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MEMORANDUM

**FOR: Search Working Group
Chair**

DATE: 12Feb09

FROM: Canine Sub-Group

SUBJECT: Minutes: Canine Coordinator Telecon Facilitated by the Canine Sub-Group

Please find the attendance and items addressed at the recent Canine Coordinator conference call:

DATE: Feb 12, 2009	Call #7
Sub-Group Member	Attendance
Teresa MacPherson, Chair	Y
John Dean	Y
Susann Brown	Y
Mike Marks	Y
Debra Tosch	Y
Darren Bobrosky	Y

Other
Lee Turner, MO-TF1
Phillip Shackelford, Merial Corp.
Jim McPeak, Pet Health Systems

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COORDINATOR ATTENDANCE

TF	Canine Coordinator
AZTF-1	John Dean
CATF-1	Deresa Teller (late)
CATF-2	Bill Monahan
CATF-3	Chantal Rose
CATF-4	Darren Bobrosky
CATF-5	Marc Valentine
CATF-6	Sheila McKee
CATF-7	David Stoddard (absent)
CATF-8	Steve Swaney
COTF-1	Rox Dunn
FLTF-1	Mike Marks
FLTF-2	Roger Picard (for Craig Radelman)
INTF-1	Anne McCurdy
MATF-1	Lee Prentiss
MDTF-1	John Gilkey
MOTF-1	Cathy Schiltz
NETF-1	Steve Dolezal
NMTF-1	Lette Birn
NVTF-1	Bryan Morgan
NYTF-1	Scott Mateyaschuk
OHTF-1	Ricky Hutcheson

COORDINATOR ATTENDANCE

TF	Canine Coordinator
PATF-1	Jeff Snyder (absent)
TNTF-1	Deborah Burnett
TXTF-1	Susann Brown
UTTF-1	Clair Baldwin (in for Justin Poarch)
VATF-1	Sonja Heritage
VATF-2	Jim Ingledue
WATF-2	Cyndie Fajardo

AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Program Update
- 3) PetsBest Insurance
- 4) Merial/Pet Health Systems Proposal

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- 1) Roll Call
 - All Task Forces represented except CA-TF7 and PA-TF1
 - Current number of deployable k9 teams given by each Rep to add to 2009 Canine Survey
 - Asked Coordinators to complete survey and get to Debra Tosch by end of Feb for presentation at March TFL meeting
- 2) Program Update
 - 2008 Stats
 - Sent out last month
 - 74% Pass Rate for 2008
 - K9 Recommendations currently out for 21-day review
 - K9 08-01 Medical guidelines for US&R canines
 - K9 08-02 Screening parameters for TF-purchased canines
 - Both recommendations pursuant to request by PO

- (Potential) Ethical Issues
 - System members cannot sell equipment to the system
 - For Grants and Legal purposes, canines are equipment
 - System members cannot use TF assets to train a dog to sell
 - PO to provide guidelines as to specifics
- Site requirement revision
 - Raising minimum pile size for CE/CP to 10K sq ft from 6K—please advise if this will be a problem for any TF that hosts canine events
- TN-TF1 March CE
 - Expected to be very full—get applications in ASAP!
 - No K9 event in April (plan for CA-TF1 to host CE in Dec, in addition to FL-TF2)

3) PetsBest Insurance (Lee Turner)

- PetsBest seems to be the best fit for insurance for our canines
- MO-TF1 has been using them for two years with good results
- Pay 80% of bill (quickly)
- Cover our canines wherever they may be injured, including training and deployment
- Give 10% discount for working dogs
- Reasonable rates—go to website for quotes for individual canines

4) Merial Proposal (Phillip Shackelford/Jim McPeak)

- Phillip Shackelford (Merial) and Jim McPeak (Pet Health Systems) are in a position to support the health care and maintenance of our certified canines, free of charge.
- Pet Health Care Systems is prepared to begin the process immediately, with a wellness report based on an initial blood-draw for each certified canine.
- We will take the vet contact info for certified canines through the end of March. After that date, no new canines will be added until Jan 2010. The plan is to remain on an annual rotation, using the Jan roster of each year.
- PHS will be the POC for the Vets, as the products can only be issued to licensed DVMs.
- Teresa will be the POC for the Canine Coordinators and PHS.
- The Canine Coordinators will be the POC for their certified handlers.
- Step one: Canine Coordinators to send Teresa the contact info for each vet for each currently certified canine, to include:
 - Name of vet/clinic
 - Address
 - Phone
 - Email
 - Point of contact
- Step Two: Advise the Vet POC that NORM CEASE, from Pet Health Systems, will contact him/her to set up an account to receive the materials for the baseline blood-draw.
- Step Three: After the blood-draw, each handler will receive the "Owner Sheet" from the three-part lab form with a bar code and PIN number. This sheet will have the info needed for the registration to follow on www.pethealthsystems.com.
- The accounts will be set up so that handlers can access their own account and Canine Coordinators can access all of their handlers' accounts.
- Further direction will be forthcoming.