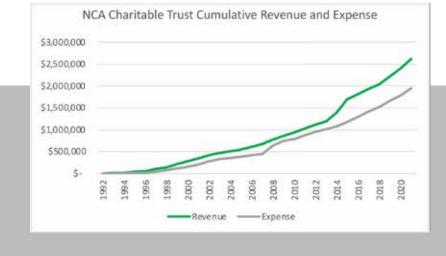
02851-A Development of Regional Anesthesia Techniques to Treat Chronic Painful Conditions of the Stifle and Elbow in Dog Musculoskeletal Conditions and Disease, Amount \$5,000

> o2880 Enhanced Surgical Margin Imaging with Polarization-sensitive Optical Coherence Tomography in Canine Soft Tissue Sarcoma and Mammary Tumors Oncology, Amount \$2,500

02829 Investigating the Potential of Phage Therapy to Tackle Staphylococcus pseudintermedius Infections in Dogs Dermatology and Allergic Disease, Amount \$10,000

A History of Giving and Helping Newfs

The mission of the NCA Trust is to secure donations, manage and fund research grants to study health issues affecting Newfoundland dogs, support veterinary care for Newfoundlands in Rescue, award educational scholarships to junior Newfoundland fanciers and provide grants for education on the care, raising, nutrition, training, disease, research, breeding, judging and exhibiting the Newfoundland breed.

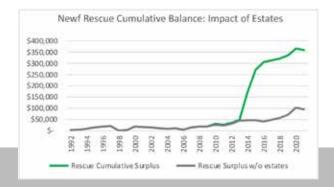


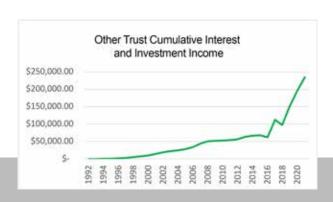
The current Trust revenue averages \$141,590 a year (2016-2020) from donations designated to Rescue, the Health Challenge, Scholarship, Education, Unrestricted funds, investment gains, and annual Grants from the NCA to cover the trust's administration. To the extent that revenues exceed expenses, it increases our endowment fund that supports important future research and generates revenue.

Support

Expanding Circle of Influence

This money has been used to help many Newfs in many ways, above all through Newfoundland Rescue and the Newfoundland Health Challenge. Newf Rescue has spent over \$1 million helping care for and place Newfoundlands who were unable to stay in their initial homes. Over the same time-period, the Newfoundland Health Challenge has funded more than three quarters of a million dollars (\$764,000) of veterinary research, DNA testing and other health related services with a goal of bettering the current and future health of the Newfoundland breed.





Stability

Legacy Funding

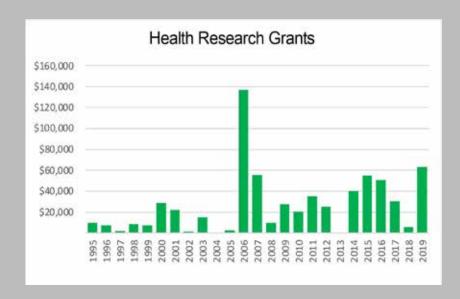
Since 2014 the trust has received \$260,000 in estate bequests over and above the annual donations, with 75% of these funds designated to support the efforts of Newf Rescue. This has put the Trust on a very secure financial footing.

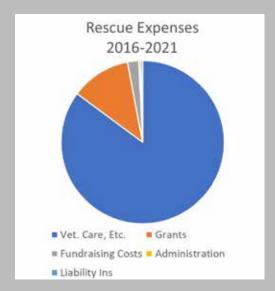
The NCA Charitable Trust was created in 1997, building on efforts of NCA members who had been supporting Newf Rescue since 1984 and the Health and Longevity Committee since 1992. From these beginnings revenues from donations and other funding activities now totals \$2.6 million.

