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From the President, Chandra Flaim
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"…TO FOSTER AND PROMOTE THE STUDY OF AND RESEARCH ON THE PARTICULAR PROBLEMS OF COLLIES…"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello Collie Health Foundation members,

As winter fades into spring, the Foundation is busy safeguarding the health of our beloved Collies in numerous ways. The ongoing research project into the **coloboma** genome is one of our premier research initiatives that still needs your help to make more significant progress. Last year during the CCA National Specialty, we collected over 50 blood samples but are still missing vital information needed for many of those samples to be included in the study. If you had your dog's blood drawn at the National for the study but have not submitted your five-generation pedigree and/or your adult eye check results please consider doing so soon. Remember, CHF will pay for those eye checks and the genetic CEA tests.

We are also pleased to be able to offer our members a letter written by the coloboma study lead researcher, Dr. Aguirre, to ophthalmologists performing puppy or adult eye checks asking for additional information that will assist researchers for the Coloboma study. If you have not received a copy of the letter to give to your ophthalmologist, please look for it on the CHF website on the Collie Eye Anomaly page. In order to further the coloboma study, the Foundation will be hosting an adult eye clinic this year in Syracuse at the CCA National Specialty. The eye clinic will take place Wednesday through Friday, April 9th through the 11th. We will be sending out updated information prior to the National and be sure to ask at the CHF table for the location.

The Foundation is also actively funding three research projects on **epilepsy** at three separate Universities. If you or some you know has a dog that struggles with seizures, please consider participating in the study listed on our website on the CHF Research page.

If you are planning to attend the CCA National in Syracuse and will have some free time please contact our **Volunteer Coordinator**, Pat Jung, at patjung@colliehealth.org and let her know your availability. The CHF is 100% volunteer based – we literally cannot do this without you!

Tickets for the **CHF Dinner and Live Auction** are on sale now in the online store under CHF Reservations. The Board has again approved a dinner ticket subsidy in order to make the evening more affordable. Be sure to join us for a fabulous meal and a live auction that will include many rare and amazing items. All the proceeds from the live auction go to further research for our incredible breed, so be sure to bring your deepest pockets with you to dinner. *Your Collie is depending on you!*

Yours,
Chandra Flaim

Thursday Night Is Foundation Night in Syracuse!

April 10, 2025

Buffet Dinner - $35

And we've planned a great one!

Cash Bar at 6:00 PM
Venue at Lakeside
1002 State Fair Blvd. Syracuse, NY 13207
Rodfather's BBQ and Catering
Green Salad with House Dressing Homemade Lasagna
Chicken Marsala
Stuffed Shells in Marinara Sauce Meatballs
Garlic and Rosemary Potatoes Grilled Mixed Vegetables Coffee and Water
There will be a fabulous cake for Dessert



Reserve by April 3
FMI: susanhernquist@colliehealth.org (814)449-2674

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Free Seminar

Sue Pearce-Kelling M.S.
Inherited Eye Conditions in Collies and an Overview of Currently Available DNA Tests



Night Auction

A fun-filled evening with a chance to own that one-of-a-kind prized piece of Collie memorabilia or artwork. We never know who has more fun, our auctioneers, our "Vannas" or the audience.

Come. Bid Early. Bid Often. Bid High.

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More Day Events All Week Long

Support CHF Research!

Blood draws for Coloboma and Epilepsy studies will be available at the Show Site





Eye Clinics with Ophthalmologists from Cornell University Thursday, Wednesday and Friday TBD

CHF Swag and Day Auctions
Wednesday - Friday

Check our website and Facebook pages for latest details and additions



Hand Painted Disney Animation Cel
from Lassie Cartoon
Generously donated by Janet Hitt

- Variety of jewelry, artwork, and hand crafted temptations!
- Signed "The Collie In America" by Gayle Kaye
- Signed "Best Buddies" by John Buddie

And MORE! Watch Facebook for updates!

