

DCAF Health Research Priority Survey Results – Toni Linstedt

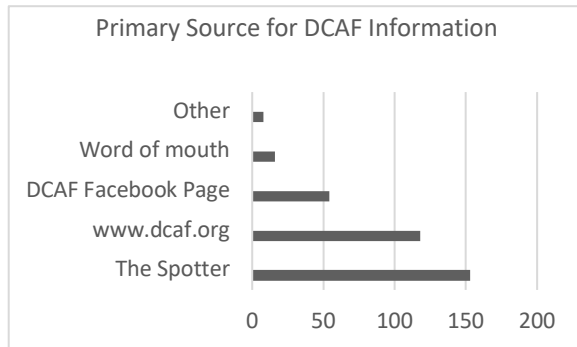
Thank you to everyone who participated in the confidential Dalmatian Club of America Foundation (DCAF) Health Research Priority Survey conducted between August 24 and September 7, 2021! We are pleased to share the results!

DEMOGRAPHICS: The survey was sent to 840 unique and valid email addresses. We had a 41% completion rate with 348 individuals completing the survey. This compares favorably to average survey completion rates of 33%. Most (94%) respondents were from the US. The most frequent relationships to Dalmatians in the “check all that apply” question were:

Owner	395	94.3%
Conformation Exhibitor	337	80.4%
Family Pet	314	74.9%
Breeder	253	60.4%
Companion/Performance Exhibitor	233	55.6%
Co-Owner	233	55.6%

The majority of respondents (70.7%) currently have 1-3 Dalmatians with 26.4% having two, 23% having one and 21.3% having three.

Respondents rely primarily on the Spotter and www.dcaf.org for information.



Finally, 89.8% of the respondents have done B.A.E.R testing on one or more Dalmatians.

FINDINGS: In this survey, we asked some specific questions about B.A.E.R. testing, and inquired about the general satisfaction level with DCAF’s current spending, participation in research, disorders diagnosed among the respondents’ Dalmatians or Dalmatians they bred, and areas our supporters would like us to fund

B.A.E.R Testing: Of those who do B.A.E.R testing:

- 90.2% have access to a testing site within a 4-hour drive of their homes including 64.8% who have access within a 2-hour drive.

- The cost per puppy was \$200 or less for 96.5% of the respondents with 78.2% paying \$100 or less.
- For those who did B.A.E.R testing in 2020 or in 2021, 88.8% have access within a 4-hour drive and 97.7% paid \$200 or less per dog. These slight differences could be due to different geographic regions testing during the time periods or other factors.

Satisfaction Levels: We are happy to report that 79.1% of the respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with DCAF’s use of its financial resources. Only 1.7% said they are not satisfied or very dissatisfied in this regard.

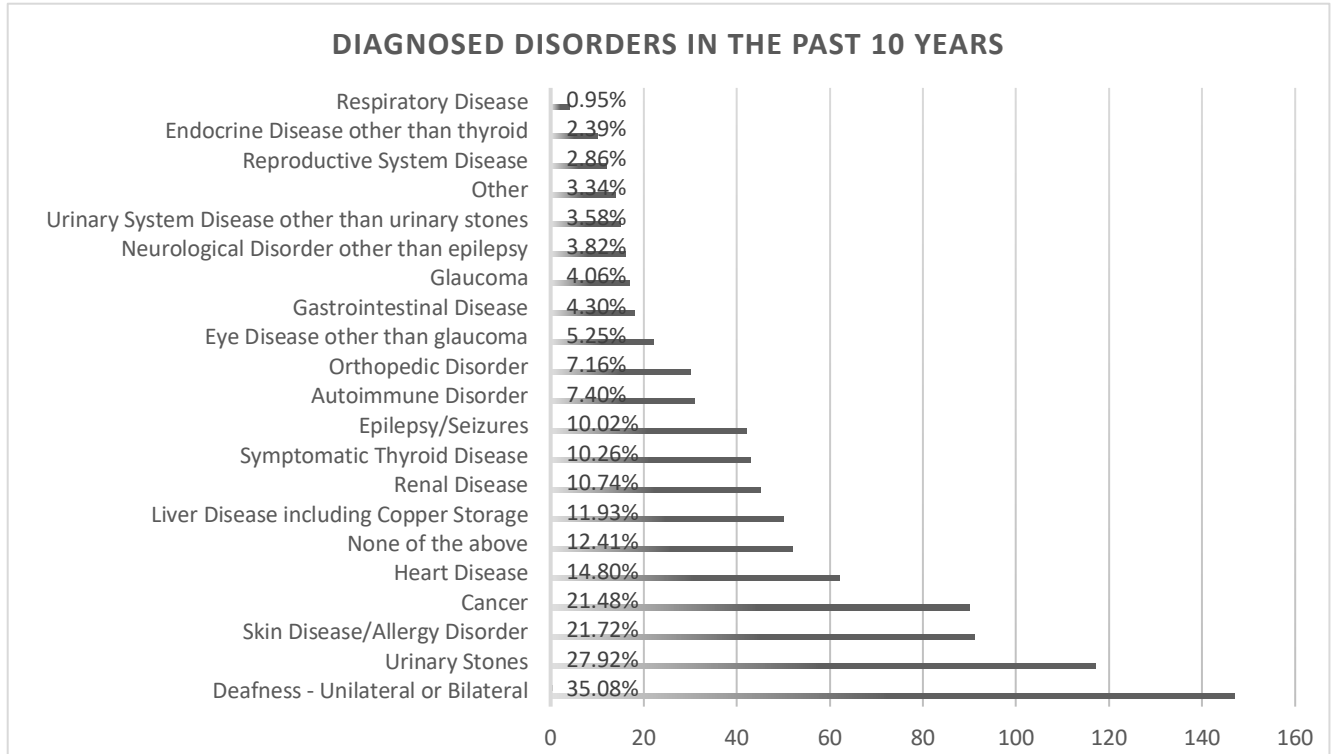
Approval ratings for investment in the following all scored 50% or better:

