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## COLLIE HEALTH FOUNDATION

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“... TO FOSTER AND  
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AND  
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PARTICULAR PROBLEMS  
OF COLLIES ...”

From the President, Nancy McDonald  
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### President's Message:

It's hard to believe it's been 13 years since the first Gathering was held at Sunnybank. Thanks to Madame Gerrie Oliver and her wonderful crew, every year brings more surprises and Collie enrichment. There is no Collie event in the history of the breed that does more to foster good will and engage the pet and rescue community along with the AKC Collie breeders than the Gathering. How lucky we are that Albert Payson Terhune was a Collie lover. And further that Claire Leishman and her little regiment worked tirelessly to preserve his homeplace as a public park over 30 years ago! A letter received by the officers, published on page 6, from a first time visitor to the Gathering reflects the sentiments of all of us attending, regardless of whether it's our first or 10th!!

The CHF has a new full color brochure for distribution that introduces the Foundation and its work. If you are attending any kind of community dog event, responsible ownership day, rescue reunion, meet the breeds, or even your local specialty and would like some as handouts, let me know and we'll send you a supply.

Aside from the wonderful events and activities we promote, the primary purpose of the Collie Health Foundation is to fund research projects that will improve the health of the breed. Since the birth of the Foundation in 1986, we've funded approximately \$700,000 of research. The Board has approved Nancy Kelso, DVM as our new Grants Chair replacing Steve Johns who served for many years. Her committee members are William K. Brokken, MD, Gayle Kaye, Dave Hansen, DVM, Cindi Bossart, VMD and Mike Esch. Ann Boles has joined her in the new position of secretary and will keep track of all activity and leads that come our way. All members of the Committee are multi-talented with decades of successful history as breeders, judges, and health professionals.

Grants come to us in a variety of ways. One way is direct outreach from the CHF Grants Committee. Each year Requests for Proposals are sent to prospective researchers for projects that are either Collie specific or seek to find answers for diseases that affect Collies, such as bloat, epilepsy, or autoimmune disease. When RFPs are returned, the Grants Committee starts their work, reviewing each proposal for scientific integrity and potential value to the future health of Collies. After deliberations, each member assigns a value to their recommendation for funding. The top ranked projects come to the CHF board for approval and funding.

President's Message (Continued on Page 2):

Another source of research is the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Like the CHF, they are also a 501(c)3 tax exempt charity. Their resources and outreach are far in excess of what the CHF could do alone. Several times a year, they submit to us a list of projects that have passed their grant review process and invite us to participate with them in funding those projects. They can partner us with other foundations and charitable trusts, amplifying the value of our contribution greatly by allowing us to participate partially in a project we could never afford to fully fund alone. The grants committee and CHF board also review any project submitted by the AKC for their relevance to our goals.

At the end of this month I'll be attending the AKC CHF bi-annual parent club conference. It's a weekend of seminars and meetings with researchers and other Foundations and charitable trusts. I'm looking forward to meeting some of the professionals that have done projects for us before and mining the attendees for new prospects. Grants Committee member Dr. David Hansen will also be attending representing the CCA, so we will be able to double team them and hopefully bring greater awareness of our commitment to find promising Collie-centric projects.

Former Foundation president Pati Merrill has also generated her own outreach to help us find bloat research. As a member of the AKC Parent Club group, she has access to leaders in other breeds that have common interest in health problems we share. She recruited one person from each of many of the large breeds plagued with bloat and started "Bloat Busters," a yahoo group where information about proposals and research is shared with all. From that connection, we've learned of a couple of promising projects we hope will come to us and pass the review of our grants committee.

We also find projects by CHF members and Collie fanciers keeping us in their consciousness. A newsletter or magazine in a vet's office waiting room can be a great lead to a researcher that could do a project for us. Professional veterinary journals are terrific sources as they are compendiums of the latest peer-reviewed research and breakthroughs. An internet search for example, on discoid lupus will generate a list of articles and authors published in recent years. A member recently put us on a trail when a Collie came into their vet clinic and had a severe reaction to an antibiotic that we were unaware is now being investigated for its behavior in MDR-1 mutants.

There are other opportunities out there to find research projects and we welcome any you might share with us. If you know of any leads from any of your acquaintances or these other sources, please forward them to Ann Boles at [breakaway67@aol.com](mailto:breakaway67@aol.com). We'll put them on our mail list, send them materials introducing them to the Foundation – you never know when that lead might bring us the project that solves one of the mysteries of a Collie disease.