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CHIC Certified Collies

BY DR. ROXANE JOURDAIN

The Collie Health Foundation's founding purposes have frequently aligned with the missions of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and its Canine Health Information Center (CHIC). Since its inception in 2007, the Martha E. Hoffman DNA Banking project has contributed DNA samples from more than 450 Collies to CHIC's DNA repository. This extensive collection, combined with genealogical information, will support future research into inherited canine conditions. See CHF website for more information on DNA banking at https://www.colliehealth.org/dna-banking/.

CHIC not only banks DNA, but also offers a certification program developed in collaboration with AKC parent breed clubs. AKC Parent Clubs such as the Collie Club of America (CCA) can work with CHIC to create a searchable health database of dogs that meets the minimum testing requirements set by each parent club. As a result of ongoing collaboration between the CCA and CHF, the CHIC program for Collies requires the submission of the following test results for Multidrug Resistance 1 (MDR1), Progressive Retinal Atrophy rcd2 (PRA-rcd2), and Dermatomyositis (DMS) to achieve certification. Specific outcomes are not required for certification; only that the test results are submitted. Information on CHIC Certification can be found at https://www.colliehealth.org/ofa-chic/chic-certification/.

We encourage you, if you have not already submitted your results, to visit the Collie Health Foundation website by scanning the following QR code for more information on the Canine Health Information Center and a walkthrough on how to submit your dogs' test results and reimbursement requests.

The following is a list of new Collies that have been CHIC certified between November 2024 and February 2025 (Names in **bold** represent those owners that consented to publish their information):

BITSY
BLUE BITCH
BLUE BOY
CALAVAR ANYTHING GOES
CALAVAR CRESCENDO
CALAVAR HEART & SOUL
CALAVAR PLAY IT BY HEART
CALAVAR WISH UPON THE MOON II
CREEKWOOD'S FIREHEART
GOLDEN SABLE BOY CENTER WHITE COLLAR RAPPAPORT
GOLDEN SABLE GIRL RAPPAPORT
HARLI
MAHOGANY SABLE WIDE COLLAR BROKEN ON RT. RAPPAPORT
MERIDEL'S WONDERING STAR
OVERLAND AND THEN SOME
OVERLAND ENNISMOOR DELIGHT
OVERLAND WALK ON THE WILD SIDE
SABLE BITCH
SABLE BOY NARROW, FULL COLLAR RAPPAPORT
WYNHAVEN'S SHALL WE DANCE
BROOKWOOD FIGURE ON A GEMSTONE
BONAYR'S IN IT TO WIN IT
BONAYR'S LET THE GAMES BEGIN
BONAYR'S TOP CONTENDER
TAPESTRY BLACKBIRD
TAPESTRY LADY MADONNA
TAPESTRY NOW AND THEN
QUALTERI'S LICENSE TO CHILL
QUALTERI'S BUTTERFLY KISSES
MYRA QUALTERI
QUALTERI'S SILVER LINING
QUALTERI WASH MY BLUES AWAY
QUALTERI CALIFORNIA DREAMIN
QUALTERI'S VIOLET
QUALTERI TAKE ME TO THE BEACH
QUALTERI MACVALENTINE MERLIN
REGARDS THE NIGHT
QUALTERI'S SUNSHINE AND WHISKY
BONAYR'S ROCKIN' ROBIN

SABLE FEMALE MOST BROWN LEGS
SCARLETTE TRI GIRL
SHERANDA HOLLYOAK PYMAN'S DREAM ON
SIMONE BLUE BITCH
SIMONE SABLE MERLE MALE
SUNNY SABLE BITCH
TRAVLER SUGARNSPICE'S UP TO NO GOOD
TRAVLER'S KELISE STOCK BROKER
TRI BITCH
TRI GIRL RAPPAPORT
TRINA
WHITEMOOR COMMAND PERFORMANCE
WHITEMOOR IN LIKE FLYNN
FEORAS FACE MY MAGIC
ENCORE'S PAINTING THE SKY WITH FIRE
KAYMANN'S TOO HOT TO HANDLE
MOXIE BELFAIR GREAT NOTION
MOXIE BELFAIR RELISH THE MOMENT

