

A Man and His Two Dogs Walk from Austin to Boston for Canine Cancer

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(Walter E. Long Municipal Park, Austin, TX) Inspired by the loss of his Great Pyrenees, Malcolm, to osteosarcoma in 2006, Luke Robinson is embarking on a 2,400 mile walk with his two other dogs, Hudson and Murphy. His mission is discovering the cause of cancer and the money raised along the way will finance the first ever nationwide epidemiological canine study managed by the Animal Cancer Foundation.

The implications of this research are even more far reaching. Scientists have discovered that the vast majority of cancers found in pets are the same types affecting humans making dogs an ideal model for study and giving rise to an area of cancer research known as comparative oncology.

Education and community involvement are expected to be a significant part of Robinson's ten month journey so animal and cancer groups within range of the route are encouraged to join them in joint fundraisers and publicity events.

Their walk will take them from Austin to Texarkana and through Memphis, Louisville, Cincinnati, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Newark, New York City, Hartford, Providence, and finally to their destination in Boston, Massachusetts.

Animal lovers and supporters are welcome to walk with them along the way and for a \$25 donation, they can have the name of a pet they've lost to cancer memorialized in Robinson's apparel.

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Blog: <http://2dogs2000miles.blogspot.com/>

Trailer: http://youtube.com/watch?v=wWCX-m_h4dQ