



LOUISIANA ONE HEALTH IN ACTION

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I wanted to let you know about some exciting endeavors that will impact our community, and an opportunity to sponsor them. Our son Jack was diagnosed with Bartonellosis 3 1/2 years ago. It was devastating for our family and for him. Historically Bartonella is known as Cat Scratch Disease, but it is also being seen in chronic systemic variances as well. In our search for answers to regain his health, we visited 30+ doctors in nearly every specialty from New Orleans, Lake Charles, and Houston. He has had a range of misdiagnoses and treatment for symptoms that included a month long stay in the hospital in Houston and a total immune system replacement. We are thankful for the help that we received along the way, but find it disheartening that not one doctor diagnosed him with Bartonella, even after stating this started soon after a stray cat scratch. Not one doctor knew about what is now becoming the realization: that Bartonella has a variety of manifestations. Thankfully with help from Dr Breitschwerdt, DVM at North Carolina State University and our treating physician Dr Mozayeni in Washington DC, after 18 months of treatment, Jack is expected to make a full recovery!

Today, with our son on the tail end of treatment, we are committed to helping others avoid the frustration, heartbreak, and huge financial burden that ensues because of a journey like this. We are dedicated to bringing about change using the One Health Initiative. We have decided to start an organization called Louisiana One Health in Action. It is a community of advocates who not only want to spread the One Health Initiative in Louisiana, but also raise public awareness and provide opportunities to foster the One Health concept on a grass roots level in our communities across Louisiana. If you are not familiar with the One Health Initiative, it addresses the interconnectedness among human health, animal health, and environmental health. The benefits of One Health are that it accelerates biomedical research discoveries, enhances public health efficacy, expands the scientific knowledge base, and improves medical education and clinical care. The overarching goal of Louisiana One Health in Action, locally first, would be to raise public awareness of One Health issues, provide or facilitate education regarding One Health topics to the public, and offer continuing education from a One Health perspective through a variety of ways for vets, physicians, and local industries.

The Beating Bartonella Fun Run will be Louisiana One Health in Action's first public event to raise awareness about Bartonella. It will take place on November 3rd, which is the International One Health Day. We have registered the event with the One Health Commission, so it can be included on their One Health Day map. Our goal is that by having the Beating Bartonella Fun Run, we can raise awareness of Bartonella and funds for Bartonella research. We are hoping to include local vets and medical facilities specifically at some of the color stations along the route. We are urging them to support us in sponsorship and as volunteers, so that people can learn the importance of healthy animals and flea and tick prevention as well as their direct impact on human health. We also want to include local stakeholders that care about impacting public health in our community. A sponsorship package is attached for you to sponsor Louisiana One Health in Action and our important One Health endeavors.

You may not realize some of the latest Bartonella research findings, of which there are many, but include these (studies linked):

- Up to 80% of Indoor/Outdoor cats are positive for Bartonella (they are the primary reservoir for Bartonella) and 20% of dogs.
- Sand flies, human body lice, fleas, and ticks all spread Bartonella
- A study of Veterinarians found that 73% are positive for Bartonella antibodies



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- A study from Dr Mozayeni in his rheumatology practice found that 62% of 296 rheumatology patients tested positive for Bartonella antibodies.
- Cattle, deer, elk, and sheep all have their own Bartonella species that are transmitted by biting flies or keds (wingless flies).
- 82% of beef cattle have tested positive for Bartonella
- Bites and scratches from animals also spread Bartonella.
- There are over 40 strains of Bartonella, and half of them infect humans
- There are only antibody tests for 3 of those strains
- 50% of people and animals will not test positive for antibodies toward Bartonella, even if they have a Bartonella infection (Bartonellosis)
- Although Cat Scratch Disease is currently considered a self-limiting disease, requiring no treatment, there is no one size fits all cure for a chronic systemic Bartonella infection.
- More can be done than what is currently being done, and we desperately need a One Health approach between Veterinarians, Physicians, and Ecologists

When you combine these findings with many other studies and research currently being conducted by Galaxy Diagnostics, University of Minnesota Dermatology Dept, and North Carolina State University, a closer consideration of Bartonella is warranted as a causative reason for chronic symptoms as well as the more widely known acute symptoms that happen with Cat Scratch Disease.

Dr Breitschwerdt has assured us that he will come and give a lecture about Bartonella to regional vets, physicians, and One Health advocates. He will be speaking about the most up to date Bartonella research and risks for the human population. He recently received the Global One Health Award for his research on atypical manifestations of Bartonellosis in people and veterinary health care providers. We're hoping you have an opportunity to look over the studies that are linked, and the event info sheet attached.

Thank you so much for your consideration in supporting Louisiana One Health in Action! Please let us know as soon as possible what you decide, as there are only 6 color stations available. All other donations will go to other costs associated with the color run, Bartonella Research/One Health issues, and to supporting Louisiana One Health in Action and our endeavors in our community!