ARABELLA'S STUMBLING OVER WORDS WINTERBERRY'S LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE
BARKSDALE AFTERIMAGE
BARKSDALE FANTASY FLOURESCENT
BARKSDALE SUNNLAND'S SWIPE RIGHT
BELLEVILLE'S MANCATCHER ANNIE
BROOKWOOD FIERO DI TE
BROOKWOOD OOPSY DAISY
BROOKWOOD'S LIBERTY FOR ALL
RIVERRUN GALATEAN ANOTHER THINKCOMIN
SINKONA'S MYSTICAL VORTEX
TAMIAMI'S ISLAND SUNSET MAHALO
TAMIAMI'S MADISON BLUE SPRINGS
TAMIAMI'S MIDNIGHT SUNSET MAHALO
TAMIAMI'S NEVER ENDING SUNSET MAHALO
TAMIAMI'S SUMMER SUNRISE MAHALO
TAMIAMI'S TAWNY SUNRISE MAHALO
TAMIAMI'S TROPICAL SUNRISE MAHALO

CHF Testing Report

BY ISABEL OSOSKI

The CHF Board of Directors voted to continue the CHF member subsidies for the UC Davis VGL Collie Health Panel and individual tests at the same levels for 2025.

Since transitioning to UC-Davis in June 2024, CHF members have requested codes for over 400 full panels and 14 specific individual tests.

January 2025 started out with a bang and has continued strong all month with code requests for 96 panels and 3 individual tests.

As a reminder subsidies are for CHF members to test their pure-bred rough and smooth collies.

UC-Davis provides the tests required for CHIC/OFA Collie Certification and makes it a simple process to send those results directly to the certification center. Be sure to check the box on the order form to take advantage of that service.

Also the UC-Davis CEA test (individual or part of the panel) can be used to enter the CEA/Coloboma study.

Please contact me at testing@colliehealth.org with any questions.

Time for Change: Why "Collie Eye Anomaly" No Longer Belongs in Our Vocabulary

BY ***NANCY MCDONALD, ISABEL OSOSKI, AND JOHN STRASSNER, PH.D.***

A Collie's eyes do more than see; they listen, they comfort, they love—offering a silent companionship more powerful than words. The intelligence behind a Collie's gaze is not just knowing, but feeling—tuned to every shift in your heart, every unspoken word.

The AKC Collie standard describes the breed as possessing an expression that is "sweet, expressive, and intelligent," with eyes that are almond-shaped, medium-sized, and dark except in blue merles, where they may be blue or merle. The ideal Collie expression conveys warmth, kindness, and deep intelligence and is a defining hallmark of the breed.

For years, the term "Collie Eye Disease" has been used, which is in direct contradiction to the picture painted by the above excerpt from the AKC Collie standard. It is time to change that!

Why the Name is Misleading

CEA is not a singular disease but rather a broad term encompassing three distinct diagnoses:

- Choroidal Hypoplasia – An underdevelopment of the choroid (the vascular layer of the eye), which may or may not affect vision.
- Coloboma – A malformation or gap in the optic nerve or other ocular structures, varying in severity.
- Retinal Detachment – A severe condition that can lead to blindness, thought to have different genetic influences than choroidal hypoplasia.

These terms mirror the options on the CERF forms designed by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Each of these conditions has its own characteristics, impact, and possible inheritance patterns. Lumping them together under one outdated term does a disservice to breeders, owners, and veterinary professionals who strive for accurate diagnosis and informed decision-making.

Preservation breeders provide this certification with each puppy sale. By using these proper medical terms, we can improve public understanding, promote informed breeding practices, and remove unnecessary fear surrounding Collie eye health.

