

Grants of up to \$30,000 for Canine Health Research Announced

The Canadian Kennel Club Foundation (CKCF) today issued a call for funding proposals of up to \$30,000. The call went to Canadian research institutions and is for canine health research involving causes, diagnosis and treatment of canine diseases.

"I am very pleased that the CKCF is moving forward with this important work that will ultimately improve the quality of life for our canine companions who bring so much to our lives," said foundation president Marg Moran McQuinn.

Proposals are due by July 1, 2014, and will then be peer reviewed with recommendations provided to the CKCF board of directors for final approval. Successful applicants will be announced by November 1, 2014. The foundation has previously donated \$15,000 to a Quebec veterinary college for a research project as well as a nominal amount to each veterinary college in Canada.

To receive CKCF funds, organizations must be meet Revenue Canada's definition of qualified registered charity donees under the *Income Tax Act* (http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/chrts/plcy/cgd/qlfddns-eng.html).

The CKCF has two streams of available funds: the health research stream and the "community" stream. Funds have been designated for applications to both in 2014, with the health research applications first out of the gate. The call for applications for the "community" stream will come later in the year, which could conceivably fund eligible applicants in the training/equipping of service dogs, education on responsible dog ownership, creation of off-leash parks, etcetera.

The CKCF is a federally registered, non-profit charitable corporation (#82733 RR0001) and was established approximately seven years ago by a group of dog lovers including Canadian Kennel Club members and directors, veterinarians and other non-profit groups. It is dedicated to the enhancement of the health and welfare of dogs and the education and promotion of the benefits that dogs bring to communities and society.

For more information, or to make a donation, please visit the CKCF website at www.ckcf.ca

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