

**It is estimated that as many as  
1 in 3 dogs will get cancer.**

**Join us and help them survive.**



## Help Us Chase Away K9 Cancer

*"I could tell you the longest story about the worst day of my life but that's not how Chase should be remembered. She left us yesterday after I took her to Sauvie Island one last time for a swim off a dock she has played on for years. It was strange: I have never seen the water in the Willamette so clear that you could see her entire body and her legs swimming away. She had a happy smile on her face and her tail was up and she enjoyed play time at the river. The cancer was getting her quicker than anyone expected so it was time for us to say good bye. My vet did a wonderful job and I held her to the end. She will never ever be forgotten and will fill our hearts forever with so many great memories."*



This letter was written by Cera Reusser, "mom" to her beloved Chase (Willamette's Chase'n Black Smoke)-a black Labrador

Retriever who lost her battle with cancer in 2006. Chase was an athlete in every sense of the word and received her AKC Master Hunter title along with an Elite Jumper title for DockDogs® Big Air competition. Her cancer diagnosis and death at the age of 6 propelled Cera to fight canine cancer and thus "Chase Away K9 Cancer" was born. Rather than retreat with her grief she used it to begin an inspirational grassroots effort that will give new hope to dogs with cancer.

Chase Away K9 Cancer® is a fundraising campaign where donations directly support studies focused on cancer in dogs and are conducted by ACVIM Board-certified specialists. Since efforts began over \$212,000 has been raised, much of it one dollar at a time.

Due to the generosity of groups such as DockDogs®,

agility clubs, private individuals, and The Outdoor Channel, the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Foundation has awarded six Chase Away K9 Cancer grants since 2006:

**"Efficacy of Vitamin D (Calcitriol) for Treatment of Canine Mast Cell Tumors."** Dr. Kenneth Rassnick. Cornell University.

**"Preclinical Evaluation of Two-Photon-Targeted Photodynamic Therapy Triads."** Dr. Antonella Borgatti-Jeffreys. University of Minnesota.

**"Matrix Metalloproteinase-2 and -9 and Cathepsin-B in Canine Meningiomas."** Dr. Christopher Mariani. North Carolina State University.

**"Clinical Evaluation of Carboplatin plus Gemcitabine in Canine Osteosarcoma."** Dr. Cheryl London and Dr. Melanie McMahon (Resident). The Ohio State University.

**"Developing novel single chain targeted agents for canine hemangiosarcoma."** Dr. Nicola Mason. University of Pennsylvania.

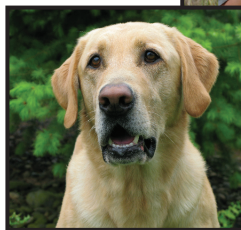
**"Investigating the Biologic Activity of Gemcitabine in Canine Osteosarcoma."** Dr. Cheryl A. London and Dr. Melanie McMahon (Resident). The Ohio State University.

These studies showcase the potential impact that this movement can have on the lives of our best friends and companions. We are deeply grateful to



everyone who has donated their time, energy, and resources to help us Chase Away K9 Cancer. A special thank you

to renowned artist Stephen Huneck for donating the original artwork which has become the face of the campaign.



For more information and to learn how you can help, please visit [www.ChaseAwayK9Cancer.org](http://www.ChaseAwayK9Cancer.org) or call 800-245-9081. To learn more about artist Stephen Huneck, please visit [www.dogmt.com](http://www.dogmt.com).



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