

Busy Funding Year for PCAF

With ongoing generosity of our donors, the PCA Foundation is pleased to provide new support for research aimed at helping our poodles live long healthy lives. In addition to other studies funded and under way, we awarded a total of \$155,874 during 2017 to support:

University of Pennsylvania/OptiGen research to determine genetics of inherited eye disorders in Toy and Miniature Poodles. With PCAF support, this team has already identified the mutation causing Day Blindness/Retinal Degeneration in Standard Poodles, and OptiGen now offers a DNA screening test.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation Epilepsy Initiative, which supports studies of causes and treatment, including investigation of the gut microbiome's influence on neurological health.

University of Missouri research on the genetics of epilepsy. Past studies have come up empty in their search for genes involved, but novel new technology may allow researchers to identify multiple genes that raise the risk of seizures. Our PCAF grant extends this work to Poodles.

University of Minnesota research on the genetics of Addison's disease in Standard Poodles. PCAF has helped fund this important work from its beginning, and we are proud to continue our support.

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