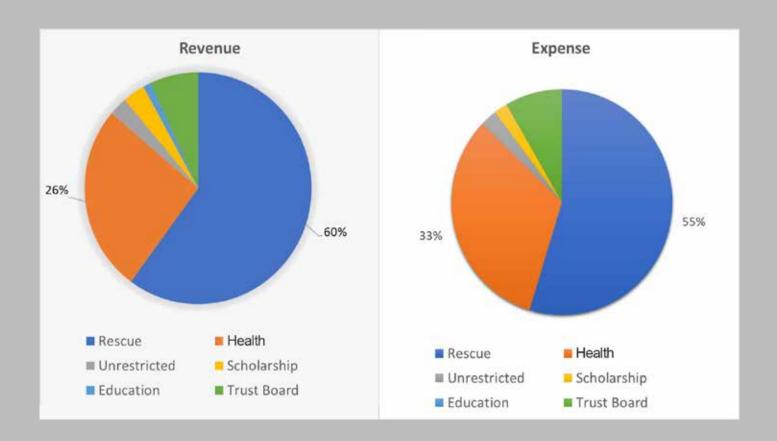
Growth

Investment Strategy

During the first 15 years of the Trust (1992-2007) surplus funds were invested in CDs; from 1992 to 2012 over \$56,000 was added to the Trust from CD interest, averaging about \$2,400 a year. In 2012 the NCA Trustee approved the investment policy proposed by the Charitable Trust Management Board and the and Trust began a more active investment strategy. The investment strategy has generated substantial additional income for the Trust. Since 2012, the market investments have returned over \$175,000 to the Trust, on average above \$19,000 per year, this return is \$150,000 more than the simple interest strategy would have produced.







The average (2016-2020) annual revenue and expense for each of the Trust areas. The grants from the Newfoundland Club of America provide the funds for administrative costs. Our unrestricted funds offer the flexibility to meet immediate needs in any of the fund areas. Most donations made through Facebook™, for example, do not carry a specific fund designation, so they go into the unrestricted funds.



Use of Funds for Health Challenge

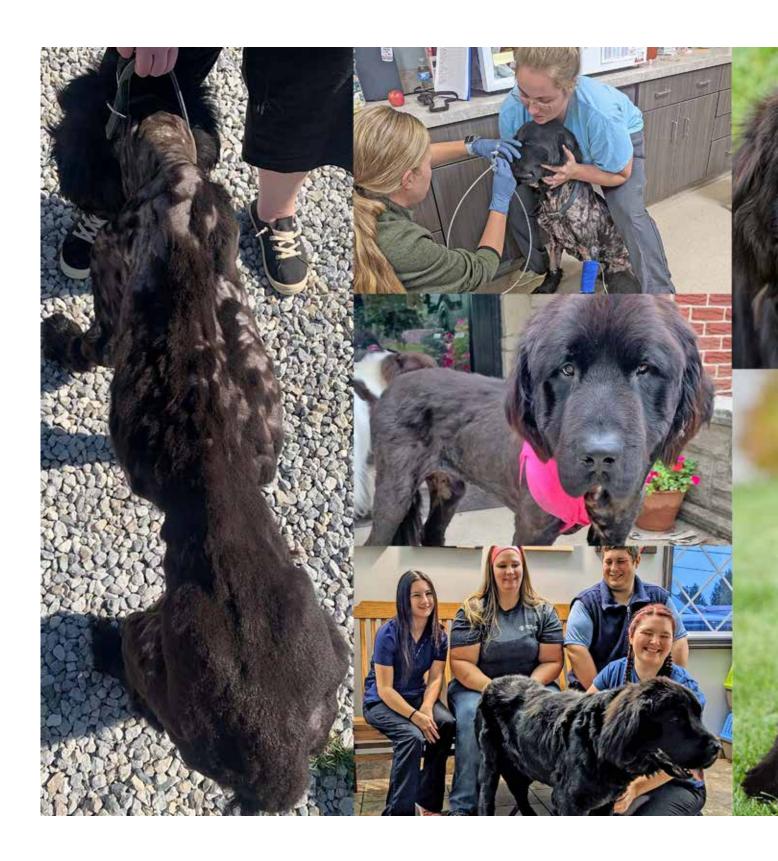
As of the end of 2021, the Health Challenge has funded nearly \$660,000 of peer reviewed research, 86% of the Health Challenge's total expenses. Copayments to Newfoundland owners for over 1,500 genetic and health tests made up 5.5% of expenses (for Cystinuria, DNA samples, and Doppler heart studies, many collected at NCA National Specialties).

