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A Message from CMF President

Thank you to all our supporters for a great start to 2014.

May 17, 2014 we held our 2nd Annual Haute Dog Picnic. Thanks to all who supported us with donations in kind and came and enjoyed this fun event with us. Our silent Auction was a great success and the photo booth was tons of fun. I hope you enjoy the photos shared in this newsletter issue.

On May 7, 2014 on my way to the Dachshund National dog show in Sacramento Francis and I stopped in Carmel for a visit at Point Lobos and to see the Carrie Mehdi Foundation picnic table. It has aged well over the last ten months and you can clearly see picnics have been enjoyed in this beautiful spot. If you haven't been there, consider planning a trip in the future and take a picnic with you to enjoy on Carrie's table. My quick trip for the Dachshund National allowed me to see many of Carrie's friends from the Dachshund world and my dog Francis strutted his stuff in the Veterans Ring. Francis and I expanded this trip to see family, friends and spend some time with some of our expanded Dachshund family.

Sadly on June 20, 2014 I unexpectedly lost my partner in crime and once in a lifetime dog Francis. He is the reason I met all of you. He had previously been in great health at almost 12.5 years old and then he suddenly wasn't. Thank you to my dear friends and family members who were with us both on that tragic day. The thought that Francis is now embraced by Carrie Mehdi and Polly Fleming gives me great comfort. Please see the special insert highlighting my once in a lifetime dog in this issue.

Please feel free to send your comments via mail to me to the address at the top of the page, or email to me at dejones@CarrieMehdiFoundation.org.

Thank you for your support.

Diane E. Jones
President, Carrie Mehdi Foundation



Diane Jones, Candy Culton and Zafar Mehdi pose for the Camera



Evelyn Bickar and Dick Cortes with Rachsie and Megan waiting for crazy hat contest judging



Candy and Mike Culton are all smiles enjoying the event

Fabulous News! Our 2nd Annual CMF Haute Dog Picnic on May 17th raised over \$2,500! These funds will be donated to the same non-profit organizations we donated last year with new organizations added. Following is the list of organizations:

- 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 Los Angeles
- USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center

A Big "Thank You" to all our contributors who made our 2nd Year such a success:

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Enjoying lunch at Haute Dog Picnic:



Ammar Zaidi, Qamar Zaidi, Greg Sanders, Saara Niamat, Nimmi Dhaliwal and Fouzia Niamat



Thomas Winfrey, Michele Huntoon and Sarah Winfrey



Kristin Huntoon with her son Ethan



Linda Castaneda and Janet Georgeanne

Enjoying the day at the picnic in the park:



Linda, Evelyn, Candy and Zafar

Having Fun taking pictures in the "Photo Booth"



Fouzia, Saara, Greg and Nimmi



Mark and Nora Imfeld with son Garrett



Michele, Kristin and Ethan



Pearce Imfeld and Kim



Jill and Pretty Boy Floyd



Saara, Greg and Fouzia



Qamar, Fouzia and Zafar

Participating in the "Crazy Hat Contest":



Jill Beniak and Pretty Boy Floyd



Zafar and Greg with Phineas



Rebecca Baroca's dog Anja looking cool

There were plenty of games for kids and grown ups:



Azam, Charlie, Garrett, Davis, and Azim



Garrett, Azam, Charlie & Shareena in the donuts game



Jill, Cailey, Michele, Fouzia and Saara checking out silent auction goodies

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CH Schoolhouse Francis Rocks CGC THD

January 1, 2002 - June 20, 2014



Jim Willis painting: Gravitas: Francis goes to the beach with Francis. Photo by Tony Mastres 2012.

Breeder: Judy Anderson
Sire: CH Hildisvin Eclipse Dam: CH Schoolhouse on Cloud Nine
Owners: Diane E. Jones & Clay A. Tedeschi

I would like to thank my family and all my friends and the Board of the Carrie Mehdi Foundation for their friendship and support over the past twelve years. As most of you know, Francis was my everything.

I was looking for a pet from great breeding when I met Clay Tedeschi. Thank you Clay for finding Francis for me, and asking me the important questions, and steering me toward the standard smooth male that was the right fit for me. Thank you Judy for breeding and trusting me with Francis, who became a once in a lifetime, life-changing dog. Francis' sire is Phineas, owned by Carrie and Zafar Mehdi, and it was through that connection that Carrie, Zafar and I became great friends.

Francis and I learned how to show and he finished his championship owner handled. We had some nice Best of Variety, Best of Opposite Sex and Awards of Merits over the years, mostly owner handled. As a Veteran, he received several Specialty Awards of Merit. We tried many AKC events together: Field Trials, Earthdog, Rally, Agility and continued classes in all sorts of fun activities through his veteran years. Nosework was a recent fun shared experience. His Therapy Dog title was earned through the Channel City Kennel Club Paws to Read program and that title is dedicated to Carrie Mehdi. Aside from these activities, we enjoyed many road trips and off leash adventures together, often to our local beaches up and down the California coast.

Because of Francis, my circle of friends grew wider and wider with each passing year. We made so many friends during this incredible journey and thanks go to my family and friends who loved and appreciated this special soul. Last but not least, gone but not forgotten, Carrie Mehdi and Polly Fleming. The thought of Francis embraced in their arms gives me great comfort.

Until we meet again lovebug, run free.

Diane E. Jones
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Diane and Francis with Clay Tedeschi after Francis first points. July 2003



Francis at Carrie Mehdi Foundation picnic table in Pt. Lobos, Carmel, CA September 2013.



Francis (right) and his Dad Phineas working the Meet the Breed Booth with Diane and Carrie at the Eukanuba show in Long Beach, CA. December 2008.



Shareena, Francis and Diane - Carmel, CA September 2013.



Diane and Francis above Harbor Seal Rookery, La Jolla, CA. February 2012.



Photo by Zandria Muench Beraldo. Francis at Santa Barbara Mission. October 2006.