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Roe Froman, DVM, has recently stepped down from the role of CSHF President. We wish to thank Roe for her years of running the CSHF as its first President. She conceived the idea of the CSHF, brought the initial Board together and has since run the organization while keeping on top of pertinent scientific challenges. She remains on the Board as a Director and expects to devote more time towards the scientific aspect of CSHF.

Marla Shelmadine has recently left the Board after nearly three years of service, to move on to new challenges. We wish Marla the very best and wish to thank her for her dedicated service to the CSHF during her tenure. We are grateful for the time and effort Marla devoted to the organization.

Thank you, Roe and Marla!

We also welcome Wayne Holbrook back to the Board, as CSHF's next President. Wayne was CSHF's first Treasurer and has agreed to re-join us in this new role. He brings a wealth of business and management experience to the board and CSHF will certainly benefit from his expertise.

Welcome, Wayne!



Mary Florence's Odie

Our Newsletter features wonderful candid photos of our Clumber spaniels, taken by Paula Chmura (Paula C Photography) at the Clumber Spaniel National Specialty. Paula had a wonderful much-loved Clumber companion, Mr. Darcy, whom she lost in May of 2010.

Your donation gets you a copy of Paula's National Specialty pictures! Simply send a donation to CSHF Treasurer, Milford Cole, who will inform Paula of your donation. She will then send you the DVD. The donor may print and use Paula's photos on the web and for personal use. This is Paula's way of giving back to CSHF so that we can all have more time with our Mr. Darcy. Thank you very, very much, Paula!

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seminar at the national specialty show

The CSHF will sponsor a seminar by a neurologist from Texas A&M University, who will speak on clinical signs, treatment options, and prevention and current research concerning intervertebral disk disease, IVDD. The seminar will take place on March 14, Wednesday at 4:30 pm, and there will be no charge. We hope you will take the opportunity to attend this event, prior to the Texas barbeque.

announcement of grants to morris animal foundation

CSHF also announces supporting two new grants to the Morris Animal Foundation. One grant will fund research investigating canine cancers. The second grant will fund research investigating the treatment of canine paralysis with stem cells.

refund from vanandel research institute

CSHF is pleased to announce that the study being conducted by the VanAndel Research Institute to investigate IVDD (Intervertebral Disc Disease) in Clumber Spaniels has come in under budget. As a result, the Institute has returned over \$9,000 to CSHF. Those monies will be available to fund future research!

dr. froman's international symposium report

I was very fortunate to be invited to speak at the 2011 Clumber Spaniel International Symposium, hosted by the Swedish Clumber Spaniel Club this past August. It was wonderful seeing 65 lovely Clumbers in the ring two days running – even in the pouring rain on Sunday!



(dr. froman's report continued)

About 45 people from many different countries (Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Australia, Great Britain and the US) attended the Symposium. There were updates on the breed from each country, and it was a great opportunity for everyone to discuss the breed for three days. The Club shows were great fun, and it was a real treat to be able to watch Karin, Marie-Louise and Margaretta judge.

I spoke about how we can work together internationally to help improve the health of these dogs we all love. A major focus of the talk was the importance of DNA banking, and the ways in which that helps us to encourage researchers to be willing to work with a breed that is small numerically.

Thank you to the anonymous benefactor who contributed \$1,500 to pay the banking fees for 100 international Clumber spaniels. CSHF contributed 100 salivary collection kits to also encourage participation. Cooperation was wonderful, and I collected DNA samples from 63 Clumbers at the shows.

Since there were 65 dogs entered, and a couple of these dogs had already provided DNA at other events, this was virtually 100% participation! This collection included Clumbers from Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Collection kits were also sent home for owners in Great Britain and Australia.

This was a wonderful example of international cooperation, and I was honored to be a part of it.

Roe Froman, DVM

