



## 2007 Annual Report

### Honor Roll

Clearly the Foundation could not have achieved all it has done in the first 8 months without the support of the fancy and of some individuals in particular.

When we think of our donors we think of two groups of people: those who have donated much needed money, and those who have donated precious tissue samples for specific studies.

For our first year of operation, we are particularly grateful for the financial support we received because these gifts were made without any guarantee of a tax receipt.

For their support from April 2007 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007, the CSHF wishes to thank the following people and organization:

**Platinum (more than \$2,000):** Bryant Freeman and Roe & Gordie Froman

**Gold (\$1,000 to \$1,999):** Catherine & Bill Cleary, Janice & Walt Friis and Kellie & Wayne Holbrook.

**Silver (\$500 to \$999):** Marie-Anne Desjardins, Doug Johnson and Williana Clumber Spaniel Club.

**Bronze (\$250 to \$499):** Joanne & Raymond Smith

**Friends (up to \$249):** Jennifer Amundsen & Michael Finnegan, Beth Arenburg, Susan Ipsen, Judy Hiller, Nancy Merk and Susan Rogers.

For their gifts of DNA or tissue, gifts any research based on molecular genetics desperately needs, the CSFH wishes to thank these people:

Betty Bauerle  
 Jim and Shirley Fankhauser  
 Randy Felts, DVM, and Lynn Mascarello  
 Janice Friis  
 Paula Minor  
 Larry & Mary Mitchum

### The 2007-2008 Board:

Roe Froman, DVM, President  
 Kimberly Daboo, Vice President  
 Marie-Anne Desjardins, Secretary  
 Wayne Holbrook, Treasurer  
 Janice Friis, Director  
 Jennifer Amundsen, Director  
 Jenni Toebben, Director

Please visit our web site at [www.clumberhealth.org](http://www.clumberhealth.org) and participate in the Canine Phenome Project at [www.caninephenome.org](http://www.caninephenome.org). Finally, please, if you have sent DNA to Dr. Jessie Cameron at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, please make sure you have the DNA transferred to the University of Missouri data bank; she can be reached by email at [jessie\\_cameron@hotmail.com](mailto:jessie_cameron@hotmail.com) or by phone at (416) 813-6381.

### President's message



Dear fellow Clumber fanciers, supporters and friends,

The Clumber Spaniel Health Foundation became a reality in April, 2007 and it is its Board's pleasure to provide you with our first Annual Report. The CSHF was founded to provide global access to health information and to vigorously pursue health research projects worldwide for the benefit of the breed.

More than a decade ago, while in awe of meeting legendary Clumbers at a National Specialty, I realized I would probably never see these dogs again. The thought then hit me that it was imperative to bank their genetic material. The

CSCA board agreed, and the Clumber Spaniel DNA Bank was created.

Today, the Bank is under the management of the CSHF who has pledged to steward this precious resource very carefully. With advancements in molecular genetics, both in terms of technology and scientific talent, and with the dedicated efforts and resources of the CSHF, we are now finally able to begin solving the puzzle of canine genetics as well as to keep developing clinical knowledge.

With your support, be it in the form of volunteered time, gifts of financial support or of donated tissue and blood samples, we can at last provide scientists with the genetic material and financial support that is triggering their interest in Clumber specific research.

Thanks to you we can start solving the genetic puzzles that are the illnesses that affect our dogs. The Clumber Spaniel Health Foundation thanks you for being part of this dream, and for giving the gift of health through your relationship with it.

**Roe Froman, D.V.M.**  
 CSHF President

### Highlights

The Clumber Spaniel Health Foundation Inc. was formally created on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. Its fiscal year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. In its first 8 months since its creation, from April 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007, it has:

- approved its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws,
- signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the CSCA,
- worked on its organizational structure,
- applied for its 501(c)3 status, and
- incorporated the Piper Fund within the Foundation, at the request of its founders, Kim and Cyrus Daboo.

On a more practical basis, it now:

- manages the Clumber DNA data base at the University of Missouri, and
- has become a member of the International Health Committee.

### 2007 Projects

In 2007 CSHF gave its first grant to a research project from the University of Manchester on **Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia** (IMHA). Its support came in the form of \$13 000 and DNA. This laboratory has already identified a marker for IMHA in Springers and American Cockers, and hopes to see if Clumbers also have it, which would be a first step in developing a genetic test. This study is of particular importance to Clumbers because typically a positive Combs test is required by researchers before they accept DNA from a subject. Unfortunately, in Clumbers, there have been many cases of IMHA that tested negative to a Combs test.

