

EXCEPTIONAL LONGEVITY STUDY



exceptional longevity database

looking for 13-year-old and older Rottweilers

what factors contribute to exceptional longevity?
HOW CAN WE COMBAT THE AGING PROCESS?



Exceptional Longevity Database: Tracking the Oldest-old Dogs

THANK YOU
Keystone State
Rottweiler Club...

- [Lucky Number 13 - Rottweilers as Guide Dogs to the Fountain of Youth \(.pdf file\)](#)
- [Exceptional Longevity Database at the George P. Murphy Cancer Foundation web site](#)
- [Study Contact Info](#)
- [More information on Dr. Waters' research](#)

We hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity – the chance for you and your Rottweiler to participate in trailblazing research to better understand the process of aging ... in pets and in people.

An Aging Research Initiative by The Center for Exceptional Longevity Studies, Gerald P. Murphy Cancer Foundation and The Center on Aging and Life Course, Purdue University West Lafayette, Indiana

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GOAL

Investigators at the Center for Exceptional Longevity Studies of the Gerald P. Murphy Cancer Foundation are building the first nationwide database of exceptionally old dogs. We are honored to include your dog as a part of this unique effort – to better understand aging and the factors that influence exceptional longevity in dogs and humans. Initially, the database will include only Rottweilers, but we expect that, in the near future, long-lived dogs of other breeds will be included.

RATIONALE

What factors contribute to exceptional longevity? How can we combat the aging process? Researchers at the Gerald P. Murphy Cancer Foundation and Purdue University's Center on Aging and the Life Course are trying to answer these questions. And now veterinarians at the Murphy Foundation's Center for Exceptional Longevity Studies are seeking your help in putting Rottweilers to work to solve the puzzle of aging. We are testing a new idea – that the secrets to successful aging in humans can be found by carefully studying the oldest-old dogs. To accomplish this, we are establishing The Exceptional Longevity



Database that will gather information and then track the oldest-old dogs living among us.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY : 13 YEARS IS THE LUCKY NUMBER!

If you now own or have ever owned a Rottweiler who has reached 13 years of age, we want to know all about your dog... because your dog has lived as long as a 100 year old person! We will use a questionnaire to collect information about diet, physical activity, body weight, and medical conditions of your dog. We will request that you complete one questionnaire for each eligible Rottweiler that has reached at least 13 years of age. Then each "centenarian Rottweiler" will be followed closely by investigators to see how long he/she lives.

HOW TO OBTAIN A QUESTIONNAIRE

If your dog's longevity qualifies him/her to be included in The Exceptional Longevity Database, please download a one page informational sheet entitled "[Lucky Number 13: Rottweilers as Guide Dogs to the Fountain of Youth](#)". Once you print this form out, **please return the completed form to the study's coordinator, Seema S, Kengeri, by mail or fax to:**

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As another option, you may wish to e-mail this information to us. Please send the comp Then we will provide you with the questionnaire to complete so important information about your dog's life history can be analyzed.

All information collected by investigators at the Center for Exceptional Longevity Studies will be kept confidential.

Your name will be kept anonymous and separate from the information you provide to us. The success of this research depends directly upon your cooperation and the accuracy of the information you provide.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, contact Seema S. Kengeri, MPH, Coordinator of The Exceptional Longevity Database, at seema@gpmcf.org or call (765) 775-1032. Thank you for your interest in this important research study on aging in Rottweiler dogs.