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GPCA Sponsored/Supported Grants:

Grant # 757 A & B: Hereditary Mutations in Genes Associated with Osteosarcoma in Large Dog Breeds (GPCA cost: \$10,000.00 over 2 years)

Grant # 976: Investigating the Role of STAT3 Activation in Canine Osteosarcoma (GPCA cost: \$5,000.00 over 2 years)

Donations and on-line store

Donations and proceeds from our on-line store are one of the few methods we have to fund Health related programs, projects, and grants for research. For your convenience you can make on-line donations and shop securely through our website via Pay-pal or you may donate and order by mail.

We proudly offer unique Pyrenees items which would make wonderful gifts for Veterinarians, Groomers, fellow Pyr fanciers, or to add to your collection. Be sure to pay a visit to our Table at the National Specialty.

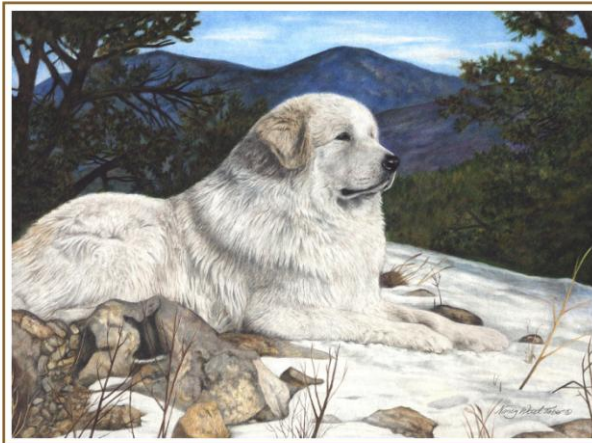
Our Raffle item this year is an "12 x 18" original colored pencil drawing- Titled " Reflection of the Heart", by Nancy Wood-Taber & a Poem- Titled "Thief of the Heart", by Barbara C. Koldon (both matted & framed)

There are 3 ways you can win :

1. Purchase one packet of note cards featuring the colored pencil drawing (6 cards / 7 envelopes) & the poem printed on the back of each note card for \$10.00 & includes a raffle ticket.

2. Purchase a single ticket for \$5.00 each

3. For each \$25.00 purchase from our on-line store, a raffle ticket will be included free with your order.



Drawing at the 2010 National Health Committee meeting
Winner need not be present.

Visit: www.gpcahealth.org



2009 GPCA

Health Information



Serving as a resource of health information to assist owners, breeders and health professionals in the breeding of healthy and sound Great Pyrenees in accordance with the Breed Standard

Visit our website at: www.gpcahealth.org for up to date health information

The GPCA Health Committee:

Purpose & Objectives of the Health Committee:

- * Work to develop resources for basic & applied health programs to protect & improve the quality of life of the Great Pyrenees & their owners
- * Identifies, collects, & disseminates information concerning health issues that affect the Great Pyrenees.

This brochure provides an overview of the programs, projects, & grants currently supported.

Detailed information can be obtained by:

- Visiting the GPCA Health Website
- Contact the Health Committee member listed for your area of interest
- Check with your Regional Club Health Representative

GPCA Sponsored Projects:

DNA Dwarf Marker Project: U.C. Davis (Dr. Neff -researcher)

We are now in the collection phase and require 200 controls to proceed with the next phase in this project.

DNA (Buccal swabs) are currently being collected.



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GPCA Sponsored Programs

Each program assists the health committee to collect and disseminate breed specific health information to our membership. The Health Survey is the only means we have to collect, document, and track health issues in the breed. Grant funding decisions is dependent upon verifiable health issues.

- *Affiliated Club Health Representative
- *CHIC /DNA Collection Clinics (Regional Clubs)
- *Health Survey (confidential data collection)
- *Health Recognition Awards
- *Longevity Awards
- *OFA Champion for Health Award
- *Meet the Breed (in conjunction with the P.I. Comm.)

GPCA Participation Projects

Listed below are samples of health projects conducted by well respected institutions and supported by the GPCA Health Committee:

- *Canine Health Information Center (CHIC)
- *CHIC DNA repository
- *Thyroid -Breed Specific (MSU)
- *Addison's Disease (MSU)
- *Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia

Health Information Website

Up to date health information and alerts; download all forms related to supported programs; On-Line Store for fund raising efforts.

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GPCA Sponsored / Funded Grants

Canine Health Foundation Grant #757 A & B:

Hereditary Mutations in Genes Associated with Osteosarcoma in large Dog Breeds. A two year study, this is a furthering of information gathered in an earlier study which we funded. The intent is to further refine the identification of genetic codes discovered in the initial study. Great Pyrenees will be included in the investigation extension.

Canine Health Foundation Grant # 976:

Investigating the role of STAT3 activation in Canine Osteosarcoma. The preliminary data indicates the protein STAT3, often abnormally active in human cancers, has not yet been investigated in canine cancers. Preliminary data demonstrate that an inhibitor of STAT3 activation is capable of killing canine OSA cell lines. It is hoped this research will lay the groundwork for future clinical trials of STAT3 inhibitors in dogs with OSA to slow tumor growth and improve longevity.



National Health Seminar & Clinic Support

2008 Patella Clinic

18 participants at the Ohio National Specialty

A direct result of donor support is the ability to assist with funding Health seminars and supporting health clinics at our National

