

Morris Animal Foundation Celebrates \$1 Million Raised for K9 Cancer Research!

Thanks to the dedication of passionate volunteers and loyal supporters around the country, Morris Animal Foundation is happy to announce that Saturday will mark a historical milestone of \$1 million raised through our volunteer-driven K9 Cancer Walk Program for canine cancer research.

Cancer is the No. 1 killer of dogs over the age of 2, and many of our donors have dealt with this deadly disease. One such supporter, Sandy Vilahu from Elk Grove, California, reached out to Morris Animal Foundation six years ago to voice her concerns about canine cancer.

Having lost three wonderful dogs to cancer in the span of 11 years, Sandy wanted to fight back and help find a cure. She formed the Sacramento Canine Cancer Campaign Volunteers, which started a framework for a motivated volunteer program to lead the fight against canine cancer and other deadly diseases.

Thanks to Sandy's initial and ongoing efforts and to the commitment of additional dog lovers who have joined us in partnership, K9 Cancer Walks have been held around the country. This weekend, we will hit the \$1 million mark.

"Morris Animal Foundation would like to applaud Sandy along with Magali Wright, Mary Gardener, Lisa Dowell, Becki Bradford and Jim Tedford for leading your communities to honor our canine best friends," says Kate O'Brien, senior events specialist for Morris Animal Foundation. "These volunteer chairs have not only shared their stories with us, but they have helped share the stories of those in their communities."

Since it was launched, the Foundation's walk program has helped to fund research that has identified and tested new drugs for hemangiosarcoma, bone cancer and soft-tissue sarcomas; made chemotherapy safer and more effective; and discovered genetic information that could improve prognostic tests for lymphoma.

You can be part of this effort to save lives, too. Register for the event as an individual or start a team at www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org/sandiegowalk.