



## Nibs' Legacy lives on

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We recently received very sad news. On August 18th, Nibs passed away in a farming accident at her home in Canada. As many of you know, Nibs was a beautiful Labrador Retriever that was instrumental in giving us puppies that carry the Myotubular Myopathy (MTM) gene that affects our son Joshua. I am so grateful to Nibs for the initial 12 puppy litter, which we have used to proliferate our first MTM dog colony. These Labrador Retrievers with MTM will provide the opportunity to develop pre-clinical gene therapy trials in a large animal model that closely approximates the condition in Children. Our researchers are learning more about this neuromuscular disease from these dogs than they ever have before.

Our second litter of MTM pups has been born. Researchers funded by The Joshua Frase Foundation, have teamed with veterinarians and scientists from around the world in an international collaboration to develop the first-ever treatment for myotubular myopathy; partnering with French Research Company, Genethon -[www.genethon.fr](http://www.genethon.fr). Genethon's contribution will greatly accelerate the pace of these studies. This partnership between Genethon and The Joshua Frase Foundation is an example of international scientific cooperation at its best, working towards our common goal of eradicating congenital

myopathies. We are confident that the knowledge gained through these animals will one day lead to treatments not only for MTM, but other neuromuscular diseases. Let us remember Nibs and her contribution she selflessly made for all made kind. Her legacy lives on!

I invite you today to walk this journey with us, make an investment in the lives of many children, pledge a gift today and keep this research funded. Please visit our web site at [www.joshuafrase.org](http://www.joshuafrase.org) and click on the donate page to make an investment today