

Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust
Treated as a Private Foundation

2009

Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Note. The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

For calendar year 2009, or tax year beginning **APR 10, 2009**, and ending **DEC 31, 2009**

G Check all that apply: Initial return Initial return of a former public charity Final return
 Amended return Address change Name change

Use the IRS label. Otherwise, print or type. See Specific Instructions.	Name of foundation NUVASIVE CHEETAH GIVES BACK FOUNDATION Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 7475 LUSK BOULEVARD City or town, state, and ZIP code SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	A Employer identification number 26-4835245 B Telephone number 858-909-1902
H Check type of organization:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation	C If exemption application is pending, check here ... <input type="checkbox"/> D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ... <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ... <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 76,331. (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)	J Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ... <input type="checkbox"/> F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ... <input type="checkbox"/>

	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a).)				
Revenue				
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received	1,600,477.			
2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
4 Dividends and interest from securities				
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0.		
8 Net short-term capital gain			0.	
9 Income modifications				
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less: Cost of goods sold				
c Gross profit or (loss)				
11 Other income	47,850.	0.	47,850.	STATEMENT 1
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	1,648,327.	0.	47,850.	
Operating and Administrative Expenses				
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	0.	0.	0.	0.
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees				
b Accounting fees				
c Other professional fees				
17 Interest				
18 Taxes				
19 Depreciation and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications	605.	0.	0.	605.
23 Other expenses STMT 2	183,440.	0.	21,754.	161,686.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	184,045.	0.	21,754.	162,291.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,416,848.			1,391,773.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	1,600,893.	0.	21,754.	1,554,064.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	47,434.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		0.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			26,096.	

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	0.	76,331.	76,331.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Accounts receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	4 Pledges receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock			
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis			
Less: accumulated depreciation				
12 Investments - mortgage loans				
13 Investments - other				
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis				
Less: accumulated depreciation				
15 Other assets (describe)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers)	0.	76,331.	76,331.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		28,897.	
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe)			
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	28,897.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	24 Unrestricted	0.	47,434.	
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. <input type="checkbox"/>			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
30 Total net assets or fund balances	0.	47,434.		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	0.	76,331.		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	0.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	47,434.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	47,434.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)	5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	47,434.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a			
b NONE			
c			
d			
e			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }	2
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

N/A

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2008			
2007			
2006			
2005			
2004			

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2009 from Part X, line 5	4
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	0.
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	0.
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	0.
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	0.
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	0.
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2009 estimated tax payments and 2008 overpayment credited to 2009	6a	
b	Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	0.
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	0.
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2010 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a		X
1b		X
1c		X
2	X	
3		X
4a		X
4b		N/A
5		X
6	X	
7	X	
8a		
8b	X	
9	X	
10	X	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008?	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	
Website address ► <u>WWW.NUVACHEETAHGIVESBACKFOUNDATION.ORG</u>				
14	The books are in care of ► <u>BRIAN ADASHEK</u> Telephone no. ► <u>858-909-1800</u>			
Located at ► <u>7475 LUSK BLVD., SAN DIEGO, CA</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>92121</u>				
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	15		N/A

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.		Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(2)	Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(3)	Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(4)	Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(5)	Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(6)	Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 20 of the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here <input type="checkbox"/>	1b	X
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2009?	1c	X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a	At the end of tax year 2009, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2009? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ► _____, _____, _____		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.) N/A	2b	
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ► _____, _____, _____		
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2009 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2009.) N/A	3b	
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2009?	4b	X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? Yes No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? Yes No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? Yes No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? Yes No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? Yes No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Yes No
 Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? Yes No
 If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
 If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? Yes No

b If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? Yes No **N/A**

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 4		0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 0

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services 0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 SEE STATEMENT 6	
	1,554,064.
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0.

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1 Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:			
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	0.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	72,412.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	0.
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	72,412.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	72,412.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	1,086.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	71,326.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5 ADJUSTED FOR SHORT TAX PERIOD	6	2,599.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2009 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2009. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1 Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:			
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	1,554,064.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3 Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:			
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	1,554,064.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	1,554,064.

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2008	(c) 2008	(d) 2009
1 Distributable amount for 2009 from Part XI, line 7				0.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2009:				
a Enter amount for 2008 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2009:				
a From 2004				
b From 2005				
c From 2006				
d From 2007				
e From 2008				
f Total of lines 3a through e	0.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2009 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ <u>N/A</u>				
a Applied to 2008, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2009 distributable amount				0.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2009 (if an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	0.			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2008. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr...			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2009. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2010				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2004 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2010. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2005				
b Excess from 2006				
c Excess from 2007				
d Excess from 2008				
e Excess from 2009				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2009, enter the date of the ruling **07/20/09**

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year		Prior 3 years		(e) Total
	(a) 2009	(b) 2008	(c) 2007	(d) 2006	
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	2,599.	0.	0.	0.	2,599.
b 85% of line 2a	2,209.	0.	0.	0.	2,209.
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	1,554,064.	0.	0.	0.	1,554,064.
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	1,554,064.	0.	0.	0.	1,554,064.
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					0.
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					0.
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed	1,733.	0.	0.	0.	1,733.
c "Support" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					0.
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					0.
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					0.
(4) Gross investment income					0.

