



About the Puccini Foundation

The Puccini Foundation is dedicated to the hope of a future for pets and people... cancer free.

The Puccini Foundation was named in honor of my precious cocker spaniel and constant companion for 14 years.

The goals of the Puccini Foundation are to **provide funding for comparative oncology** programs, to **acknowledge and honor leaders in the field** and to **raise awareness and educate the public** about this burgeoning science. We raise funds through special events, private donations, and other programs.

Sadly, Puccini lost his fight with cancer in 2007, but only after making history as a participant in an amazing clinical trial for a vaccine that extended his life both in quality and quantity. The vaccine, discovered by Dr. Philip Bergman and Dr. Jedd Wolchok, has since been USDA-approved, is helping dogs with malignant melanoma, and the findings from the clinical trials have been applied toward studies to create a similar vaccine for humans!

Please support the fight against human and animal cancers by making a donation online at puccinifoundation.org/donate-now/

—Linda Cohen Wassong
Founder, Puccini Foundation

Puccini Foundation Awards

The Puccini Foundation recognizes and honors leaders in the field of comparative oncology through our annual Puccini Foundation Awards program. We currently offer two types of awards.

The Puccini Shared Cancers/ Shared Hope Award

This annual award recognizes and awards senior research leaders or organizations whose collaboration or achievements have been most noteworthy. The Award (sculpted delicately as a crystal ball symbolizing insight into the future), is presented during a yearly fundraising gala which serves as the cornerstone event for the Foundation. The celebration raises both visibility and funds for the Foundation's efforts, and honors the science and its promise of hope for a cancer-free future for animals and humans alike.

Named Awards

The Puccini Foundation provides an opportunity for awards to be named in tribute, or in memory of a friend, family member, animal lover, medical researcher, veterinary or medical professional, or a beloved animal. These awards are funded by individuals who make significant contributions to the Puccini Foundation; the awards may be focused on a particular cancer or research area designated by the donor.

To learn more about creating a Named Award, please contact us:
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Help us fund and find cancer cures for the people and pets you love.

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Shared Cancers. Shared Hope.

Nearly 12 million people are currently affected by cancer, and each year 6 million dogs and another 6 million cats are diagnosed with spontaneous, naturally occurring cancer. My cocker spaniel, Puccini, was one of them.

Many of the same cancers that affect people occur in pets, too: melanoma, lymphoma, bone cancer, breast cancer and more. But there is hope for both humans and animals.

COMPARATIVE ONCOLOGY is the study of cancer that occurs naturally in animals. There is never any testing on healthy animals. The science uses findings to develop treatments and cures that can benefit animals and people.

There are **many benefits of comparative oncology for humans and animals:**

- Because many cancers in domestic animals closely resemble human cancer, scientists gain important insight that rodent-based cancer studies cannot provide.
- Animals' shorter life spans allow researchers to determine efficacies of treatments faster.
- The incidence of many types of cancer is the same or greater in dogs and cats as in humans providing a significant potential population for research.
- Animals' size and structural similarity allows for refinement of surgical and other techniques that may also be effective in humans.
- Similar diagnostic tools can be used on animals as on humans.

You Can Help Cure Cancer

People and pets share biological commonalities, so similar cancer treatments that work for animals can also be successful for humans.

In fact, because animals have shorter life spans than humans, researchers can potentially determine efficacies of new treatments faster when studying pets with cancer. **This means the discovery of new cures could happen sooner than ever.**

But **we need your help.** Research programs for pets with cancer are woefully underfunded compared to human studies. Yet, ironically, it is this new science of comparative oncology that could reveal the next cancer cure for you, your family, your friends, and your pets.

Help us find cures for cancer affecting the people and pets that you love. Make a donation today:
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Program Successes

There have been some amazing advances in cancer treatments for people and pets. With your generous contributions, even more successes can be achieved. Here are just a few results from comparative oncology programs:

- First clinically tested on dogs, Oncept™, a canine **melanoma** treatment was the first vaccine USDA-approved for treating cancer in humans or animals. Studies are underway for a similar human treatment.
- Samarium 153-EDTMP is a radiopharmaceutical marketed as Quadramet. First used to treat dogs with **bone cancer** and alleviate pain, Quadramet is now approved for use in humans with **osteosarcoma**.
- Pfizer introduced a new chemotherapy drug, Palladia®, which is reported to work both by killing **tumor cells** (antineoplastic) and by preventing formation of new blood vessels in tumors (antiangiogenesis). Approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Palladia is the first drug made specifically to treat cancer in dogs. It is used to treat canine mast cell tumors.

Many other research programs are underway for other cancers shared by humans, dogs, cats and horses, including **brain cancer, breast cancer, bladder cancer, leukemia and lymphoma.**

Even more cancer treatments and cures can be discovered for you and your loved ones with your help. Please donate today.