A Condition Beyond Collies

Perhaps the greatest flaw in the name "Collie Eye Anomaly" is that it implies the condition is exclusive to Collies. In reality, these eye abnormalities appear in multiple breeds, including but not limited to:

- Shetland Sheepdogs
- Border Collies
- Australian Shepherds
- Lancashire Heelers
- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers
- Hokkaido

Note that the first four breeds are herding breeds, but the fifth and sixth are sporting and working breeds. Hence, this is not even specific to herding breeds, let alone Collies. Furthermore, continuing to use a breed-specific name unfairly stigmatizes Collies while ignoring the genetic realities across herding breeds. No responsible breeder or owner should be misled into believing this is a "Collie problem" when it affects a much broader canine population.

A Commitment to Science-Based Terminology

Veterinary medicine has moved toward more precise, breed-neutral terminology in other areas, and it is time we do the same. Instead of "Collie Eye Anomaly", we encourage the use of a more generic term: "**Canine** Eye Anomaly."

The Argument for Removing "Collie" as a Descriptor for This Eye Disease

Here's why it should be reconsidered:

1. *The Descriptor "Collie" Creates an Unfair Stigma*
   By naming the disease after the Collie breed, it unfairly suggests that Collies are uniquely or excessively affected by the condition. In reality, the condition is found in many other breeds, as listed above. This association can mislead the public and potential owners into believing that all Collies have poor eye health, which is not true—especially with responsible breeding and genetic testing.
2. *It Misrepresents the Genetic Reality*
   CEA is not exclusive to Collies. The condition is caused by a mutation in the NHEJ1 gene, which can be inherited by multiple breeds. In fact, genetic testing has allowed breeders to greatly reduce the prevalence of CEA in Collies, making the term outdated and inaccurate.
3. *It Affects Breed Perception and Adoption*
   Misconceptions about Collies being prone to eye disease can negatively impact adoptions, breeding programs, and overall breed reputation. People unfamiliar with Collies might assume they all suffer from severe vision problems, leading to unnecessary hesitation when considering the breed as a pet or working companion. In reality, many Collies live full, unaffected lives even if they carry the gene.
4. *A Scientific, Breed-Neutral Name is More Accurate*
   Many other genetic conditions have been renamed to reflect a neutral, science-based approach. Instead of "Collie Eye Anomaly," the disease should be renamed "Canine Eye Anomaly", which describes the actual medical condition without singling out a specific breed.

Conclusion

For decades, the term "Collie Eye Anomaly" (CEA) has been used to describe an inherited eye condition in Collies and other herding breeds. However, modern science has revealed that this label is not only misleading but also outdated. Language matters, and the continued use of "Collie" in the name of this disease is outdated and discriminates against Collies. "Canine Eye Anomaly", which is a more accurate, breed-neutral term, better serves veterinary medicine, breeders, and dog lovers alike. By using this more scientifically appropriate name, we can reduce stigma, improve public understanding, and promote more informed discussions about canine genetic health.

The Collie Health Foundation Pledges to Remove the Term from All Communications

The Collie Health Foundation is taking a firm stance: we are removing "Collie Eye Anomaly" from all our communications and advocating and replacing it with the term "Canine Eye Anomaly" moving forward. We encourage breeders, veterinarians, and breed organizations to join us in adopting accurate, breed-neutral terminology that reflects modern genetic knowledge.

It's time to ensure that how we talk about canine eye health is as clear and precise as the vision we strive to protect.

Grant Updates (January and February, 2025)

Submitted By Nancy Kelso, DVM and Ginny White

Molecular mapping and characterization of the genetic modifier associated with Collie Eye Anomaly (CEA) – Report from Dr. Aguirre

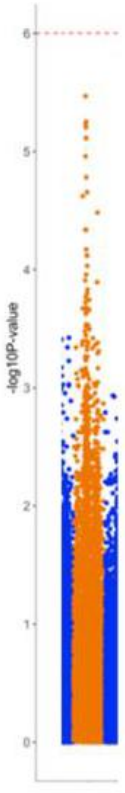
University of Pennsylvania, January 20, 2025

Editor's Note: ***We will change this to "Canine Eye Anomaly"; as Newsletter Editor I did not want to change the actual submitted report.***

In this installment of our report concerning the Collie Eye Anomaly and coloboma genetic modifiers research we want to again thank all the breeders and owners for their continued support and participation in our study.