The CSHF has also given \$500 to the University of Missouri to digitalize the Clumber **DNA Bank**, in order to make searching for specific samples easier.

### Focus for Y2

In its second year of operations, the CSHF will launch its web site, which will help it meet its educational mandate. Through the web site, it will also offer a database of PDP1 results from the University of Missouri Laboratory and the Animal Health Trust in England. The Foundation will also launch a periodic electronic newsletter to stay in touch with its supporters.

The Foundation also wants to finalize all the protocols, contracts, submission forms etc. it uses. For instance, as part of its obligations as the Clumber DNA Bank manager, the CSHF has worked with The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, to transfer left over DNA from the initial PDP1 testing to the University of Missouri, while respecting confidentiality issues.

It also wants to develop rigorous grant policies and complete its portfolio of development tools. To this end, the Scientific Advisory Committee will be staffed and will start evaluating proposed research projects for the Board so its decisions to support particular studies are based on practicality and scientific evidence. Finally, the Friends of the Foundation Committee will be organized to help support the Foundation Board, its projects and activities.

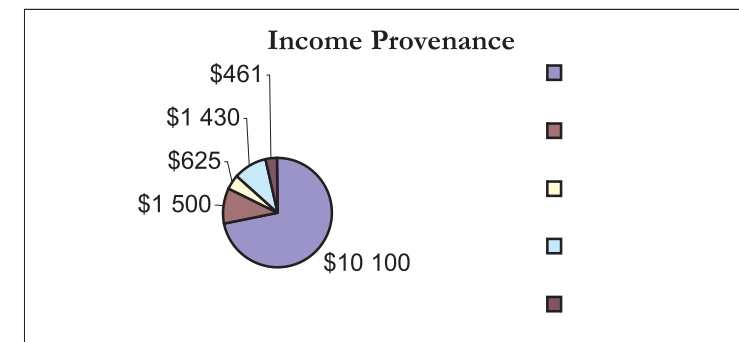
Its **Piper Fund** is still going strong, with new donations being made. The creation of material to foster awareness about the Fund, and a form to facilitate the submission of necropsy reports from owners has been developed. By December 2007 a first transfer from the CSCA of dedicated Piper Fund monies was made to the Foundation.

We also worked on other projects at no cost to the Foundation. For example, we were fortunate to be invited to participate in **the Canine Phenome Project** as one of their *beta* test breeds. As such we have free access to an on-line health survey. This helps us see what health issues are more prevalent in our breed and can help us identify areas where our funds may have the greatest impact. We encourage you to please enter your dog in this confidential data base at [www.caninephenome.org](http://www.caninephenome.org).

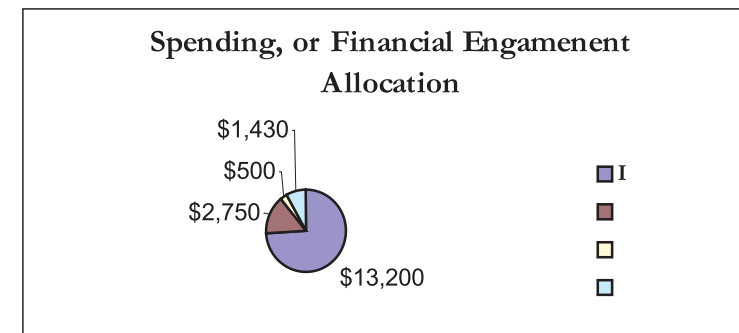
### Finances

In fiscal year 1, the CSHF raised a total of \$14 116, while taking on liabilities of \$17 880 that extend into 2008. Of this sum, \$2 750 are one-time expenses linked to the cost of incorporating and seeking tax-exempt status, including government filing fees.

The Foundation has divided its 2007 income in 4 categories: general contributions, Piper Fund, In Memoriam and In-kind contributions.



- \* Piper Fund contributions: transfer of funds from



- \*\* Overhead includes all of our day-to-day

### Its Values

The CSHF has the health of Clumber Spaniels at heart, and it understands that in order to finance research projects and run educational programs that will help improve the health of Clumbers in the future it depends on the generosity of the fancy. That is why the CSHF has pledged to run its day to day affairs and finances with the utmost rigor: it knows that if it cannot gain, and maintain, the trust of the fancy, it will simply not be able to help further Clumber health. In its first year the CSHF has adopted the Donor Bill of Rights, and its board members each have signed a confidentiality agreement and a conflict of interest disclosure document. Furthermore, wanting to set an example and demonstrate their sincere commitment, the board members have themselves donated a considerable amount of money.