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Exercising His Passion

As a child, Frank Booth watched his grandmother slowly lose her ability to be active. In her 80s, she struggled to do the
dishes. In her 90s, it was hard for her to walk. Aging, Booth knows now, had progressively downgraded her body's engine, its capacity for using oxygen to support activity, until what had been a jet engine became a low-powered motorbike engine. And when she was 99, the motorbike gave out.

"I want to know why," said the professor of biomedical sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin announced Nov. 20 Booth's gift of $1 million to the veterinary medicine college and the School of Medicine to fund graduate student fellowships and Booth's own research, which focuses on answering that and other public health questions.

Read more about Frank Booth's gift