In the last 2-years period, a special emphasis has been put on the accuracy of the phenotyping. While many puppies are checked for coloboma at a very young age, a later (~6 mon-1yr) check is essential for properly exclude or confirm an early coloboma diagnosis or exclusion. We thank Robette Johns and Patricia Caldwell for their effort to gather as many updates as possible.

Figure 1 – SkimSEEK GWAS signal of the GWAS analysis using the combined Colie plus Collie and outcrosses dataset. This specific analysis went through an additional step checking for haplotypes and running an association through those. The putative candidate found is consistent with the previous results but the association signal remains less-than-ideal in that it should be ablve the log 6 threshold.



In this regard, Gus Aguirre has communicated the need for a later examination to the ACVO and Diplomates. While there has been some concern expressed about the need of a second examination. most diplomates are willing to cooperate if the owners and breeders bring their dogs in for additional examinations.

This year, we received updates for 30 dogs suitable for the study and from their owners. Of these, 15 are very recent and will be genotyped for low-pass mapping in the next SkimSEEK (low-pass) genotyping iteration. The others have been genotyped and are part of the ongoing analysis (see below).

In our previous report, we stated that the data accumulated so far permitted us to detect a suitable potential candidate region as illustrated in Figure 1. While we consider this a partial success, we concluded that the association we detected, while very suggestive and encouraging, wasn't definitive, and required further investigation. Firstly, because we are integrating the new updated information about the re-examined phenotypes, with updates still ongoing, and secondly, because of the ambiguous results obtained by whole-genome sequencing filtering.

To address such complexity, we decided to implement a strategy to help us optimize the available sample pool. This strategy involves collaborating with two other universities. We spent the last months carefully building a dataset for CEA and CEA + coloboma affected dogs that could be used for this collaborative effort. **(Editor's Note: The CHF is renaming CEA to "Canine Eye Anomaly.")**

Usually, we send samples to be sequenced for low-pass to a company that then uses its reference panel for the imputation. A reference panel is a panel of dogs used as a "guide" to integrate the data into the normal imputation process. Such process results in a data file with millions of markers that we can then use for statistical analyses and gene mapping. While the company's procedure is already reasonably accurate, the dogs they used as references are not related to the ones we send, which could potentially mask or alter the result – or in the very least, give an incomplete picture.

For this reason, we concluded that using our dogs as part of the imputation process is essential and that a collaborative effort was required to obtain an adequate number of non-Collie dogs, which is also needed for such a custom reference panel. To do so, we have initiated a collaboration with the University of Minnesota (Dr. Steven Friedenberg). We shared the whole genome sequencing (WGS) and low-pass genotyping files with UM, and we let them impute our low-pass files to generate a reliable dataset, leading to more accurate GWAS analyses. This also demonstrated that the effort and money spent on WGS paid off, because it allowed us to create a reliable reference panel for our dogs.

The imputation was carried out as follows: 46 Collies sequenced on low pass were imputed using a general panel by the collaborators plus six collies selected from our specific pool of whole genome sequenced CEA or CEA + Coloboma affected dogs. A second dataset consisted of 35 Collie crosses from our colony used to map the CEA genetic locus and find the mutation (see previous reports) imputed using 12 whole-genome sequenced dogs from the same pool.

Additionally, we began collaborating with the University of Texas (TAMU) Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences. The collaborators have previously sequenced tens of dogs for us. This collaboration will allow us access thousands of additional control dogs that can be used for filtering and allele frequency checking any candidate variant detected.

We have established a collaboration with veterinary ophthalmologists in the UK, and they will be providing samples, either in the form of extracted DNA or DNA brushes, that will be added to the study. This collaboration has been spearheaded by Dr. Paul McPherson with the support of the 'Eye Panel Working Party'. As there is limited immediate genetic overlap between UK Collies and those from the US, such additional samples will be important to refine the locus responsible for colobomas, either favouring coloboma development or preventing it. This collaboration will be very important in speeding up the research studies.

