Dear Friends of English Springer Spaniels:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the English Springer Spaniel Foundation, I thank you for your generous and continuing support. This has been a difficult year in many ways but, in the midst of all the challenges, we can all be grateful for our beloved Springer companions who, fortunately, don’t believe in social distancing!

While much of our life has been disrupted, the work of the Foundation on behalf of your Springers has continued. We are grateful to all of you who have provided invaluable support to our PRA Study, led by Dr. Kieko Miyadera from the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School. Breeders and exhibitors across the U.S. generously invited us into their homes, shows, and trials, providing access to their dogs for sampling and candidly sharing their concerns. We could not do this work without you and it is making a difference.

The Foundation reached a milestone in 2020, celebrating 25 years since incorporation in 1995. During that time, with your support, we have advanced the health of English Springer Spaniels through significant investments in research, communication, and education. Since inception the Foundation has raised over $850 thousand dollars in donations and fundraising events and $400 thousand in earnings and growth in value on our investments. During that time, we have awarded $366 thousand dollars in research grants and funds for educational outreach and made investments in archival and program activities of $73 thousand, all focused on ensuring the enduring health and well-being of our Springers. We are now able to look back at one of our very first research projects (on PFK) and see that today, PFK is virtually non-existent in our breed. Our investment in research, coupled with strong collaboration of breeders like you, has made a significant positive impact on our breed and eliminated a potentially fatal condition.

Sadly, we also lost one of our founding members in 2020, Janet Hoehnen. Janet was a passionate supporter of the Foundation and made a generous bequest to help us continue our work. We have also recently lost another staunch supporter of the Foundation. Long time Board member, Ron Haag, passed away in November 2020. They will be greatly missed across the entire Springer fancy.

Do you want to be part of continuing this legacy of improving the health and well-being of our beloved Springers? We hope so!

Here’s what to do. You can send a check to the Foundation VP of Donor Management (Amy Rogers, 7401 Jessica Way, Rowlett, TX 75089-3016) or go to www.englishspringerfoundation.org and make your contribution there.

On behalf of English Springer Spaniel friends and fans everywhere, thank you so much!

Liz Pike
M. Elizabeth Pike, PhD
President, English Springer Spaniel Foundation
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There is still much to be done to assure a healthy future for our beloved breed.

Initiated in 2019 and continuing in 2020, the English Springer Spaniel Foundation committed the largest grant in its history to move PRA research forward. This next level of research is an attempt to determine whether there may be other genes or gene modifiers that may trigger or suppress the expression of the disease. For more information, go to our website, www.englishspringerfoundation.org.

We continue to find invaluable information in our 2017 Health Survey and those insights will inform future research projects. We are grateful to all who participated and welcome your inquires and input about our plans for the future. And don’t forget to bank blood/DNA at the University of Missouri and tissue at the University of Missouri cancer tissue bank.

May we count on your support for the coming year? Your support is important so please make your year-end gift today, either by mail or online. You can specify how you would like your donation to be used. Your help is, as always, a BIG part of our success.

Visit our Foundation's website for more information of interest to fans of the breed. Register as a friend of the website. Their future is in our hands!

HOW TO GIVE:

1. **BY CHECK, SENT TO:** (Amy Rogers, 7401 Jessica Way, Rowlett, TX 75089-3016)
2. **ON LINE, USING THE DONATE NOW BUTTON AT** www.englishspringerfoundation.org

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