CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL LONGEVITY STUDIES
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# Lucky Number 13: Rottweilers as Guide Dogs to the Fountain of Youth

**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 first nationwide database of exceptionally old dogs that will gather information and then track the oldest-old dogs living among us.

**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. Then each "centenarian Rottweiler" will be followed closely by investigators to see how long he/she lives. If your dog's longevity qualifies him/her to be included in the **Exceptional Longevity Database**, complete this sheet and return it to us. Then, we will provide you with the questionnaire to complete so important information about your dog's life history can be analyzed.

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

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Please complete this information sheet and return to:

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Name of your dog _____ Dog's date of birth _____/_____/_____
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Current Status ☐ Alive ☐ Deceased Age at death _____ Years

**Owner contact information:**

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

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City State Zip Code

Telephone: (_____)_____ e-mail:_____