After Dr. Sigdel left for a different position, we searched for a new Postdoctoral researcher. Dr. Greif will take over the position in January 2025 and tackle all the generated data. Dr. Greif just obtained her PhD under the supervision of Prof. Leigh Anne Clark (UGA). We are looking forward to the results of this improved imputed datasets that will be assigned to Dr. Greif, who is very experienced in discovering markers associated with complex traits.

We think that in the near future, an additional round or rounds of sequencing (whole genome and SkimSeek) will be required for all the new Collie samples that are being confirmed and gathered at this time, or that have been very recently collected by us (or whose phenotype was recently confirmed). We are looking forward to continued progress in the research.

Sincerely,
Gustavo Aguirre, VMD, PhD; Principal Investigator
Leonardo Murgiano, PhD; co-Principal Investigator
Jessica Niggel, M.Sc. MPhil.; Research Scientist
Anil Sigdel, DVM, PhD; Former Postdoctoral Researcher
Elizabeth Greif, PhD Postdoctoral Researcher 2025

Knowledge ⇨ Choices ⇨ Empowerment

Members Only! Subsidized DNA Testing for your Collies!

University of California - Davis - Veterinary Genetics Laboratory

The CHF offers subsidies for the VGL Collie Health Panel at UC-Davis To apply for your CHF subsidy use this link https://www.colliehealth.org/test-your-collie/uc-davis-collie-health-panel/

DNA Testing

The CHF recommends the all-inclusive six-in-one test offered at the VGL Collie Health Panel at University of California-Davis College of Veterinary Medicine:

1. Choroidal Hypoplasia (CEA)
2. Dermatomyositis (DMS)
3. Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA)
4. Multi-drug Resistance (MDR-1)
5. Cyclic Neutropenia (CN)
6. Degenerative Myelopathy (DM)

DNA Banking - CHIC

The CHF has partnered with the OFA to subsidize 100% of the cost of CHIC banking for three Collie-specific tests:

Dermatomyositis (DMS)
Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA)
Multi-drug Resistance (MDR-1)

To submit your test results to CHIC

https://www.colliehealth.org/ofa-chic/chic-certification/

~ or ~ request results be forwarded by UC Davis upon completion of health testing

The Collie Health Foundation
www.colliehealth.org

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Collie DNA Testing FAQ

How do I get my Collie tested?

A simple cheek swab.

How long before I get my results?

Roughly 15 business days from receipt of sample

What does it cost?

This is the good news! The entire UC Davis VLG's Collie Panel is $185 - but the CHF pays $100 netting your cost at $85 - just a couple of show entries! Not only that - all CHIC submissions are 100% subsidized by the Collie Health Foundation.

Are my test results public?

Yes. CHIC reports your Collie's test results

The choroidal hypoplasia tests are reported as Normal, Carrier, or Affected. MDR-1 is reported as N/N (normal), N/M (carrier), M/M (affected). DMS results are reported as combinations of 3 alleles involved in risk assessment.

Why should my Collies participate?

As preservationists, ethical breeders pursue ideal temperament, beauty, performance ability, companionship and true Collie character. We demonstrate that quest in public competitions. Excellent health is inseparable from these other virtues and CHIC is the venue to document our progress toward perfection.

Questions? Contact us at testing@colliehealth.org

Welcome to the Family! The Collie Health Foundation Welcomes the Following New Members!