Liver Disease Research including Copper Storage	293	69.9%
Urinary Stone Research	289	69%
Health Clinics	284	67.8%
Renal Disease Research	266	63.5%
Hearing Research	257	61.3%
Educational Seminars for Breeders and Owners	251	59.9%
Skin Disease/Allergy Disorder Research	224	53.5%
Dalmatian Rescue Support	222	53%
Canine Cancer Research	220	52.5%
Autoimmune Disorder Research	209	49.9%

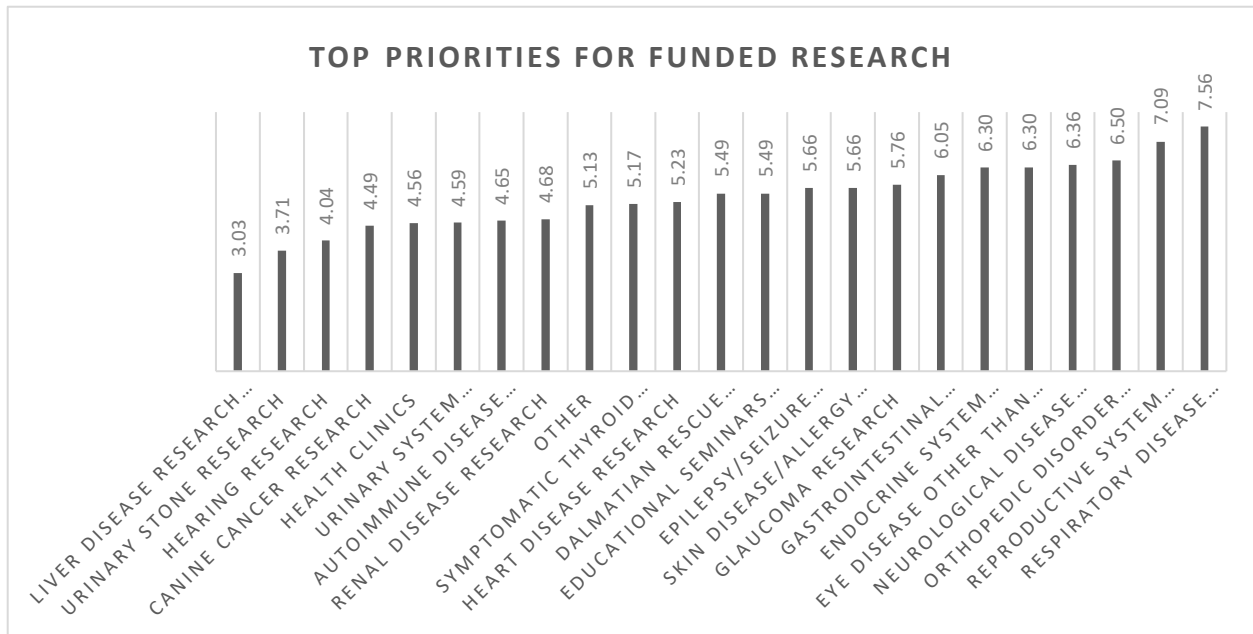
The only area listed that scored lower than 30% was Respiratory Disorders.

Participation in Research: 78.8% of the respondents said they are willing to include their dogs in health research studies while only 36.2% have actually done so in the past.

Diagnosed Conditions: We confirmed that Dalmatians are a comparatively healthy breed. While looking at these results, please do NOT translate them to mean that X% of the breed has any of these conditions. The question simply asked if the respondent has owned OR bred a dog in the past 10 years diagnosed with it, so the percentage is related to the number of owners and/or breeders who responded. It does not relate to the number of dogs with a condition which would likely be a much lower percentage



Your Priorities For Future DCAF Funding: Finally, a key question from the survey asked respondents to rank the top ten areas in which they would like DCAF to invest. The following chart shows the weighted averages of the responses with the lowest number representing the most desired.



We appreciate the time all the respondents took to complete our confidential survey and will use the results to help shape our decisions regarding future research funding. As always, any projects we undertake will be vetted by scientific experts at partner organizations such as Canine Health Foundation or Morris Animal Foundation.