



## RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT SUMMARY

**Grant 02128-A:** Redefining the Recommendations for Prevention of Infectious Disease at Dog Shows and Other Areas Where Dogs Meet and Compete

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### Report to Grant Sponsor from Investigator:

During the summer of 2015, the project Working Group developed 44 draft recommendations to identify, prevent and control infectious disease transmission between dogs in group settings (e.g., shows, agility, dog parks). The project leader delivered an invited talk on this topic and introduced the draft recommendations to attendees at the National Parent Club Canine Health Conference (August 2015). At the conference, an anonymous, voluntary survey (on-line and paper) was provided to attendees to better understand agreement with and perceived barriers to the developed recommendations. Many of the attendees (78%; 185/238) completed the survey, highlighting overall agreement with the recommendations, but several perceived barriers to implementation. As part of the survey, respondents were able to volunteer to participate in a focus group to further explore and develop the draft recommendations.

In October 2015, 9 individuals representing various positions within and types of canine group settings, participated in a face-to-face day-long focus group. Eight of the recommendations believed to be representative or most difficult for implementation were discussed, noting barriers, perceptions, and potential solutions to implementation. The survey and focus group findings were used to finalize the working group's recommendations. In February 2016, a manuscript was submitted for publication to the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical



Association (JAVMA), in which the recommendations and supporting evidence for these recommendations were carefully documented. A white paper, intended to complement the manuscript by providing the Working Group's recommendations and practical guidance on this area for participants and organizers of canine group settings, is nearing completion. Within the next several weeks a draft of the white paper will be circulated to the focus group members for input and comments prior to finalizing. As an un-funded addition to this project, the project Working Group has developed a risk assessment tool (calculator) to assist participants and organizers of canine group settings in identifying and correcting higher risk event practices. The Information Technology Department at The Ohio State University is currently developing the on-line content for this tool.