*Nancy*

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## *Collie Health Foundation Dinner*

***Thursday night, March 25, 2010***

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Wachovia CD Rickenbaugh	\$ 12,832.72
UBS RMA Money Market Account	<u>\$151,947.09</u>
Total—Bank Accounts, Money Market Accounts & CDs	\$289,885.31
Total—Corporate Bonds Market Value 09/30/09	\$304,580.52
Equities—Market Value 09/30/09	\$ <u>478.44</u>
<b>NET WORTH</b>	<b>\$594,944.27</b>

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### CHF "NEWS YOU CAN USE"

#### Planning a Seminar?

In order to bring our Collie Fanciers the latest health information, The Collie Health Foundation's Education Resource Committee is ready to accept applications for financial assistance to CHF Member Clubs seeking to host educational seminars. Applications should be submitted to:

Carmen Leonard, Chairman  
 CHF Education Resource Committee  
 4723 Smith Grove Road  
 Scottsville, KY 42164  
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The Foundation is pleased to support our junior handlers ...future protectors and champions of our beloved breed!

## Grants Committee

*From Dr. Nancy Kelso, Grants Committee Chair:*

As the new CHF Grants Committee Chairman, I am excited to work with the grants committee consisting of Gayle Kaye, Dr. William Brokken, Dr. Cindi Bossart, Dr. David Hansen, and Michael Esch. In addition, we have gladly added Ann Boles as secretary to the grants committee. She will greatly improve our efficiency.

Grant applications are being solicited this fall. We will expand our list of veterinary college contacts and researchers, and submit announcements to veterinary journals. The grants committee will review those applications, and those recommended for funding, are forwarded to the Board of Directors. The CHF Board of Directors will discuss and vote as to whether to fund them. In addition, we have and will continue to pursue direct, personal contact with researchers, and are determined to get the attention of quality researchers. Anyone with ideas, or contacts with interested researchers, is encouraged to contact us.

We are currently reviewing a couple AKC/CHF grants in which we can partner with. Those which we recommend to be funded will be forwarded to the CHF Board of Directors.

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*From Ann Boles, Grants Committee Secretary:*

As secretary to the Grants Committee Chair my goals will be to improve communications within the grants committee, update the existing contact information files and expand the present file of researchers to include additional contacts. I will also follow up on any existing projects and report back to the CHF committee.

I am currently compiling information from the past years to include projects/grants by year, grants by category and yearly grant totals awarded.

I am looking forward to participating in the CHF projects and working along side of the individuals dedicated to the execution of those projects.

## Collies Needed for Ground-breaking Bloat Prevention Study

The Collie Health Foundation recently approved a study at Purdue University to determine the efficacy of a new surgical gastropexy procedure (stomach tacking).

The purpose of this research is to evaluate the feasibility of performing NOTES (Natural Orifice Translumenal Endoscopic Surgery) Gastropexy in Collie dogs. Ten Collie dogs recruited from breeders will undergo a novel transoral procedure to perform prophylactic gastropexy for the prevention of gastric dilatation and volvulus. The animals will be followed clinically, endoscopically, and with ultrasound imaging following surgery every 4 months for one year.

Collie dogs in good health over 1 year of age will be recruited starting December 1, 2009. Appointments will be scheduled for pre-screening in December 2009 for surgical procedures in January 2010. Qualified candidates will wear a computer chip monitor on a collar the week before and after surgery to monitor physical activity. Participants will be required to sign an informed consent form and return to Purdue for follow up three times at 4 month intervals to evaluate progress, so a one year commitment is required to participate.

This study is funded in its entirety by the Collie Health Foundation - there will be no cost to participants. For more information or if you would like your Collie(s) to participate, please contact Dr. Lynetta Freeman at [ljfreema@purdue.edu](mailto:ljfreema@purdue.edu) after December 1, 2009.

## CPA Needed!!!



Our by-laws require an annual audit by a Certified Public Accountant. We are in search of member or non-member volunteer applicants to perform this job for us. Our books have low numbers of transactions and copies can be transferred electronically in Quick Books format.

Please reply to Gayle Kaye – [chelscolly@aol.com](mailto:chelscolly@aol.com).

# A CENTURY OF WONDER

## The Gathering at Sunnybank 2009

Do you remember your first visit to Sunnybank?

This year marked the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the year Albert Payson Terhune bought Sunnybank and wondered at who would love it as much as he and the Mistress. Since that time “The Place” has brought peace, serenity and, yes, a sense of wonder to everyone who made their way past the low stone wall entrance and down the winding driveway. “A Century of Wonder” theme focused on experiencing Sunnybank for the first time.

Share the wonder of first-time visitors Pennie Wheeler and Jean Smith as they describe their first visit to Sunnybank:

“On Thursday, August 13th, Jean and I finally left on our long-awaited trip to Sunnybank on Pompton Lake, NJ to participate in “The Gathering” - a yearly get together for collie lovers and fans of the late author, Albert Payson Terhune (APT). “The Gathering” is hosted each year in mid-August by the Collie Health Foundation. APT wrote many famous dog stories during the early 1900’s, most of which were based on the lives and adventures of his own collies. His most famous book is *Lad, A Dog* but there are many, many more books he wrote about his famous collies. The adventures all took place on his personal estate called Sunnybank on Pompton Lake. The Sunnybank home is no longer standing, but the grounds are now a memorial park.