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year-see the instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

NONE

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

NONE

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

a The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

KAY SIRIANNI
7475 LUSK BLVD., SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

SEE WEBSITE WWW.NUVACHEETAHGIVESBACKFOUNDATION.ORG

c Any submission deadlines:

ONGOING

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

LIMITED TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND SCOPE OF CHARITABLE MISSION.

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
SEE STATEMENT 5				
Total			▶ 3a	1,416,848.
b Approved for future payment				
NONE				
Total			▶ 3b	0.

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

NUVASIVE CHEETAH GIVES BACK FOUNDATION

26-4835245

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)() (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2009)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	DAVID LANE 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	\$ 12,200.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	FISH RICHARDSON 225 FRANKLIN STREET BOSTON, MA 02110	\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3	ENGINEERED MEDICAL SYSTEMS 3325 APPLING ROAD BARTLETT, TN 38133	\$ 7,400.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4	STEPHAN GOULD 10920 VIA FRONTERA SAN DIEGO, CA 92127	\$ 6,300.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5	ERIC FINLEY 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6	ADAM GORDON 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	NUVASIVE, INC. 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	\$ 1,478,086.	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
8	NUVASIVE, INC. 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	\$ 29,985.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions)

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
7	<u>IMPLANTS AND INSTRUMENTS FOR SURGERY IN THE LUMBAR AND CERVICAL SPINE</u>	\$ <u>1,478,086.</u>	<u>12/31/09</u>
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____

FORM 990-PF	OTHER INCOME			STATEMENT 1
DESCRIPTION	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	
GROSS INCOME FROM SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS	47,850.	0.	47,850.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 11	47,850.	0.	47,850.	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER EXPENSES				STATEMENT 2
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	388.	0.	0.	388.	
FUNDRAISING FEES	21,754.	0.	21,754.	0.	
SURGICAL MISSIONS	161,298.	0.	0.	161,298.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	183,440.	0.	21,754.	161,686.	

FOOTNOTES

STATEMENT 3

FOOTNOTES FOR PART VII-A

QUESTIONS 2 AND 9:

THE DETERMINATION LETTER FOR THE NUVASIVE CHEETAH GIVES BACK FOUNDATION ("FOUNDATION"), DATED JULY 20, 2009, GRANTED THE FOUNDATION TAX-EXEMPT STATUS AS A PRIVATE FOUNDATION. PLEASE SEE A COPY OF THE LETTER, ATTACHED.

THE FOUNDATION, AS ITS PROGRAMS DEVELOPED, FURTHER COMMUNICATED WITH THE IRS, INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER THE FOUNDATION COULD MAKE GRANTS DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUALS IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS PROGRAMS. THIS PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE PROGRAMS OF THE FOUNDATION IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE IRS. FURTHER, IN CONTINUING TO DEVELOP ITS MISSION AND ACTIVITIES, THE FOUNDATION HAS ALSO INQUIRED WITH THE IRS AS TO WHETHER IT CAN CONVERT TO PRIVATE OPERATING FOUNDATION STATUS. THE 2009 FORM 990-PF FOR THE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN PREPARED ON THE BASIS THAT THE FOUNDATION WILL BE GRANTED THE CONVERSION TO PRIVATE OPERATING FOUNDATION STATUS.

QUESTION 10:

NUVASIVE, INC.
7475 LUSK BLVD.
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

1,508,071.

FOOTNOTES FOR PART VII-B

QUESTION 1A(3):

NUVASIVE, INC., PROVIDED ACCOUNTING AND OTHER SERVICES
TO THE NUVASIVE CHEETAH GIVES BACK FOUNDATION DURING 2009
AT NO CHARGE. THIS IS AN EXCEPTED ACT OF SELF-DEALING UNDER
IRC SECTION 4941(D)(2)(C).

FORM 990-PF PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS STATEMENT 4
 TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION MANAGERS

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
ALEXIS LUKIANOV 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	PRESIDENT 1.00	0.	0.	0.
JASON HANNON 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	CFO 1.00	0.	0.	0.
KATHY LUKIANOV 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT 4.00	0.	0.	0.
KAY SIRIANNI 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	SECRETARY 8.00	0.	0.	0.
SUZANNE PICHE 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	DIRECTOR 1.00	0.	0.	0.
TOTALS INCLUDED ON 990-PF, PAGE 6, PART VIII		0.	0.	0.

