



WHITE SHEPHERD GENETICS P R O J E C T

February 6, 2008

Erika Werne
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Dear Erika:

Enclosed is our first installment of \$5,000 towards our \$10,000 Founder donation. We pledge to pay the second installment of \$5,000 by February 1, 2009.

We would like the funds to go into the Donor Advised Funds as you recommended. Please send the DAF updates to me as Health Committee Liaison instead of to the United White Shepherd Club since the funds being donated are from the White Shepherd Genetics Project. I will keep the UWSC informed of balances from the Purina Partnership Program and any private donations.

Also enclosed are Sponsorship Agreements and the Confidential Information Agreement.

We do have some diseases that are not priorities for the German Shepherd Dog. Since we are currently not a member of CHIC (and I'm not sure we will be eligible), you have no way of knowing which research would help us the most. If we are not eligible to join CHIC and participate in the health survey, is there a way you can include our Top Ten when it comes to picking Research Grants. I'm sure there would be some overlap, but while the GSDCA focuses on Degenerative Myelopathy as a priority, we have no diagnosed cases of DM but have problems with Lumbosacral Stenosis and Intervertebral Disc Disease. Are there any research grants for other breeds that focus on spinal diseases other than DM that we could be included in?

Thank you for your help.

Judy Huston
White Shepherd Genetics Project
Health Committee Liaison