The CTMB works with the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Morris Animal Foundation to select high quality projects that meet our mission for the use of these funds; the CTMB supports other research projects with unrestricted funds. The graph below shows how these funds have been spent by year. You can read more about the individual studies in this and previous reports and in newsletters from the Trust under Newfoundland Health Challenge Research Grants.

Use of Funds for Rescue

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Placement fees cover about 20% of the cost of Newf Rescue. Nearly all Rescue expenses are for veterinary care and boarding. In the past five years, 97% of rescue funds have gone to these direct care expenses. The Grants category is for funds given to Regional Clubs in response to Grant requests as well as copayments made to veterinarians through the Barrister Fund. The next largest category is for fundraising, which includes items like custom T-shirts purchased for resale at the National Specialty and credit card and other processing fees (such as Stripe™ and PayPal™).



The Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust is the foundation upon which we stand to be able to change the trajectory of these sweet souls. Without the funds, there would be no Rescue and the dogs would be left to uncertain futures. We were able to make lifesaving choices for Captain because generous donations subsidized his care.





Rescue Report - Saving Captain

The rescue of Captain began many days before we laid eyes on him. His journey began with one voice that wasn't willing to be silenced. Captain had been entrusted to a dog sitter for a short period and she immediately recognized he was in desperate need of medical care. She initiated treatment and began searching for help and convinced Captain's owner to surrender him to NCA Rescue.

Rescue is a team sport Springing Into Action

Anticipating Captain's surrender to Rescue and sight unseen, we scheduled a veterinary appointment to update on his basic vet. care. Little did we know this routine surrender would quickly turn into a critically urgent life-saving mission. At only 72 pounds, every bone in Captain's weak body was prominently on display under severely infected skin. Recognizing the urgency our Rescue transporter contacted Sugar Creek Veterinary clinic and arranged for Captain's immediate treatment.

With his last bit of strength Captain was able to walk into the vet clinic. The bustling clinic fell silent as Captain was ushered in the door and through the corridors of the hospital for emergency care. His medical team rallied around him, developing a life-saving plan.

Intravenous lines were started to treat his extreme dehydration with fluids. Large, gallon sized bags of saline, typically reserved for livestock animals were administered. A feeding tube was inserted to begin introducing calories in a very controlled manner. Captain's diet had to be strictly controlled as feeding him too much or the wrong food could have sent his body into shock. B-12 injections were administered to help stimulate his appetite. Plastic wrap was seen in his body apparently eaten with any food he found.

His skin infections were treated with antibiotics. Matted hair had created a breeding

ground for bacteria and maggots. Captain was infested with hookworms and whipworms that required treatment.



Not every rescue story is as dramatic as Captain's but to each dog their rescue matters. We become their people, their voice, their protectors, and we can do that because of the extraordinary generosity of the NCA Charitable Trust supporters.

Seventy-two hour window Critical Timeline

While working feverishly to save his life, his team of Veterinarians gave Captain a sobering 72-hour window for his survival. If he could survive the first 72 hours, his chances of long-term recovery became more feasible. It would take much more time to understand if there would be the long-term effects from his condition. As the hours and days ticked by, this extraordinary Newf with grit grew stronger and stronger. Each day we called the clinic, holding our breath in case of bad news. Yet, with every phone call, we received better and better news. Captain was hitting every goal set for him. After 3 VERY long days later we began to exhale and plan for his future.

As humans we want to find answers, we want to be able to understand, and find justifiable reasons for what we are seeing. Our medical team turned over every stone to find a justifiable reason that led to Captain's condition. Surely there had to something that caused it but, after many tests there was only one answer, and that answer was -- neglect. His first owner had failed him.

