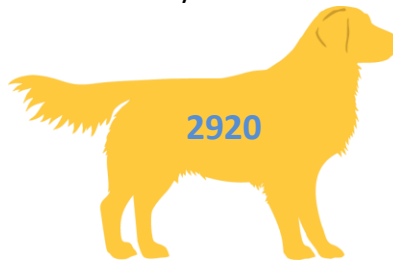
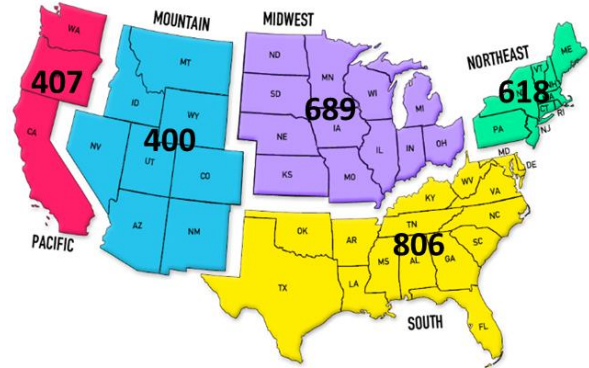
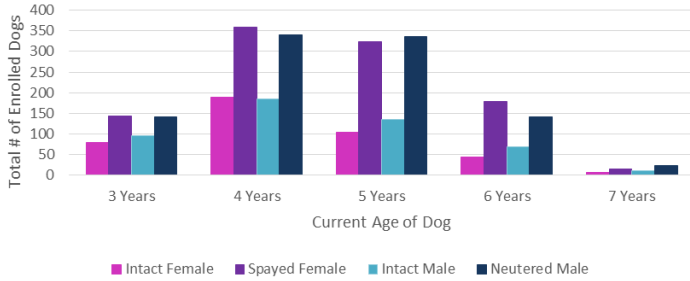


Study Cohort

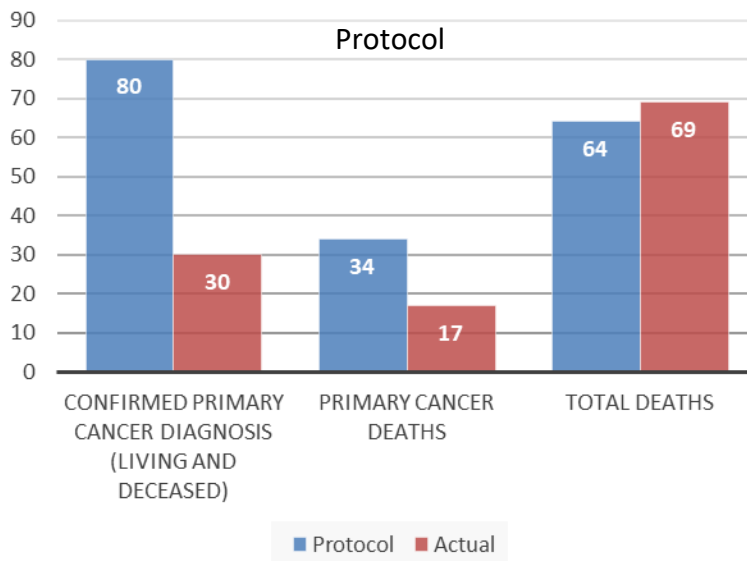
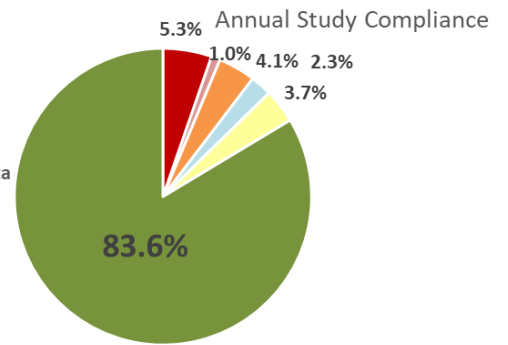
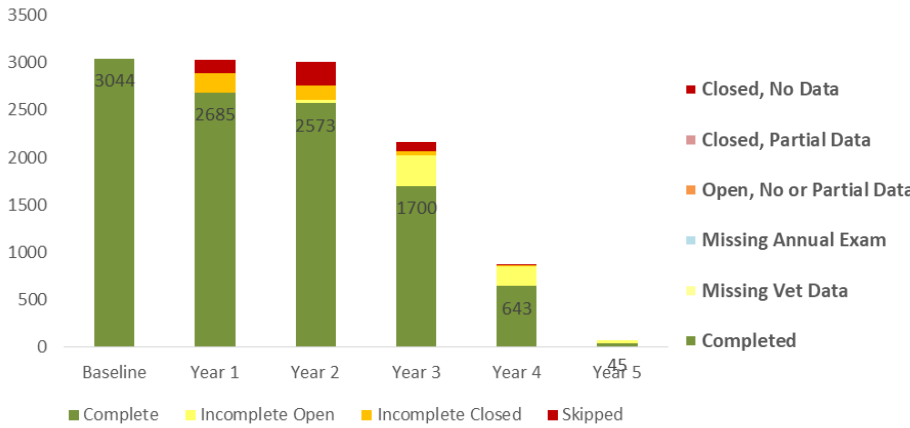
2697 owners
2001 veterinarians