Cindy Bacigal Campbell Hall, New York	Keri Cassick Montpelier, Virginia	Carol Doe Twinsburg, Ohio	Aliya Dragg Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Dr. Lee & Joan Friedman Chelsea, Alabama	John & Anne Gruthaus Kansas City, Missouri	Lotta Hedman Thompson Mills, New York	Loni Johnston Lompoc, California
Stacy Kim Colorado Springs, Colorado	Katrina Mijatovich Lafeyette, Indiana	Shauna Poh Middleboro, Massachusetts	Sierra Nevada Collie Club
Ginnie Sparrow Loudenville, Ohio	Carolyn Taylor Webster, New Hampshire	Gail Walker Princeton, New Jersey	Laura Zipay Vienna, Ohio

Donations and Memorials (January and February, 2025)

Lenise Adams	Our special and dearest friend – Barbara Stott – Elsinore Collies
Karen & Jeff Anderson	In Memory of Rayleen Hendrix
Alan & Jean Barrett	In Memory of Anika - Ch Glenloch's Famed Malt Licker
Eileen Bator	In Memory of Karen Laudati, a true companion to all collies and a wonderful friend of The Gathering
Catherine Bauer	General Fund
Cheryl Bingham	In Memory of GCH Milas Adventure
Sandra Bishop	General Fund
Dr. William K. Brokken M.D.	In Memory of Rayleen Hendrix, one of the most memorable and respected members of CCA.
Ellen Brown	In Memory of Bleu Pomales
Wendy Bryant	In Memory of our beloved Callahan, CH Kings Valley Stand By Me HIC.
Donald Buckley	In Memory of "Ryan" Buckley
Mary Christenson	In Honor of Cathy Telarico
Collies Florida Rescue Inc	For all Collies in need.
Helen M. Cornio	In Memory of Rayleen Hendrix
Cynthia Diven	In Honor of All the Collies
Helen Dombeck	In Memory of Lynn Howells. Loving husband of Jane Howells
Dennis R. & Carol F. Elliott	In Memory of Marge Higgins, Judy Belluominni, Lee Patten, Carol Phelps, Judy Silverman, Rayleen Hendrix, Kathy Meyers, "Trixie", loved & owned by Patrick Wentworth
Diane Fanelli	In Memory Of Rick Altvader - Concord Collies
Gail Gee	In Honor of Nancy Kelso DVM
Meg Goldsmith	In Memory of Millknock's Believe in Magic BN RN SN-C HIC ptd.
Bernice J. Goldstein	In Memory of Karson - RACH CH Riverrun Big Blu Crunch Bunch of Gold, UD, BN, RM2, RAER, TKF
Greater Orange Park Dog Club	In Honor of Lydia Filzen for achievements during 2024: CH Foxfire Light Fantastic RN & Calibre Foxfire Abundantly Clear RN
Mary E. Griffith-Russell	In Memory of Joey Gates and LP Griffith-Russell: enthusiastic boys about all of life's possibilities.
Daniel Hallock	General Fund
Kate Hebel	In Memory of:Kenzie