Not only was Captain's body recovering but so was his soul. The medical team was Captain's first peek into what his life ahead would hold. The team became personally engaged in his recovery, and to this day request updates. They would often spend their lunches and breaks giving him the attention and love he was denied the first 5 years of his life.

Captain's rescue was not the only one we worked on from his original place. In total we were able to rescue 11 other Newfoundlands including 2 day-old puppies, an elderly German Shepherd, and 2 mini horses.



Long road to rehab A Shiny New Collar

A symbolic gesture for any dog starting a new life is a new collar and the team at Sugar Creek wasted no time in helping him shed his past and step into his future with a shiny new collar. Captain spent 21 days in the care of Sugar Creek Veterinary Hospital before being released to his foster caregivers.

Captain had come a long way in 21 days; however, seeing him for the first time was still shocking. Updates and pictures of his condition had been shared along the way, but nothing could prepare them for laying eyes and hands on his skeletal frame for the first time. Despite all he had been through, he walked in the room and laid his head in the lap of one of his foster caregivers. She broke down in tears holding his head in her lap, as she received the detailed instructions from the clinic about his home care.

Captain's release from the clinic was far from the end of his recovery. He had many more milestones to hit before his placement could be considered. Only 24 hours after arriving in his foster home, a large wound began to form and opened on his shoulder, determined to be a bedsore that began forming under his skin during his most critical days when he didn't have the strength to move. The wound would require multiple veterinary visits and several rounds of antibiotics to heal. Captain was especially vulnerable to bedsores because of his poor body condition and his foster family had to take extra precautions to ensure he did not develop any new ones.

As part of his medical recovery his foster caregivers were also charged with his mental recovery, healing his heart, and showing him how great family life could be. Simple tasks like walking up steps, hopping into a car, and meeting new people were all things he had to learn were safe activities. He had every justifiable reason in the world to give up on people and be a completely different dog; however, despite everything he had been through he maintained a stoic, classic Newfoundland temperament. He asked only for a lap on which to lay his head and pets from your free hand. Remarkably, Captain never developed food aggression, resource guarding, or long term affects from the neglect he endured.

Steps big and small

From Rehab to Recovery

As days tuned into weeks and weeks into months, Captain met every goal set for him. Weekly weigh-ins at the clinic showed his continued ability to hit his milestones, ultimately gaining 52 pounds while in Rescue! As summer turned into fall Captain's once bare skin was replaced by a shiny, black coat. His only reminder of his ordeal is a scar on the end of his nose from the feeding tube. When his milestones were all surpassed, it became clear Captain was ready for his forever home.

Many wonderful adoption applications are returned daily and finding Captain's perfect match was our top priority. After pouring through stacks of applications, one stood out. While Captain battled back from the brink of death, a family far to the north began their search to fill the void felt in their home. Like so many adopters, the many hours and days of endless



Finding family

Future Looking Bright

internet searches became muddled together in the pursuit of a rescue Newfie. Fortunate for Captain, they landed on the Newfoundland Club of America website where they connected with us. A few swift phone calls later, we were discussing Captain in detail and all he had been through. It did not take long for his potential adoptive family to understand Captain's life and they felt this match was meant to be. Having shared the wonderful news about Captain on social media, his new family felt overwhelmed with the outpouring of good wishes. One said, "It's as though Captain has won the lottery!", when in fact his adoptive family felt they were the winners.

A very long 6-hour drive later, Captain's family arrived at his foster home. If there were any doubts about their decision they were quickly erased when Captain greeted them at the door and waited patiently for them to sit down so he could lay his head in their laps. Many happy tears were shed the day Captain met his new family and left NCA Rescue on the final leg in his journey. The dog that fought so hard to survive was finally going to really live the life he had always deserved. Captain still had hills to climb in his recovery and his new family was committed to ensuring he would climb them. There is still weight to gain, there are new environments to learn, and new routines.

Captain is now a very healthy 135-pound Newfoundland that spent his first Christmas in the warmth of a loving family.

NCA Rescue's success is due to our Volunteers who coordinate foster care, transportation, etc. and our Donors' financial support for veterinary services. Thank YOU for your Generous help. Mary L. Price, Rescue Chair.