55 dogs withdrawn
69 dogs deceased



Retention Metrics



Study Status

- As of December 31, 2017 owners have withdrawn 55 dogs and 69 dogs are deceased.
- There are 30 primary endpoint diagnoses.
- 17 dogs have died with one of the four primary cancers being studied.

Operations

- The study team and other Scientific Programs staff participated in strategic planning sessions with the foundation's Research Oversight Committee. The final tactics will be presented as part of a foundation-wide 3-5 year strategy for consideration by the Board of Trustees.
- Audits were conducted to update erroneous spay/neuter dates, histopathology reports uploaded to patient portals, and reported Additional Veterinary Visits.
- The Canine Lifetime Health Project Oversight Committee met on October 20, 2017.
- Standard operating procedures for histopathology adjudication were drafted and tested on six cases. Full histopathology adjudication is scheduled to begin in January 2018.
- The Study Veterinarian met with leadership at Fear Free (fearfreepets.com) to discuss ways that our partnership can grow to support owner and veterinarian retention.

Science Highlights

- Six pilot proposals were received in response to our September call. Four of them are with the Scientific Steering Committee for review.
- The second paper from the study was published
 - Reference: Simpson MD, Searfoss E, Albright S, Brown D, Wolfe B, Clark N, McCann S, Haworth D, Guy M, Page R. Population Characteristics of Golden Retriever Lifetime Study Enrollees. *Canine Genetics and Epidemiology*. 2017 Nov 15; 4(14):1-7.
- Dr Page spoke at the inaugural Penn Vet Cancer Symposium on "A Roadmap to Operationalize Comparative Oncology."

Events and Fundraising

- Two separate roundtable sessions were held to better educate all foundation staff on the current state and future goals of the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study.
- \$965 was raised as part of the Fear Free Happy Homes launch. This means 193 participating or supporting owners learned about enrichment and strategies for less stressful veterinary care.
- A volunteer-driven holiday ornament sale generated \$2,700 for the study.
- Total donations this quarter supporting the study were \$322,629.00, not including partner/sponsor contributions.

Participant and Staff Updates

- Erin Searfoss left her position as Study Director. We thank her for her leadership and dedication to the foundation.

- Michael Cinkosky has accepted an offer for the new position of Senior Director of Information Systems. Starting in January 2018, he will manage the study administrative database in addition to other duties.
- Participants were once again busy spreading holiday cheer with a secret Santa gift exchange, sending golden retriever-related gifts all across the continent!

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement in the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study.