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Re: Support for UNC Chapel Hill hemophilia dog colony

Dear Dr. Nichols,

The World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) strongly supports your efforts to build additional housing for the hemophilia and von Willebrand colony at UNC Chapel Hill.

These dogs have proven their worth to the hemophilia community time and time again. They are a precious resource for efforts to advance treatment, care and find a cure for bleeding disorders. The extraordinary doubling of the demand for access to the colony for research over the past 20 years is impressive. The colony has been involved in the pre-clinical testing of virtually every new therapeutic Factor VIII, Factor IX and VWF products. Given the pace and urgency of medical research related to bleeding disorders the demand for these dogs will continue to rise.

Building new accommodation to sustain and grow the colony will necessitate funds. The WFH thus joins its voice to yours in asking potential sponsors to contribute as generously as they are able.

Clearly, the global hemophilia community has benefited tremendously from the dog colony. As we look to the future, it is certain they will continue to provide an invaluable benefit.

Yours sincerely

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