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**Cancer Affects Humans and Furkids Alike:**  
*Indianapolis K9 Cancer Walk to Benefit*  
*Morris Animal Foundation Helps You Fight Back*

**DENVER (September 3, 2014)** – Cancer is something we are never prepared for and we oftentimes lose hope. Each day we hear about organizations dedicated to fighting the cancers you and I may develop. Yet only a few organizations are helping our pets enjoy longer, healthier tomorrows. One of these is [Morris Animal Foundation](#), a nonprofit organization that invests in science to advance animal health.

Cancer ends the lives of more dogs than any other disease. More than 6 million dogs are diagnosed each year. Morris Animal Foundation has fought back by funding hundreds of cancer studies that have led to more effective treatments, better diagnostic tools and identification of genetic risk factors.

Many of Morris Animal Foundation's supporters have experienced the heartbreak of a "fur-kid" diagnosed with cancer and will participate in the upcoming [Indy K9 Cancer Walk](#) to benefit Morris Animal Foundation and its cancer research on September 13. This includes Becki and Frank Bradford from Indianapolis.

"Canine cancer has touched our lives for years, both personally and professionally," says Becki. As owners of a professional pet sitting service, she and Frank have helped care for many pets with cancer. Along the way, they've celebrated health milestones and grieved with the families when the fight with cancer came to an end.

Becki and Frank first learned of canine cancer in 2003 when their Beagle, GirlDog, was diagnosed with an aggressive, subcutaneous mast cell tumor on the chest wall. GirlDog survived 10 months after diagnosis and surgery. Since then, the Bradfords have lost six beloved fur-kids, and each of them took a part of their hearts with them.

The loss that affected Becki most profoundly was of her heart dog, Harvey, who was diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma in November 2008. He underwent a splenectomy and survived with an excellent quality of life for an additional seven months.

"Harvey was and is my inspiration to educate myself about this deadly disease," Becki says. "That's when I found Morris Animal Foundation."

After each diagnosis, Becki didn't lose hope. She researched as much as she could about the particular cancer, treatment options and prognosis, and each time she would land on information about a study funded by Morris Animal Foundation.

"Frank and I believe that the work being done by Morris Animal Foundation is essential to finding earlier diagnoses, more effective treatments and, ultimately, cures that will benefit not only our companion animals, but people, too. They are offering us hope," she says.

Every pet deserves a long, healthy life. Unfortunately this isn't reality. But you can help provide a hopeful tomorrow for your pet by joining Becki and Frank in the fight against cancer.

[Sign up](#) for the upcoming [Indy K9 Cancer Walk](#) on September 13. When you participate and fundraise for this walk, you help Morris Animal Foundation invest in science that will help prevent and treat cancer and other diseases in dogs.

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Morris Animal Foundation is a nonprofit organization that invests in science to advance animal health. The Foundation is a global leader in funding scientific studies for companion animals, horses and wildlife. Since its founding in 1948, Morris Animal Foundation has invested more than \$92 million toward 2,300 studies that have led to significant breakthroughs in diagnostics, treatments, preventions and cures for animals. Learn more at [www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org](http://www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org).