Diana Hiiesalu	In Honor of GCHS Entais Grand Jeté
Joanne Huff	In Memory of all Stonehaven Collies
Jennifer & Dorothy Hull	In Memory of Homer E. Hull Jr
Linda Humber	General Fund
Indiana Collie Club	General Fund
Doreen A. Ingrassia	In Memory of "Scotty" Debbie Taylors Service Dog
Karen Jahnig	In Memory of Judy Bryant & GCH Dea Haven Memory Maker
Janet & Edward Jeffries	Donation
Donald & Leslie Jeszewski	In Memory of Judy Belluomini, trainer extraordinaire and dearest friend
Donald & Leslie Jeszewski	In Honor & Celebration of Highcroft K-9 Calder, Shining Star Award. First AKC dog to ever be awarded the Gold Fit Award. Owned by Bill & Lois Hall.
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Hildegarde S. Morgan	In Memory of Country-Aire Christian Soldier, RA, TD, PT, SCN, SIN
Kathryn & Gretchen Morrison	In Memory of "Tara" GCHB Wicklow Canyon's Limerick of Tara FITB, from sister "Billie"
Beth Nemoff	In Memory of Jean Levitt
PayPal Giving Fund	General Fund
Phillip A. Pilgram	In Memory of all my Collies & Cats at the Rainbow Bridge.
Mary & Rose Robischon	In Memory of Sammy Brattstrom
Dana Rodman	In Memory of Kathleen Peters
Jenny Satyavelu	In Celebration of Laurie Jeff Greer's Birthday
Jenny Satyavelu	In Memory of Candi Sapp-Sabata
Lisa E. Schmidt	General Fund
Donine Schwartz	In Memory of GCH Yampatika Edenrock Rendezvous Way
Dorothy & Bob Sencenbaugh	In Memory of CH Enchanted's Pixie Dust
Chris Shirai	In Memory of Overland Polly Wanna Cracker
Martha Skilton	In Memory of BIS/MBISS AM/CAN GCHS ALEXY HANDSOME DEVIL "RIO". In honor of CH ALEXY EVEN SWEETER "LILY"
Carol A. Soranno	General Fund
Jack Stell	In Memory of Cathy Telerico
Cindy Stratton	In Honor of:: Holmhaven Midnight Sun (Mackenzie) BN RN RI CGC CGCA TKA FDC RATI RATO BPDX VC SDAP NW1 L1C L1E SF1 SOG DOG SWA SHDE SBE SCE DDN EI EN2 CI CN3 VI VN2
Leonora A. Subrizio	In Memory of my dear friend Mary Lenertz
Melinda & Duane Sunnarborg	In Memory of: Rosepoint Burlywood Bad Romance, HIC "Hannah". 2010 - 2023
Becky Tehon	General Fund

Kathleen Timmos	General Fund
	In Memory of AGCH MACH11 Millknock Turn The Page To Wonder CD
Laurie Tinti	HSAD
Marlene M. Vachon	In loving memory of Shiloh. You had so much love to give. I miss you everyday.
Laura Van Embden	General Fund
Linda & Mike Vena	In Memory of: Crystal, Misty and Duncan
James C. & Margaret I. Vohr	In fond memory of Barbara Corriveau, Crispin Collies- my longtime fellow Collie and Horse enthus...
M Katrina Warsick	In Honor of Gail & Bob Currie, Creston Collies
Kathryn M. Weare	In Memory of Barbara Corriveau
Ginny & Jack White	In memory of Barbara Corriveau, Crispin Collies, my dear beloved friend.
Sandra Whiteside	In Memory of Satchmo
Patricia Wiles	Thank You to Deb Falk for "Ari" Ch. Aurealis Enlighten
Jan Zedalis	Thank you to Mary and Rose Robischon for Stockie

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Jenny Satyavelu GCH Chimeras Yesterday Once More ROM "Erika". 4/4/11 - 8/22/24. Breeder/Owner J

QCD from RMD

Did you know that your charitable giving can have a lasting impact on both your financial wellbeing and the future of the Collie Health Foundation? By making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA you can meet your required minimum distribution (RMD) obligations while lowering your taxable income. QCD's can only be made to a 501c3 entity.

If you are 73 or older, you are required to take an RMD from your traditional IRA. Normally these withdrawals are taxed, but with a QCD, you can direct your distribution to a 501c3 charity like Collie Health Foundation.

During tax year 2025 you are able to contribute up to $108,000.00 (or $216,000.00 if married and filing a joint income tax return) in a QCD; the contributed dollar amount is deducted directly from the RMD so there is no need to itemize deductions to receive this tax benefit.

Here are two different examples of how a QCD has been utilized.

John's IRA has a large value and he has been funding his retirement living expenses of $80,000/year from the dividend and interest income generated by the IRA. Now John is subject to a RMD of $100,000/year. Since he does not need the additional $20,000/year, John donates it to his favorite 501c3 organizations and keeps his taxable income at $80,000/year.

Suzie has a pension that provides for all her retirement living expenses. She also contributed to an IRA over the years and now is subject to a RMD from the IRA of $15,000/year. Suzie donates the $15,000/year to a 501c3 organization and thus avoids income taxes on the RMD money.

Collie Health Foundation suggests you check with your income tax advisor to see how you, and Collie Health Foundation, can benefit from this contribution method.



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