

CTMB Meeting – February 3, 2010

The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust met via teleconference on February 3, 2010. Clyde E. Dunphy called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. CDT. Members present were Clyde Dunphy, Dave Helming, Janice Hight, Roger Powell, Mary L. Price, Mary W. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, and Mary Jane Spackman. Andy Zinsmeyer was absent. Dave Helming moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2010, as corrected. Janice Hight seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Roger Powell abstained.

Dave Riggs, Study Sponsorship Manager, of the Morris Animal Foundation joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m., CDT. Dave Riggs was present to discuss the funding protocol for Morris studies.

The following is a synopsis of the Morris Animal Foundation discussion:

- The majority of the studies approved at Morris are traditional studies. A traditional study must receive the recommendation of the advisory committee (peer review process) and then approval by the Morris Board. Once approved Morris is committed to the full funding for this project, regardless of sponsorships..
- Studies that are approved and designated as unfunded studies reflect that Morris does not have the budgeted funds to commit to these studies. 100% outside funding is required before this type study may go forward.
- Sponsorships, partial or full are a commitment of funding to a study. Morris commits in advance to 100% funding to allow the research studies to go forward. Morris is well aware researchers will keep going where the interest/funding is, thus their commitment to full funding. In return, Morris actively seeks sponsorships to allow them to fund more studies. The Morris budget is limited by the amount of donations/sponsorships in any given year. Morris needs the support to continue the research; otherwise it will not go forward. This lack of sponsorships will increase the number of approved/unfunded status, instead of traditional study .
- Dave Riggs will contact Dr. Wilke, chief investigator, for the CCLR study at the University of Minnesota to request a press release for *Newf Tide*.
- A confidentiality agreement must be signed for the CTMB to receive the scientific report from any study; the lay summary is released for all. RAC does receive the scientific report from any study with funding from the CTMB.
- Multiyear studies funding process: First year funding only appears in sponsorship book due to the audience. Each subsequent year funding level appears in the coordinating sponsorship book.

The full funding budget is released to RAC for review of any multi-year studies. If a multi-year study does not receive full sponsorship in any given year, Morris makes up the difference in funding.

- Pilot studies are a lower budget option. A pilot study is for one year only and the researcher can request a maximum of \$10,800.00.

Dave Riggs left the meeting at 7:58, p.m., CDT.

Chairman's Report: Clyde deferred his report to old business.

Secretary's Report: Mary Jane Spackman reported the following activity

- Researched the grant (Platelet Surface Glycoprotein Function in Related and Unrelated Newfoundlands, #00845-A) reported as paid on the AKC/CHF Donor Advised Fund statement for the period of 01/01/09 to 11/30/09. This was an acorn grant approved by the CTMB in October 2006.
- Contacted Marylou Zimmerman and requested an update on the current health studies link on the CTMB web page.
- Requested a short article for Newf Tide from Dr. Wilke at the University of Minnesota on the status of the Chromosomal Regions and Genes Associated with Cranial Cruciate Ligament Rupture in the Dog study

Treasurer's Report: Mary L. Price reported the Trust's cash balances as of February 2, 2010.

Newfoundland Health Challenge (NHC): checking account—\$ 4,698.26; savings account—\$ 42,381.20; invested in CDs—\$34,523.50; Health Challenge total—\$ 81,602.96. Rescue Fund checking account—\$ 18,001.55; invested in a CD—\$10,944.77; Rescue total—\$ 28,946.32. Scholarship invested in a CD—\$6,766.03; Trust Management checking—\$7,178.67. Total Charitable Trust—\$ 124,493.98. Note: Of the NHC balance of \$ 81,602.96, \$5,100.00 is committed to the DNA Rebate program leaving an available NHC balance of \$76,502.96.

Mary reported that she forwarded the NCA Charitable Trust financial statement for the quarter ending December 31, 2009 to the trustee. In addition, she reported that no junior scholarships were awarded in 2009. Clyde will request that Steve McAdams place a reminder in *e-notes* about the scholarship opportunity.