FORM 990-PF GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENT 5
PAID DURING THE YEAR

RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RECIPIENT RELATIONSHIP AND PURPOSE OF GRANT	RECIPIENT STATUS	AMOUNT
DUKE ORTHOPAEDICS IN UGANDA FUND 512 SOUTH MANGUM STREET, SUITE 400 DURHAM, NC 27701	NONE CHARITABLE	501(C)(3)	712,077.
SAN DIEGO YOUTH SERVICES 3255 WING STREET SAN DIEGO, CA 92110	NONE CHARITABLE	501(C)(3)	100.
MIRAMONTE SWIM CLUB P.O. BOX 401 MORAGA, CA 94556	NONE CHARITABLE	501(C)(3)	500.
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION 7272 GREENVILLE AVE. DALLAS, TX 75231	NONE CHARITABLE	501(C)(3)	4,000.
LANCE ARMSTRONG FOUNDATION 2201 E. SIXTH STREET AUSTIN, TX 78702	NONE CHARITABLE	501(C)(3)	2,500.
ROLF BENIRSCHKE LEGACY FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 231429 ENCINITAS, CA 92023	NONE CHARITABLE	501(C)(3)	1,500.
MCCS FUND P.O. BOX 452008 SAN DIEGO, CA 92145-2008	NONE CHARITABLE	501(C)(3)	11,475.
BREAST CANCER 3 DAY 205 N. MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 2630 CHICAGO, IL 60601	NONE CHARITABLE	501(C)(3)	2,500.

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MOVEMBER P.O. BOX 2726 VENICE, CA 90294	NONE CHARITABLE	501(C)(3)	2,500.
MEDICAL AND EDUCATION AID FOR KENYA 3 OLD BARN LANE KENLEY, SURREY, UNITED KINGDOM CR8 5AT	NONE CHARITABLE	EXPEND RESPONSE	352,716.
BROTHER'S BROTHER FOUNDATION 1200 GALVESTON AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15233	NONE CHARITABLE	501(C)(3)	326,980.

TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART XV, LINE 3A

1,416,848.

NuVasive Cheetah Gives Back Foundation, Inc.
IRS Form 990-PF
Statement 6

Description of Activities:

The NuVasive® Cheetah Gives Back Foundation (CGB) is committed to providing innovative medical devices, surgical support, and necessary funds to those in need of life-saving spine surgery around the world.

In many impoverished places across the globe there is very limited availability and access to specialized surgeons, including spine surgeons. CGB focuses on indigent patients with no access to or means to pay for the medical care they desperately need. For most of these people the only options are to live with the deformity, disease and intense pains associated with severe spinal disorders or tragically, die. CGB is a beacon of hope to those in the direst need of life-saving spine surgery. CGB has and will continue to provide that hope.

In 2009 CGB conducted its 1st spine surgical mission to Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, 200 miles west of Nairobi. CGB organized, paid for and donated all product (medical devices) needed to successfully complete this mission. Drs. Andrew and Helen Cappuccino, both surgeons, were kind enough to volunteer their time to make this mission possible. Over the course of a week Drs. Cappuccino successfully performed 8 spinal procedures on 7 patients as well as provided other necessary medical care.

CGB also provided innovative medical devices and necessary funds in support of other spine surgical missions that helped indigent patients in 2009. The supported missions all closely align with the goals and mission of CGB. This is an additional means for CGB to further its mission and make a more meaningful impact.

Please visit our website at <http://www.nuvacheetahgivesbackfoundation.org/> to learn more about these missions as well as other good work the foundation is involved in.

NUVASIVE CHEETAH GIVES BACK FOUNDATION

EIN #26-4835245

STATEMENT 7 ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE FEDERAL
RETURN OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

INFORMATION REGARDING EXPENDITURE RESPONSIBILITY GRANTS - PART VII - B, LINE 5C

In accordance with IRS regulations section 53 4945-5(d), the following information is provided regarding the grants made or approved by the NuVasive Cheetah Gives Back Foundation to organizations that are not exempt under sections 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) or section 4940(d)(2). The Foundation will exercise expenditure responsibility over these grants. The information provided includes the name and address of the grantee, the date and amount of the grant and the purpose of the grant. For grants approved or paid in the current tax year, information regarding the nature and amount of expenditures incurred by the grantees will be provided upon receipt of the grantees' annual reports which are generally due one year after payment of the grant. To the best of our knowledge no grantee has diverted any portion of the funds from the purpose of the grant.

APPROVED OR PAID IN THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

Medical and Education Aid for Kenya
3 Old Barn Lane, Kenley, Surrey, United Kingdom, CR8 5AT
\$352,716
Grant for surgical missions
November 1, 2009