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Veterinary Foundations Announce Recipients of Pharmacology Research Grants

(SCHAUMBURG, Illinois)—The American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) and the Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation (VPRF) have selected two veterinary researchers as the recipients of the organizations' pharmacology research grants.

Dr. Kara Lascola, associate professor of equine internal medicine, department of clinical sciences at Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine, is the recipient of the 2019 Veterinary Pharmacokinetic Research Grant. Dr. Lascola's research is focused on the evaluation of the pharmacokinetics of nebulized glycopyrrolate administered to asthmatic horses.

"We would like to express our gratitude to the VPRF/AVMF for their generous support in the funding our research. This grant will allow us to fill an important gap that will improve the treatment of horses suffering from asthma," said Dr. Lascola.

Dr. Monique Pairis-Garcia, associate professor of global production animal welfare, department of population health and pathobiology at North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, is the recipient of the 2019 Veterinary Pharmacology Research Grant. Dr. Pairis-Garcia's research aims to identify practical pharmaceutical approaches to mitigate castration pain on commercial swine farms.

"I would like to thank VPRF/AVMF for funding this project. Pain management is a critical animal welfare area requiring the development and validation of on-farm techniques to improve pain

management in commercial livestock. I am excited to have the opportunity to conduct research to evaluate realistic options for pain management in swine and improve animal welfare on a large scale,” said Dr. Pairis-Garcia.

Funding for the AVMF and VPRF research grants supports research into new or currently approved medications for combating diseases and conditions of companion and food animals as well as projects that ensure the safety of food products from treated livestock. Clinicians and scientists with an interest in veterinary pharmacology are eligible to serve as principal investigators. Importantly, this is the first time VPRF/AVMF have supported grants for horses or swine.

Animal health research is crucial to the future of veterinary medicine. The AVMF devotes its efforts to raising financial support for research projects that will help lead to improved prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of prevalent, life-threatening diseases in animals. To donate to the AVMF, visit <https://www.avmf.org/donate>. If you would like your donation to help fund future research grants, use AVMF code “RESEARCH” on the online donation form. For more information, contact the AVMF at 800-248-2862 ext. 6690.

About the Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation (VPRF)

The Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation (VPRF) was founded in 2007 by the governing bodies of the American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics (AAVPT) and the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology (ACVCP). By combining resources, these organizations were able to focus on funding for growth and innovation in the development of new veterinary therapeutics, evaluation of drugs for treatment of animal diseases and increasing the number of trained researchers in veterinary pharmacology. To date, VPRF has provided nearly \$300,000 in research funding and has awarded eighteen grants with published reports. For more information visit www.AAVPT.org.

About the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF)

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