We visited the park in the quiet of the morning on Friday before all the festivities commenced on Saturday. As we drove



down the winding driveway through the trees to the parking lot where the house once stood, it all came alive in my mind...I could just picture all the collies playing on the grounds and running through the woods. We visited the "Lily Pond" where Jack, the Frog, once lived, sat at the "Evening Lookout" area and could just imagine watching collies scamper at the lake's edge. It was just how I pictured it all these many years later after reading the stories. It was such an overwhelming feeling having everything come "alive" after all these years. An equally eerie feeling came over me too when, as Jean and I were standing at the grave sites of two of the famous collies - Bruce, "the dog without a fault" and Jean, his companion - Jean turned and whispered to me "my brother's name is Bruce" . . .

We visited all the dogs' graves at "Champion Rock" and naturally I had to have my picture taken at Lad's gravesite. We strolled the grounds where the "Garden from Everywhere" once stood, through the "Rose Walk" trellis and over to where the root cellar and last remaining puppy kennel still stand.

That afternoon, we also visited the local historical museum where there is a room full of APT memorabilia displayed, cups and ribbons that were won by his collies, pictures of the Terhunes and Sunnybank as it once looked, original pictures of the many collies . . . and of course, Lad's original leather collar . . . and much, much more.

Saturday, we arrived at the park early and were given a tour of the grounds and listened to a handful of very interesting speakers who were closely involved in the keeping up and restoring of the grounds. There were a few other local collie rescues there, a silent auction was held ... it was just amazing to look all around and see so many collies everywhere you turned!

While just wandering around, a couple with two collies ... one being a very handsome sable and white collie ... stopped me to inquire if I was with Collie Rescue of the Carolinas. I said yes - that Jean was here too - and what a surprise to learn that the handsome collie was Keno, a former CRC rescue! Keno (now called Rory) had been rescued and fostered in Maryland in 2007, and subsequently adopted by the Roodhouse family from Virginia ... so we never met Keno/Rory "in person." He looks absolutely marvelous and it was such a great feeling to know that our rescue had a "presence" even up there in Northern New Jersey!

Sunday was a highlight for us, as they had a rescue parade in the morning. About a dozen rescue collies each had a chance to stroll up front with their person, have their story read and receive a ribbon. It was so heart-warming to see the many beautiful rescue collies all proudly standing there.

It was a wonderful weekend. If you ever have the opportunity to attend “The Gathering” in the future, please do. Especially if you are a collie lover as far back as you can remember (as I am) and have read all of Mr. Terhune’s famous collie stories (as I did). As you drive down the winding driveway, walk the grounds, visit the Lily Pond, sit at the Evening Lookout and visit all the famous dog graves...you can just go back in time and envision being at “The Place”...Sunnybank...watching Lad and the other collies romp through the woods and across the grounds...hear their barks...and have all the wonderful old stories come back to life!

...Pennie Wheeler

FYI—If you would like more information on Albert Payson Terhune, his collies and Sunnybank, a very good website is [www.sunnybankcollies.us](http://www.sunnybankcollies.us). They have a few links to other sites from there as well.”

Pennie met Jean when she adopted her first rescue, Dusty, about five years ago and offered to “help”. She is now an Officer of Collie Rescue of the Carolinas and helps nearly every weekend with bathing, grooming, adoption festivals, etc.

Jean Smith has been President of Collie Rescue of the Carolinas for ten years and has placed over 900 collies during this time. According to Jean, “Some people never find their purpose in life. I feel so lucky to have found mine and saving collies is my reason for being.”

So, if you are now ready to attend The Gathering—whether for the first time or for the fiftieth time, mark your calendars for August 21-22, 2010. Watch the CHF website [colliehealth.org](http://colliehealth.org) for more information.

Gerrie Oliver  
(aka The Madam)





## P r o m o t i o n s

We are very busy in Promotions. Having attended several shows, the Shenandoah Kennel Club Meet the Breed, the Chesapeake Collie Club seminar and puppy event, and Rescue Reunion as well as Sunnybank our outreach program is continuing to expand.

Promotions had a wonderful and very successful weekend at Sunnybank. Once again, we want to thank all who volunteered. Everyone was so helpful doing display assembly, driving for generator gas, donations, unloading and loading, as well as help with the items themselves. Promotions would not have been able to do this job without all of you help. Thank you so very much.

The plush collies and the “best collie brush we have ever used” are still our best sellers. For those of you interested in the Dog Walking T-Shirts, we do have a few more available. The temperature is turning wonderfully cool and we have sweatshirts and hoodies to help you keep warm and the brushes to take the fall leaves out of your collie’s coat.

This nice cool “collie weather” will usher in the holiday season. We have lots of gift items available on the website that will just fit the bill for your collie friends, mentors and breeders. Specialty shows are soon beginning and those little collies will be wonderful judges’ gifts.

The plan for new items is beginning to take place. The tapestries are all gone but we will be previewing another in the future. Please keep a watch on the website for new items.

Look forward to seeing you at the National,

*Brenda Walker and Pat Rosenbaum*



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