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The Animal Medical Center joins the Puccini Foundation in congratulating the outstanding team of animal and human medical researchers for their work in cancer research.

Dr. Philip Bergman, DVS, MS, PhD, Dr. Jedd Wolchok, MD, PhD
and the Blue Buffalo Company



**Shared Cancer, Shared Cures
Inaugural Awards Celebration**

October 28, 2013

The Griffis Faculty Club

at

NY Presbyterian/Cornell-Weill Medical Center

COMPARATIVE ONCOLOGY

Comparative oncology is a ground-breaking new field of cancer research in which medical and veterinary oncologists collaborate and study the disease in pets to find innovative treatments that benefit humans as well as our companion animals.

PUCCINI FOUNDATION & LINDA COHEN WASSONG

Puccini Foundation was established in 2007 by Linda Cohen Wassong after her cocker spaniel, Puccini, was diagnosed with melanoma. Linda enrolled Puccini in a clinical trial with Drs. Bergman and Wolchok, at The Animal Medical Center New York, which produced the first-ever USDA-approved vaccine for cancer in humans or animals. Our mission is to increase awareness and funding for comparative oncology in hope of a future for pets and people...cancer free. Linda has served as publisher of national women's beauty fashion magazines and worked in real estate specializing in pet friendly properties. She continues to support non-profit organization that benefit people and pets and works as a life coach. www.puccinifoundation.org.

DR. PHILIP BERGMAN, DVM, MS, PHD, DIPLOMATE ACVIM, ONCOLOGY

Dr. Bergman is being honored for his collaborative work on the Canine Melanoma Vaccine with Dr. Wolchok. Dr. Bergman is the Director of Clinical Studies for Antech and the Medical Director for Katonah-Bedford Veterinary Center, a Specialty ER Center. Dr. Bergman is an adjunct faculty member of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and will continue/expand his cancer vaccine program within the VCA Antech network.

DR. JEDD WOLCHOK, MD, PHD

Lloyd J. Old/Virginia and Daniel K. Ludwig Chair in Clinical Investigation; Director, Immunotherapy Clinical Trials; Assoc. Attending Physician, Melanoma-Sarcoma; Swim Across America Laboratory Head; Assoc. Director; Ludwig Center for Cancer Immunotherapy; Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Honoree Dr. Wolchok has focused his clinical experience on the development and investigation of novel immunotherapeutic approaches to the treatment of cancer.

BLUE BUFFALO COMPANY/BLUE BUFFALO FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Blue Buffalo Company, located in Wilton, CT is the nation's leading pet food company, providing healthy and holistic natural foods for dogs and cats. The Blue Buffalo Foundation for Cancer Research was established in 2013 to raise money for pet cancer research after the owner's dog, Blue, had three bouts of cancer. Puccini Foundation hopes that the animal cancer research programs supported by Blue Buffalo may one day lead to advance in treatments for human cancer as well.

Welcome to the Inaugural Shared Cancer, Share Cures Awards Celebration

Welcome Greeting

Linda Cohen Wassong
Founder/President Puccini Foundation



Introductory Remarks

Dr. Roger Mahr, DVM
Former President, American Veterinary Medical Association;
Former CEO, One Health Commission



Shared Cancer, Shared Cures: Visionary Award

Dr. Philip Bergman, DVM, MS, PhD Diplomate ACVIM, Oncology
Presented by: Dr. Roger Mahr, DVM



Shared Cancer, Shared Cures: Visionary Award

Dr. Jedd Wolchok, MD, PhD
Presented by: Dr. Jill O'Donnell-Tormey
CEO, Cancer Research Institute



Shared Cancer, Shared Cures: Corporate Responsibility Award for Animal Cancer Research

The Blue Buffalo Company
Accepted by: David Petrie
President, Blue Buffalo Foundation for Cancer Research
Presented by: Beth Mars
Director of Operations and Development, Petco Foundation