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A Message from CMF President

The dog days of summer are upon us. This issue highlights our 4th Annual Haute Dog Picnic held in May. We thank all those who supported us with this fun annual event.

You will find our updated 2016 donation reports listed in this issue. We are happy to provide on-going financial support to organizations that Carrie and Greg led us to, along with new ones added this year. Our recent outgoing donations included supporting the Santa Barbara Equine Evacuation and Assistance Team during the Scherpa fire in Santa Barbara County. We appreciate this great all-volunteer non-profit for everything that they do to assist large animals and their owners during local disasters.

We thank our donors for the memorial donations. We received a donation from Michael & Sharon Warzocha in remembrance of Rory Baker who passed away recently. We also received a donation from Linda Castaneda in memory of Greg Mehdi. We appreciate those who think of donating to us during their times of loss. We are honored to receive and donate those funds.

Thanks to Gwen Lutge, our graphic designer of WhilrDesign.com, we have a fun new CMF logo. This newsletter includes details on how you can get your own t-shirt to wear proudly and show your support.

We will have a new fundraiser announced on our Facebook Page in early August. Thanks to Alison Breidenstein with Nerium, we will announce a promotion where all Nerium purchases, made by our supporters with Alison, will result in donations to the Carrie Mehdi Foundation. We plan to donate all funds from this promotion to The Beauty Bus Foundation.

Save the date! Our 5th Annual Haute Dog Picnic will be held Saturday, May 6, 2017. We hope you, your friends, family and canines can join us for this fun-filled day in the park.

Thank you for your support. Please email me with any inquiries: dejones@carriemehdifoundation.org.

Diane E. Jones,
President, Carrie Mehdi Foundation



Zafar Mehdi with Shaina, Bernadette and Nasir Zaidi.



Carole King, Sharon Jones, Gail Sevilla with Ruby.



Mike Culton & Dick Cortes enjoying lunch.

Our 4th Annual CMF Haute Dog Picnic on May 14th was a big success. We have raised over \$7,000 so far in 2016. Organizations and causes supported in 2016:

- Dachshund Club of California
- Knickerbocker Dachshund Club
- East Bay Dachshund Club
- DCA National Specialty Show
- Dachshund Club of America Health & Welfare Trust Fund
- Point Lobos Foundation
- California State Parks Foundation
- The Salvation Army
- Los Angeles Mission
- National Kidney Foundation
- Union Station Homeless Services
- Vietnam Veterans of America
- HB Care Packages for Military Dogs
- Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
- The Midnight Mission
- AKC Canine Health Fund
- Canine Hope for Diabetics
- Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust
- Flintridge Preparatory School
- Morris Animal Foundation
- Sierra Dachshund Breeders Club of Los Angeles County
- Dachshund Club of Santa Ana Valley
- Channel City Kennel Club
- Justice for Doug –Doug David Medical Fund
- Stand Up & Play Foundation
- Santa Barbara Equine Assistance & Evacuation Team

Thanks to all our contributors who have donated these last four years. Your generous donations have made our mission of donating to non-profit organizations and philanthropic causes possible.

List of Contributors:

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Gregory Mehdi
Elizabeth James
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Craig Lockwood & Dr. Mary Kathryn Gustinella
Margaret Lash
Carole Simpson King
Gail Sevilla

Photos taken at CMF Haute Dog Picnic May 14, 2016. Guests and their dogs enjoying picnic, lunch, games and fun.



Stephen Simpson with Gail's dog Ruby.
Photo by Shareena Yee.



Shareena Yee and Karen Blakeman with their dog Rio.



Mark and Garrett Imfeld with their dog Elie Mae.



Cailey and Davis Rembert with their family dog Addison.



Evelyn Bickar with Megan and Sam.

Enjoying picnic lunch:



Evelyn Bickar, Candy and Mike Culton.



Mark, Garret and Nora Imfeld.



Kristin, Ethan and Michele Huntoon.



Henna Zaidi, Thomas Tran and Asad Zaidi.



Azra Zaidi, Fouzia Namat and Qudsia Zaidi.



Zafar, Diane Jones and Linda Castaneda



Bernadette, Shaina and Nasir Zaidi.



Diane Jones, Donn, Anna, Nora and Ella Bialik.
Photo by Shareena Yee.



Zafar with Doug Jones. Photo by Shareena Yee.



Zafar taking Selfie with Michele and Kristin Huntoon.



Craig Lockwood and Dr. Mary Kathryn Gustinella,



Zafar, Gloria and Gary Walker. Photo by Shareena Yee.



Marie and Davis Rembert



Gayle and Ed Bell getting ready for the Canine Crazy Hat Contest.



Several of our guests in attendance have Dachshunds that are related with shared bloodlines. L to R: Gayle and Ed Bell, Evelyn and Dick Cortes, Mike and Candy Culton, Anna, Donn, Nora and Ella Bialik.



Picnic attendees, L to R: Turab and Qudsia Zaidi, Zafar Mehdi, Azra Zaidi, Fouzia Niamat, Ashmead Niamat, Henna Zaidi and Nasir Zaidi.



Picnic attendees, L to R: Henna Zaidi, Shaina Zaidi, Thomas Tran, Bernadette Zaidi, Azra Zaidi, Qudsia Zaidi and Fouzia Niamat.



Tom Winfrey, Sharon Jones and Lucca Simpson mulling over their decisions, as judges for the Crazy Hat Contest. Photo by Stephen Simpson.



Evelyn Bickar and Dick Cortez dog Rachsie waiting for Crazy Hat Contest judging. Photo by Shareena Yee.



Cailey and Davis Rembert, getting Addison ready for the Crazy Hat Contest. Photo by Stephen Simpson.



Shareena and Karen's dog Rio ready for Crazy Hat Contest. Photo by Stephen Simpson.



Donn and Anna Bialaik's dogs Dexter and Claire during the Crazy Hat Contest. Photo by Stephen Simpson.



Garrett Imfeld with Elie Mae bobbing for hot dogs. Photo by Stephen Simpson.



Sharon Jones with Charlotte's pawpainting artwork. Photo by Stephen Simpson.



Gayle and Ed Bell with their dogs – Ready for Canine Crazy Hat Contest. Photo by Shareena Yee.

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June 15, 2016 the Scherpa fire started in Santa Barbara County. It destroyed over 8,000 acres in the end and at its early stages threatened structures and ranches. Evacuation of large animals to safety was quickly needed. Santa Barbara Equine Evacuation and Assistance Team, Inc. quickly mobilized to Earl Warren Showgrounds and helped ranch owners have a safe place to evacuate horses and other large animals out of the fire area. They also helped owners evacuate animals as requested. Diane Jones spent more than a day with this great all volunteer non-profit organization as they cared for over 100 animals and CMF was pleased to make a cash donation to them to convey our appreciation for the wonderful work they do. Photo above – Diane with volunteers of Equine Evacuation and Assistance Team and some of the horses they cared for.



CMF Logo T-Shirts – As seen worn by Qamar Zaidi's family above, we ordered for our CMF picnic and we will be glad to send one for each new donation of \$25 or more. This is for limited time while supplies last. Please indicate size with your donation. Sizes we have are XXL, XL, L, M, S, YL, YM, YS, YXS.