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Why One Health?

https://www.onehealthcommission.org/documents/filelibrary/what_we_are_doing_orange_box/One_Health_A_Ray_of_Hope_w_links_21678EBEB9400.pdf

You can learn more about Dr Breitschwerdt here

<https://cvm.ncsu.edu/directory/breitschwerdt-ed/#tabsPnl1-tab-0>

You can learn more about Dr Mozayeni here

<https://tmgmd.com/staff/b-robert-mozayeni-md/>

For a more in depth look at Bartonella visit:

Understanding Bartonella medical webinar

<http://www.galaxydx.com/web/2015/webinar-understanding-bartonella/Bartonellosis>

One Health Perspectives for an Emerging Infectious Disease

<http://ilarjournal.oxfordjournals.org/content/55/1/46.full>

Bartonella ePCR brochure

http://www.galaxydx.com/web/pdfs/Bartonella_brochure_general.pdf

The Bartonella Project:

<https://tinyurl.com/BartonellaProjectNCSU>

Bartonella Resources:

<http://veterinarymedicine.dvm360.com/bartonellosis-emerging-and-potentially-hidden-epidemic>

https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/18/5/11-1366_article

<https://parasitesandvectors.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13071-015-0920-4>



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Thank you for your interest in sponsoring **Louisiana One Health in Action** and our first event, **The Beating Bartonella Color Run**. Please see the below sponsorship opportunities. We thank you in advance for your generous contribution. Please indicate what level you are interested in sponsoring and return by email or mail to Louisiana One Health in Action at 1735 Carl Lyons Rd Sulphur, LA 70665.

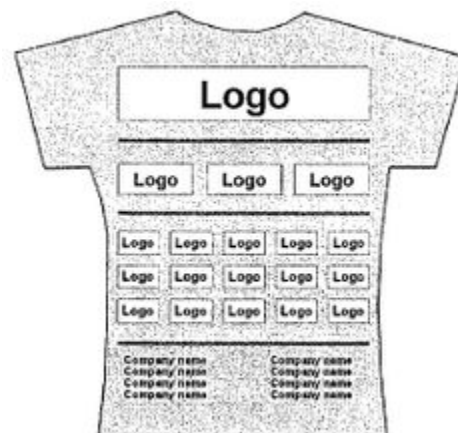
****Please contact Amy LeBoeuf at louisianaonehealthinaction@gmail.com or 337.274.9421 for any questions.****

TITANIUM SPONSOR - \$5,000 OR MORE

- The feature name/logo displayed on T-shirts, and Louisiana One Health in Action's website for event and in the Louisiana One Health Advocates section (other notable Louisiana One Health Advocates are LSU, Tulane, Southern University, etc)
- Company or individual name/logo displayed on first round of K-12 One Health educational material (next Louisiana One Health in Action endeavor) as a One Health Advocate
- Banner featured at Finish Line (you can supply, or we can purchase for you)
- A special thank you in Pre-Race announcements and all local media announcements
- Company-supplied material to go in course packets which each runner will receive
- Space available to set up and distribute corporate material
- 20 Complimentary race entries

PLATINUM SPONSOR - \$1,000

- Company or individual name/logo displayed on T-shirts, and Louisiana One Health in Action's website
- Banner featured at Finish Line (you can supply, or we can purchase for you)
- A special thank you in Pre-Race announcements
- Company-supplied material to go in course packets which each runner will receive
- Space available to set up and distribute corporate material
- 10 Complimentary race entries



GOLD SPONSOR - \$500

- Company or individual name/logo displayed on T-shirts and Louisiana One Health in Action website
- Company-supplied banner featured at Finish Line
- A special thank you in Pre-Race announcements
- Company-supplied material to go in course packets which each runner will receive
- Space available to set up and distribute corporate material
- 7 Complimentary race entries

SILVER SPONSOR - \$250

- Company or individual name displayed on Louisiana One Health in Action event website
- A special thank you in Pre-Race announcements
- Company-supplied material to go in course packets which each runner will receive
- Space available to set up and distribute corporate material
- 4 Complimentary race entries

BRONZE SPONSOR - \$100

- Company or individual name/logo displayed on Louisiana One Health in Action event website
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- Company-supplied material to go in course packets which each runner will receive
- 2 Complimentary race entries



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Please fill out this form and return to Louisiana One Health in Action- 1735 Carl Lyons Rd Sulphur, LA 70665 or email to louisianaonehealthinaction@gmail.com . **This is a donation commitment.**

Business/Sponsor Name: _____

Address: City, State & Zip

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Please make checks payable to: Hannah Galbraith (Beating Bartonella Color Run) or pay via Credit Card by clicking Donate on our race page. <https://runsignup.com/Race/LA/Sulphur/BeatingBartonellaColorFunRun>

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

- TITANIUM SPONSOR- \$5000 OR MORE _____ (AMOUNT)
- PLATINUM SPONSOR - \$1,000 OR MORE _____ (AMOUNT)
- GOLD SPONSOR - \$500
- SILVER SPONSOR - \$250
- BRONZE SPONSOR - \$100

OTHER (Please list items donated)-

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring Louisiana One Health in Action!

If you have not included your logo, please send to louisianaonehealthinaction@gmail.com

Logos and artwork for the website and t-shirts must be provided by the sponsors in print-ready jpg, png, or svg files.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Keep for your records: Louisiana One Health in Action Sponsorship

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