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On behalf of The Kate Koogler Canine Cancer Fund, I would like to thank everyone involved in the Sixth Annual Kate Ride to raise money for bone cancer research in dogs. As a result of this year's fundraising efforts we will be donating \$11,000.00 to University of Minnesota where research is being done on naturally occurring cases of bone cancer that will not only help dogs but will help people with cancer as well. We are most grateful to the following people for helping us achieve our goal.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors: level 6 sponsors Braunstein Group CPAs, PC - Kenneth Braunstein, SynergyX Technologies - Ken Wawrew and Stephane Lemieux; level 5 sponsors Fitzgerald Auto Mall; level 4 sponsors Chesapeake Veterinary Surgical Specialists, Animal Health Clinic of Funkstown, Glade Valley Animal Hospital, Nestle' Purina PetCare - Julia Beall, Millennium Contracting, Yoga at H'om, Two Paws Up, Jay's Neon Workshop; level 3 sponsors Richard W. Gross, Esq., Maryland Sign Design, R & R Garage; level 2 sponsors Peaceable Paws LLC and Peaceable Pastures LLC and Snap On Tools Patrick Bowman; level 1 sponsors West Frederick Veterinary Hospital, Yellow Springs Veterinary Clinic, Gettysburg Animal Hospital, Buckeystown Veterinary Hospital, Carriage House Restaurant and BG Products - Denny Butts. We are so appreciative of your support.

We are grateful to all the businesses and persons that donated awesome merchandise for our raffle and those include Smith Mountain Lakefront Realty who donated a weekend getaway. Top prizes for most sponsorship per rider included a limited edition print from William Wegman, an overnight stay at Fox's Jus-Em-Tyme Bed and Breakfast and a personalized portrait by artist Elle Lawendoski. A Neon sign was donated by Jay's Neon workshop, die cast motorcycle by Matco Tools Bill Hargett, Whitetail Ski Package for 2 from Whitetail Resort, Pampered Chef gift basket by Kim McGee, Longaberger basket from Jim and Julie Beecken, Wine Tasting Party for 10 by Elk Run Vineyard, gift certificate and merchandise basket from Thomas Scott Salon, several gift baskets, Barnes and Noble gift card and a Nedobeck lithograph print from Pam Wahl and Mark Boggs, Harley jean vest from Susette Furry-Gross, T-shirts from Frederick Harley and Harley caps from Dot Warfield. Gift certificates were donated by Carriage House Restaurant, Famous Dave's Restaurant, Four Seasons Restaurant, Long Horn Steakhouse, Mexicali Cantina, Martin's, Twigg Cycles Hagerstown, Doctors Foster and Smith, The Green Turtle Restaurant, Buffalo Wild Wings. We truly are so thankful for your kind generosity.

I also want to thank Gene Stitely for the excellent posters and tickets and Erin Mills for her all her photos. Thanks to Cozy Restaurant and Vicki Grinder for letting us set up to start the ride. I would like to thank Sandy and Jay Tetlow, Patty and Sarah Hovde, Rick and Susette Gross, Byron and Nancy Lee, Pam Wahl for all their work setting up, putting up posters, cleaning up, selling pottery and scarves and for everything! A special thanks to Gene and Cathy Wahl, John Glander and Greg Moser for all your help with the ride. Thanks to The Frederick Post, Thurmont Dispatch, Thurmont Times, Picket News and Baltimore Dog Magazine for the great stories covering our cause and the event. A special thanks to Dan Stevens and Key 103 for the awesome radio spots on the Community Connection. Thanks so much to Pam Wahl for all her contacts with radio, newspaper and magazine press, getting raffle items, for getting the cakes and for all her fabulous ideas, tireless effort and support. Thank you Linda Nichols and Megan Rosewag for all their work getting the raffle prizes. Thanks to Linda West for helping with the event. Thank you so much to Thurmont Police Dept and Frederick County Sherrif's Department, Officer Blondell, Town of Emmitsburg and Amy Naill for assisting our 50 motorcycles for the ride.

Thanks to The Sitting Ducks Band who so graciously donated their time and talent, providing great live entertainment and to everyone who pitched in to help, donated or bought T-shirts - thank you! To the 108 participants who came out for a beautiful ride and an afternoon listening to great music at wonderful Pen Mar Park, enjoying the fantastic food from Watson's Catering and the cool T-shirts from Custom Imprints, we so appreciate your making our day such a successful and enjoyable one. Please visit www.katefund.org for pictures of this year's event and for information about other upcoming events.

Most sincerely,
Teresa Lee Koogler
President, The Kate Koogler Canine Cancer Fund, Inc.