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Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation Increases Support for American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Foundation Grants

Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation funds three grants up to \$18,000 each to support Animal Health Studies

Denver, Colorado -- The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Foundation (ACVIMF) announced today the recipients of three Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation (VPRF) funded pharmacologic studies. The studies will be conducted by Dr. Sofia Cerda-Gonzalez of Cornell University (*Efficacy of Maropitant (Cerenia®) as an adjunct analgesic in dogs*), Dr. Andrew Mackin of Mississippi State University (*Pharmacodynamic Evaluation of Mycophenolate Mofetil in the Dog*), and Drs. Katharine Tolbert and Shelly Olin of the University of Tennessee (*Are acid suppressants indicated in cats with CKD?*).

The strategic partnership between VPRF and ACVIMF began in 2009 in an effort to solicit, review, and administer research grants with a pharmacologic focus. “The Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation (VPRF) was formed by the governing bodies of American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics (AAVPT) and the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology (ACVCP) in June of 2006. These organizations recognized that the lack of funding for basic pharmacology research was limiting both growth and innovation in the development of new veterinary therapeutics and the number of trained researchers in the field. As such, they sought to invest their collective resources in the growth of veterinary pharmacology through research grants and training programs.” Jane Owens, President, VPRF.

The first call for proposals went out in November 2009. Since then, the partnership has awarded over \$105,746 to seven ACVIM Board-certified researchers along with their research team members. Dr.

Lauren Trepanier of the University of Wisconsin was awarded funding for the 2014 call for her research, *Genetic Risk for cyclophosphamide toxicity in dogs*.

The grants encourage investigators to submit proposals that focus on research to evaluate the safety, effectiveness and duration of effect of therapies for veterinary species, explore new drug therapies for animals, develop and validate methods of evaluating effects of drugs in animal diseases or conditions, or ensure that a safe food supply is not compromised by drug therapy. As this grant is a partnership between veterinary internists and VPRF, collaborations between pharmacologists and Diplomates of ACVIM were strongly encouraged.

About Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation

The Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation provides grant funding to support research into new and currently approved medications for combating diseases of companion and food animals, projects that ensure the safety of food products from treated livestock, and training programs for veterinary pharmacologists. These areas have been unmet needs in veterinary medicine for over 30 years. To donate to the Foundation, please access the following:

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About the ACVIM Foundation

The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to pioneering the healthcare of animals through the work of specialists in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM): small and large animal internists, cardiologists, neurologists, and oncologists. By supporting the work of these groundbreaking scientists, by raising awareness of specialty medicine, and by mobilizing the animal-loving public, we aim to revolutionize current treatments and spark the discovery of future cures. The ACVIM Foundation recognizes the need for advanced care, research dollars, awareness, and the need to support the Resident-in-training and the future scientist. Learn more at www.ACVIMFoundation.org.

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