Have you ever lost a dog to Valley Fever?

Or spent thousands of dollars treating the disease in your pet?

You can help end the devastation this disease causes in Arizona dogs.

Donate now to support the dog vaccine!

“Jackson” had a bill of $10,000 to pull him through severe Valley Fever in his lungs. He failed all oral medication and needed IV treatment.

Valley Fever destroyed the hip joint of “Gus” and he lost his leg. Several months later, he lost his life to Valley Fever as well, in spite of aggressive treatment.

For more information on the Valley Fever vaccine for dogs, see:
www.arizonavictimsofvalleyfever.org/canine-valley-fever-vaccine.html
**The Solution is a Vaccine.**
Researchers at the University of Arizona have created a Valley Fever vaccine that protects nearly all tested mice from lethal doses of Valley Fever. The goal is to develop the vaccine to prevent disease in dogs.

**Why gifts are essential:**
The biggest obstacle to a vaccine in dogs is financial support to develop and license the vaccine.

**What your gift will allow us to do:**
- To perform more laboratory tests to optimize dosing
- To develop methods for production and formulation
- To test stability for shelf life
- To run safety studies in community dogs to meet USDA licensing requirements
- To conduct effectiveness studies in community dogs

Vaccine studies will immediately start to benefit Arizona dogs (if the vaccine works) because test dogs will become immune! Purpose-bred research dogs will not be used in the development of this vaccine.

**Financial support from Donors like You will make a difference!**

Although Valley Fever significantly impacts the Southwest, especially Arizona, grant funding to finance this vaccine is seldom available because the disease does not affect the entire country. If Arizonans are to help develop a life-saving vaccine for their dogs, local funding support is crucial.

**To make a tax-deductible donation:**
- By credit card - go to our website: www.vfce.arizona.edu and click on “Give Today” in the upper right hand corner
- By check - mail to The Valley Fever Center for Excellence, PO Box 245215, Tucson, AZ 85724 (EIN # 86-6050388), and make it payable to: University of Arizona Foundation (memo line: “Canine Vaccine”)

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**Currently, Valley Fever, caused by inhaling a fungus in the desert dust, is a common but unpreventable disease in dogs that costs Arizona dog owners at least $60 million a year.**

Most of the dogs who get Valley Fever live or travel in Arizona, but Valley Fever also sickens dogs in southern and central California, New Mexico, Texas, and southern Utah and Nevada. Some dogs die in spite of treatment.