



## Join Local Animal Organization at 1st Annual Estes Park K9K — Walk to Cure Canine Cancer

### Event Benefits Morris Animal Foundation's International Campaign to Prevent, Treat and Cure Cancer—Disease Kills 1 in 4 Dogs

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July 23, 2009, Denver/Estes Park — One in four dogs will die of cancer. Fortunately, dog lovers in Colorado can learn more about this deadly disease—and help find a cure. The K9K Walk to Cure Canine Cancer on September 19, 2009, will be held in beautiful Estes Park at Stanley Park on the Lake Estes Trail. The event raises money for [Morris Animal Foundation's](#) (MAF) [Canine Cancer Campaign](#), which funds research into cancer prevention and treatment. The day's events will feature top experts in canine health, oncology and research, and those who can't participate onsite are joining a nationwide effort to support canine cancer research by participating in the Virtual K9K. Registration details for both are available at [www.CanineK.org/EstesPark](http://www.CanineK.org/EstesPark).

The Estes Park K9K was inspired by the loss of Emily, a boxer who recently lost her battle with hemangiosarcoma. Patty Henderson, co-owner of Estes Bark and K9K event organizer, decided to honor Emily because her life was taken too soon. Henderson contacted MAF because she, along with Emily's pet parent, Peggy Mitchell, had found the Foundation to be a helpful resource about canine cancer when Emily was diagnosed with the disease. They hope to inspire other pet owners to make a difference in the fight against canine cancer.

Early registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children age 10 and older; those who cannot participate are encouraged to join our Virtual K9K. Walk-day registration is \$30 and begins at 8 a.m. The event includes a 4K and exhibits and presentations on cancer prevention, wellness, cancer research and treatment, and how to advocate for your dog's health.

To learn more about other upcoming canine cancer events, visit [www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org](http://www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org) or contact Tish Czachor at [lczachor@morriscaninelfoundation.org](mailto:lczachor@morriscaninelfoundation.org) or 303.790.2345.

**About Morris Animal Foundation:** Morris Animal Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 1948, is dedicated to funding [animal health research](#) that protects, treats and cures companion animals, horses and wildlife. MAF has been at the forefront of funding breakthrough research studies benefiting animals on all seven continents. MAF has its headquarters in Denver. [Charity Navigator](#) ranks MAF as a four-star charity, the highest rating. MAF is a [BBB Wise Giving Alliance](#) Charity Seal Holder. For more information, call 800.243.2345 or visit [MorrisAnimalFoundation.org](http://MorrisAnimalFoundation.org).