Health Challenge Report

Victor Hugo once said "There is nothing like a dream to create the future."

The Newfoundland Health Challenge (NHC) is the result of a dream by a handful of NCA members to create a healthy future for our Newfoundlands.

Even after a long stressful year for all of us, the Health Challenge continues to thrive. In 2021, the NHC funded eight scientific research studies, this only happens because of each and every donation we receive, no matter the amount. Research updates for your review are provided quarterly in NewfCares.





OFA Partnership **Health Survey**

A revised Health Survey will be released on the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) site in March, to guide which peer reviewed studies we fund. Your answers will identify the diseases and/or health trends currently impacting our breed. To encourage completion of the survey, the average time to complete the survey per dog is less than 5 minutes! Your participation in this survey is a gift to the health of our breed, please watch for the release and take the survey.

The Newfoundland Health
Challenge will fund the cost of the
DNA collections at the National
Specialty. If you have not had your dog
collected and you will be there, please have
you dog collected. The DNA Repository is a
valuable tool to researchers.



Make A Difference Stolen Heartbeats

Stolen Heartbeats is a
GoFundMe charity campaign
by the Newfoundland
Health Challenge to raise
funds to defeat SAS or to
improve quality of life for our
Newfoundlands with SAS.
Subvalvular Aortic Stenosis
is a devastating diagnosis
for any Newfoundland
owner and our breed has
the highest percentage of
affected dogs of any breed.
It has been documented in
our breed for 54 years!

MAF Partnership **Study Funded**

We have funded a Morris Animal Foundation Grant, # D22CA -040, entitled Investigating a Novel Drug Therapy for Heart Disease. The scientific title is Rapamycin to Prevent Cardiac Remodeling in Severe Canine Subvalvular Aortic Stenosis: A Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo - Controlled Clinical Trial. Dr. Josh Stern is the Principal Investigator and Dr. Kathryn M. Meurs is the Co-Investigator.

Continuing the Fight Ringside Auctions

The Newfoundland Health Challenge will host two ringside auctions on Wednesday and Thursday. This year we have been fortunate to receive donations from the Lovett Estate as well as various artwork, books, and sculptures from Linda Spaulding in memory of her late husband. Donations are always welcome, if you would like to donate, the easiest way is to text 717-802-2873.

Twenty Five Years Ago

Newfoundlands were diagnosed, treated and died from Osteosarcoma (OS) and Subaortic Stenosis (SAS). Today these conditions and others still exist, however we have many answers to these devastating diseases. Where have the answers come from and where do we go from here?

Devastating Diagnosis

Hope for the Future



Cyclo & Owner all Clyde Dunphy, DVM



Wherefore and Why Research

Research gives us the answers to some questions, but ultimately creates more questions. As Donors and pet dog owners we want the Answer to the Best treatment, why did this disease occur and how can we prevent it. Not getting a specific answer does not mean failure or a lack of progress, but helps our understanding of the disease.

"It's better to know some of the questions than all of the answers." James Thurber.



Making A Difference Thank You

Twenty-Five years later you, our donors, are making a difference in ground-breaking research to help dogs live longer healthier lives. The Charitable Trust is supporting Newfoundland Forelimb Anomaly, SAS, Osteosarcoma and other research areas. Your donations will continue to support our goals. We still have many unanswered questions; however, with your help and support we will get more answers about these devastating diseases affecting our canine companions.

Unanswered Questions Finding Answers

25 years ago, no treatment existed for a puppy with SAS; we knew there was a defect in the heart and a very high-pressure gradient. Many puppies were euthanized at diagnosis or lived short lives. Today through research supported by the NCA Charitable Trust (NCA CT) such as cuttingballoon valvuloplasty surgery there is hope for dogs with SAS. Many dogs develop congestive heart failure. With improved diagnostic ultrasound and MRI imaging, treatment can be started earlier and dogs are living longer. There are still many unanswered questions, such as why do some dogs die suddenly and why does the disease progress rapidly in some dogs and not in others and are preventative treatments effective.



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