



**Ring in the New Year**

It is an exceptionally exciting year for the Canadian Animal Blood Bank (CABB) as 2007 marks the ten year anniversary operating as a non profit organization aimed to help Canadian canines in need of blood transfusions.

The CABB was originally known as the Manitoba Animal Blood Bank (MABB) back in 1997 with the idea and intent to help local Manitoba veterinarians. It wasn't long before the rising need from across the country became apparent that the MABB decided to expand their services to help the entire country and renamed themselves the CABB.

Being the only supplier of canine blood products for all of Canada was an astonishing feat in itself. Over the years animal blood banking has developed and expanded to other Canadian cities but the CABB is proud to announce their remaining status as the largest Canadian supplier to date. This achievement was the pinnacle of the CABB's success capping off 2006.

**In Memoriam**

**Donors who have contributed to the CABB & # of donations given**

- Peggy Ansueew – 8
- Hyde Baschuk – 5
- Charlie DeMeyer - 7
- Indy Frykas – 11
- Angel Hnatyshyn – 19
- Kia Ruiter – 16



*~ They will be sadly missed ~*

**List of Recently Retired Donors & # of donations provided**

- ☆ Maynard Bouchard – 5
- ☆ Rufus Kantyluk – 12
- ☆ Cinder Mogk - 22



*“Tizzy” Meissner a female Shepherd/Husky mix is pictured here on her 2<sup>nd</sup> donation with her proud family by her side.*

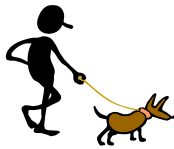
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*Beth Knight & Sherry Haig, (employees of the CABB) presenting awards at the 2006 Great Manitoba Dog Party.*



*“Buddy” Knockaert and family receiving an award for 19 donations.*



# The Great Manitoba Dog Party

The date was changed. The location was changed. But the party remained the same. The Great Manitoba Dog Party is an annual event which gathers dogs and dog lovers for an outdoor activity filled day.

Normally held in May at the Forks, rain or shine the Great Manitoba Dog party had never been cancelled in the past. But with unpredictable weather and considerably smaller grounds, it was decided time for a date and venue change.

The weather cooperated optimally with the temperature reaching +25°C on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Assiniboine Park's spacious grounds which brought about 20,000 attendees exceeding last years turnout.

At the end of the day the general consensus was that everyone had a great time proving the 2006 Great Manitoba Dog Party was a great success!



Taking the stage, for the second annual awards ceremony the CABB was proud to honor long time donors, volunteers and guests with certificates of appreciation. Gift packages and certificates were presented to 15 + and 20 + donors and their owners.

Valuable volunteers included: Veterinarians (Dr Mould, Dr Hickling, Dr Sundmark, Dr Keddie, Dr McDonell, Dr Fleming, Dr Charnock, Dr Eichkorn, Dr Klug, Dr Marion, Dr Ansueew), Animal Health Technologists (Alissa Osmond, Christina Gayadat, Jaime Bernstein, Jaclyn Day, Rebeka Wall), non AHT volunteers (Carrie Frobisher, Rochelle Gnanapragasam, Darlene & Todd Van Elslander).

Honored guests included: Alice-Marie Dyck, Jodi Ryzowski and proprietors of Lucky Dog Biscuits, Bonnie & Quinn Holtslag.

## CABB 2007 VOLUNTEER HONOREES

### 15 + Donations

- Ceasar Edge – 15
- Buddy Knockaert – 19
- Hannah LeBleu – 17
- Molly Pratt – 17
- Jake Robertson – 15
- Kia Ruiter – 15
- Maggie Vonderbank - 17

The CABB had an information booth set up under the Professionals tent. Many interested people and dogs visited the booth resulting in a few new donors! The CABB is also pleased to welcome, RAHT Jill Gillespie as their newest volunteer after she signed up at the Dog Party.

### 20 + Donations

- Kelly Anderson – 25
- Keegan Lewis – 26
- Jewel Pratt – 25
- Duchess Ruiter – 20
- Duke Ruiter – 20
- Cinder Mogk – 22

*~Sadly Maggie Vonderbank had past away prior to the awards ceremony and Kia Ruiter past away shortly after. They will be missed. ~*





## A FEW GOOD DOGS



The CABB's spotlight is shining on Pembina Veterinary Hospital (PVH), also known as Winnipeg's 24 hr animal emergency clinic (WAEC) and Sylvia Navratil, RAHT and liaison between the PVH and the CABB in honor of the CABB's ten year anniversary celebration and the union they share.

During the ten years that the CABB has been operating, WAEC has received regular shipments of blood products acting as an emergency distributor of CABB product for Winnipeg Veterinary clinics during emergencies.

Since 1979, PVH has experienced firsthand the major changes in Veterinary medicine and the advances in transfusion medicine. When PVH did not have local resources such as the CABB, transfusions were usually performed using whole blood from a small donor pool on an "as needed" basis. Cost and availability were problematic for PVH and their clients, which resulted in fewer transfusions.

Times changed in the 90's as the need for transfusions were becoming more prevalent. Pet owners and Veterinarians have become more fervent in trying alternative therapy which sometimes depends upon transfusion support during crisis treatment.

Since the use of component therapy (whole blood fractioned into separate components such as red cells, plasma and platelets) was preferred to whole blood, PVH originally began ordering products from a blood bank in the U.S.A. Component therapy corrects only the portion of blood missing from a patient instead of overloading the patient with whole blood. Essentially, one donation (collected as whole blood and then fractioned into the separate components) can potentially save the lives of up to 4 different dogs. However, problems involving shipment errors and delays resulted in unusable units leaving some patients health to be compromised.

After the CABB opened in 1997, an everlasting relationship developed with PVH. PVH now receives blood products in a timely and efficient manner. Patient recovery has improved with the use of component therapy and timely shipments.



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*“Pooka” Haig has donated 7 times to date. “Pooka” is a Spanish Mastiff (guardian flock dog) who happens to be the largest blood donor for the CABB currently weighing in at 195 lbs!!*

*“Thor” Williams adopted from an animal shelter, shown here after his first donation is now helping other dogs in need.*

*This pic was taken after “Pilot” Backe’s first donation looking very proud with his new bandanna.*

To see other donors and their stories visit our Website [www.rrc.mb.ca/abb](http://www.rrc.mb.ca/abb)

# DO DOGS HAVE BLOOD TYPES?



**F**  
**A**  
**Q**  
**S**

Yes, they do but not the same as us. There are 7 major blood groups in the dog, labeled as DEA (Dog Erythrocyte Antigen) 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

The DEA 1 system consists of types 1.1 and 1.2. All of CABB’s blood donors are tested to determine if they are positive or negative for DEA 1.1

The reason for only typing the blood donors to differentiate between DEA 1.1 positive and negative is that these types are the most clinically significant to patients receiving a blood transfusion as matching the wrong donor to recipient can potentially create a serious or life threatening reaction.



*Lucky Dog Biscuits provide healthy tasty treats to the canine donors at CABB clinics. Visit their website for more information at [www.luckydogbiscuits.com](http://www.luckydogbiscuits.com)*