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Via Certified USPS Mail  
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Re: Regarding our conversation about the Cutinello's and their efforts to find a bone marrow transplant for their 3 year old golden doodle who has rare B-Cell Lymphoma.

Dear Kaitlyn,

We talked on the phone earliest today and as promised this is our formal statement on behalf of our client, [DiamondDoodles.com](http://DiamondDoodles.com).

[DiamondDoodles.com](http://DiamondDoodles.com) and The Cavalry Group are very sorry for what the Cutinello's are going through with their pet that clearly is an important and beloved member of their family.

It is our understanding from the correspondence from Cutinello's that their dog is currently suffering from rare B-Cell Lymphoma, is currently going through chemotherapy, and faces additional medical treatments that have at the best case 60% potential of success to the worse case of 0% success. According to the Cutinello's, the dog has potentially 12 months remaining and that there is no guarantee as to the success of the bone marrow transplant, or if the dog would survive the transplant. Notwithstanding, the Cutinellos seem to be exhausting all options to identify a potential donor.

We understand the Cutinello's goal here, but unfortunately what is being requested requires a dangerous bone marrow transplant from the 8 year old dam owned by [DiamondDoodles.com](http://DiamondDoodles.com) or a bone marrow transplant from one of the littermates owned by other families assuming that any of them match. The facts that no one seems to be discussing are that there are significant risks to all of the dogs involved not only from the bone marrow transplant itself but from anesthesia, infection, transport, etc. All of these elements have significant risk to the well being of the Cutinello's dog and any other dog participating. While we understand the Cutinello's desire, we don't feel that it is reasonable or fair to put other parties' animals at serious risk. Animals are not as resilient as human beings unfortunately.

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Again, we are sorry for the situation facing the Cutinellos and hope that they are able to find their way to a decision that is in the best interests of their dog.

Sincerely,

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