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The above link is an interesting and frightening article. Fungal diseases may be the next pandemic for both dogs and humans. Diseases such as valley fever and aspergilosis and more are increasing alarmingly in dogs and people with drought, climate change and with tinkering with immune systems with no cures and high death rates. The last page of the above article (page 8) discusses the use of dogs to develop prototype vaccines for valley fever, now being found beyond California, Arizona, and Texas to as far as Washington State. It is extremely painful to dogs, leading to their deaths. Because of less stringent regulatory strictures, vaccines can be more readily and quickly developed than for humans.

Because this is a problem for all breeds, I am suggesting that we propose a challenge grant to CHF of $10,000 to be given if matched by at least 10 other breeds for the development of canine vaccines for all fungal diseases which affect dogs. We can discuss this at the next Officer meeting.