A discussion was held on the \$17,000 CD maturing in February for the Newfoundland Health Challenge. Mary Jane moved to transfer \$8,000 from the money market account to increase this CD to \$25,000 at the best available rate. Roger Powell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Mary Jane moved to fund \$5,000 to each of the following studies at Morris Animal Foundation as a partial sponsorship. Janice Hight seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ORTHOPEDIC DISORDERS Determining Best Treatment for Orthopedic Disorder

Dr. Ursula Krottscheck, Cornell University, First Award Grant, **D09CA-303**.

Sponsorship Needed: \$44,951, 1st year.

One of the most common orthopedic problems in dogs is a fragmented coronoid process, which frequently causes forelimb lameness. This problem occurs when two of the three bones that compose the elbow joint grow unequally, causing a fracture when the elbow bears too much weight. The fragment is usually removed through surgery, but treated dogs often develop arthritis. This study compares the long-term outcomes of the commonly used surgical treatment with those of a newer surgery that may decrease progression of arthritis. The findings will help determine the ideal diagnostic and surgical procedure for treating a fragmented coronoid process and thereby will improve long-term quality of life for affected dogs.

CANCER Targeted Delivery of Chemotherapy to Fight Bone Cancer

Dr. Timothy M. Fan, University of Illinois, **D09CA-083**

Sponsorship Needed: \$83,659, 1st year.

Osteosarcoma is the most commonly diagnosed bone tumor in large dogs. As the cancer grows within the bone, it causes debilitating pain that usually can be eliminated only through amputation. Following amputation, many dogs return to near-normal levels of physical activity and quality of life, but many pet owners would appreciate alternative treatments that preserve the limb. Conventional chemotherapy drugs aren't used because they must be given orally or intravenously, exposing the dog's entire body to toxic elements. Researchers will design and test the safety and effectiveness of a novel way in which to deliver chemotherapy directly to the site of tumor growth. This therapy may eliminate the need for amputation and reduce toxic exposure to the dog's organs.

Clyde reported that he still had not received a response from Kevin Gallagher on the Top Twenty reception request.

New Business: Mary requested approval for Rescue to raffle tickets for a Newfoundland quilt at the National. She also requested approval for the purchase of mugs and *Seaman* Beanie Babies to sell at the National. Dave Helming moved to approve. Mary Jane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Lou Roberts presented an NCA Board request for a report on how the CTMB determines which studies to fund? Clyde and Dave will draft a response for the NCA. It will include the following points:

- CHF and MAF grants are submitted to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for evaluation of scientific and health relevancy and interest to Newfoundland in particular and all canines in general. Much basic research is needed to advance more breed specific research, advances in DNA research is the best example of this. After a thorough evaluation of the research proposal and committee discussion and voting, RAC then submits proposals to the CTMB for funding consideration.

- The CTMB with RAC chairman in attendance then discusses the proposals and makes the decision to fund or not fund based on merit, relevance to the health interest to our breed and available funds.
- To date all proposals approved for funding by RAC and submitted to CTMB have been funded except one thru MAF, which was an out of sequence proposal that required full funding and the NCA Trust did not have enough available funds, thus the CTMB requested the researcher submit the research proposal to the AKC/CHF for consideration.
- Include the type/subject of studies received and the fact that they are limited.

Mary Lou Roberts presented a Regional Club fundraising policy for the Newfoundland Health Challenge. Some minor changes were suggested and Mary Lou will submit to the CTMB in March for approval.

Mary W. reported that she is pursuing a donation from the AKC Humane Fund for Rescue. This fund was established to help parent clubs with rescue efforts.

The next meeting of the CTMB will be at 7:15 CDT on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Dave Helming moved to adjourn at 9:11 CDT. Janice Hight seconded. Motion passed unanimously.