

Golden Retriever Foundation Pledges to Cancer Campaign

In support of the Canine Cancer Campaign, the Golden Retriever Foundation has pledged to donate half a million dollars.

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In response to the launch of the Morris Animal Foundation's Canine Cancer Campaign, which seeks to find a cure for cancer in dogs within the next 20 years, the Golden Retriever Foundation has stepped up with a pledge of half a million dollars.

The organization becomes the first dog breed foundation or club to pledge a major gift to the project. The \$500,000 will be paid out over a five-year period.

"Cancer is the leading cause of death among Goldens, as it is among many breeds. We hope that other breed groups will follow our lead and support this important endeavor," said GRF President David Kinghorn.

The Canine Cancer Campaign is an unprecedented \$30 million effort to cure canine cancer within a dog's lifetime – the next 10 to 20 years.

"Lymphoma and hemangiosarcoma are two of the cancers that most affect Golden Retrievers. We believe the research funded through this campaign will lead to treatments for these cancers and will help to improve the health of Goldens," Kinghorn said.

The nonprofit Golden Retriever Foundation, founded by the Golden Retriever Club of America, supports research, rescue and education, and is staffed entirely by volunteers. The Morris Animal Foundation, established in 1948, is dedicated to funding research that protects, treats and cures companion animals and wildlife.

"As the proud parent of a Golden named Socrates, I truly appreciate this gift. The MAF Canine Cancer Campaign will make great strides in prevention, treatment, and hopefully cures for cancer, which affects half of all dogs over the age of 2," said Morris Animal Foundation President/CEO Patricia Olson.