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On behalf of The Kate Koogler Canine Cancer Fund, I would like to thank everyone involved in the Seventh Annual Kate Ride to raise money for bone cancer research in dogs. We had a beautiful day and an excellent ride for the 33 motorcycles who participated and the 67 people who turned out for the event. Participation was down quite a bit this year but The Kate Fund raised \$9,000.00 from the ride itself. Together with an additional \$8,000.00 raised throughout the year, we are donating \$17,000.00 to bone cancer research - our best year yet! That brings our total to \$77,000.00 in 7 years. The money will be split between The University of Minnesota and Colorado State University's Animal Cancer Center 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.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors: level 6 sponsors Braunstein Group CPAs, PC - Kenneth Braunstein, SynergX Technologies - Ken Wawrew and Stephane Lemieux; level 5 sponsors Fitzgerald Auto Mall; level 4 sponsors Johnsville Plumbing Ltd, Animal Health Clinic of Funkstown, Glade Valley Animal Hospital, Bush Veterinary Neurology Service, Millennium Contracting, Yoga at H'om, Jay's Neon Workshop; level 3 sponsors Richard W. Gross, Esq., R & R Garage, Chew Brothers Landscaping; level 2 sponsors Peaceable Paws LLC and Peaceable Pastures LLC and Snap On Tools Pat Bowman; level 1 sponsors Sunset Supply, Littlestown Veterinary Hospital, Emmitsburg Hospital, West Frederick Veterinary Hospital, Yellow Springs Veterinary Clinic, Gettysburg Animal Hospital, Buckeystown Veterinary Hospital, Two Paws Up, Carriage House Restaurant and Nestle' Purina PetCare - Julia Beall. 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, motorcycle hand grips from Pat Nichols, Whitetail Ski Package for 2 from Whitetail Resort, handmade quilt made by Becky Smith, steamer from John and Patty Hovde, Harley Davidson lamp from Paul and Pat Miller, gift certificate and merchandise basket from Thomas Scott Salon, poster from Frederick Harley, gift certificate and wine basket from Outback Restaurant Hagerstown, and Harley caps from Dot Warfield. Gift certificates were donated by Turning Point Acupuncture Fred Wolfson, Massage by Ashley Wivell - Merriman, Neverland Game Store, Olive Garden Hagerstown, Hard Times Café Hagerstown, Carriage House Restaurant, Famous Dave's Restaurant, Long Horn Steakhouse Hagerstown, Red Lobster Hagerstown, Martin's, We truly are so thankful for your kind generosity.

I want to thank Jen Levan at Battlefield Harley Davidson for letting us use their wonderful facility for the event. 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, Byron and Nancy Lee, Jon and Stacy Bowles, Trish and AJ Hahn and Pam Wahl for all their work setting up, putting up posters, cleaning up, selling pottery and scarves and for everything! Thanks to Thurmont Times and Picket News for the great stories covering our cause and the event. A special thanks to Key 103 for the awesome radio spots on the Community Connection. Thank you Linda Nichols for all your 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 Sherriff's Department, Town of Emmitsburg and Amy Naill for assisting our 37 motorcycles for the ride.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help, donated or bought T-shirts - thank you! Thank you Robin Koogler for coming up with another great ride route for the 67 participants who came out for a beautiful day and event enjoying the fantastic food from Carriage House Restaurant from excellent chef John Hovde 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,
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