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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES "JUMP START" DONATION TO STUDY OF BREED POPULATION GENETICS ANALYSIS

Donation Will Help Canaan Dogs Today And In The Future

March 16, 2014—

The Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc. is pleased to announce a major donation to the Institute of Canine Biology for their Canaan Dog Population Genetics Analysis Project. We hope this large donation will help "jump start" this project and inspire other Canaan Dog clubs and fanciers to contribute as well. In addition, the club is helping researcher Carol Beuchat, PhD, collect and prepare pedigree information for this project.

The Canaan Dog is an ancient landrace breed of dog native of the desert and wilderness of what is now Israel. The original breeding stock of the domesticated population was collected from the wild and from the nomadic Bedouin, and over the years additional dogs have been added to expand the gene pool. However, as the Bedouin culture declines, the native dogs are becoming scarce, and eventually the ability to obtain additional dogs will end.

The purpose of the Canaan Dog Population Genetics Analysis project is to assess the current genetic status of the breed, and to provide information to breeders that will help them maintain genetic diversity into the future.

Canaan Dog breeders, owners, friends and clubs around the world are encouraged to support this project, which will benefit the global population of the breed. Pedigrees of Canaan Dogs from around the world are essential to this project, and the Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc. is organizing the collection of a comprehensive global pedigree database. If you can provide pedigree information, either of individual dogs or as a database, it can be submitted by email to pedigree@cdca.org (or cdpga4all@gmail.com). The data should be submitted as a spreadsheet (e.g., Excel) containing the registered name of the dog, names of the sire and dam, birth date, sex, and registration numbers and registration body (e.g., AKC, IKC, etc). However, information is still welcome even without all the details. If you need technical assistance preparing your data, please send a request to pedigree@cdca.org.

The Institute of Canine Biology (ICB; www.InstituteofCanineBiology.org) is an independent, global consortium of canine biologists and geneticists that provides research, expertise, education, and information about dogs and especially genetics, to breeders, researchers, and the public. Led by Scientific Director Carol Beuchat PhD, who has compiled similar population analysis for other breeds, the Institute adds the Canaan Dog to a list of ongoing projects about other breeds including the Mongol Bankhar, Norwegian Lundehund, and Poodle.

The Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc. (CDCA) was formed in 1965 with the arrival of four Canaan Dogs to the United States. As the AKC Parent Club, the CDCA offers education and events for Canaan Dogs and other breeds, and promotes the breeding and preservation of these desert survivors.

The Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc. is excited to support the Institute's study of Canaan Dog Population Genetics, which will help the breed now and in the future. For more information, and to make a donation to support the project, go to the project website at www.instituteofcaninebiology.org/canaan-dog.html. To learn more about Canaan Dogs and the Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc., please visit <http://cdca.org>

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