



American College of **Veterinary** Internal Medicine

American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Foundation Selects Morris Animal Foundation as Partner to Invest in Animal Health

Foundations to Collaborate on Awarding New Grants that Reflect a Common Mission

DENVER/December 13, 2017 - The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Foundation, as part of its planned dissolution, has selected Morris Animal Foundation to receive the ACVIM Foundation's remaining funds to invest in animal health research.

"We chose to partner with Morris Animal Foundation because they are the preeminent leader in funding animal health discovery and we will be able to make a much larger impact with our donations utilizing their granting process than we could as a separate entity," said Linda Fineman, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM (Oncology) ACVIM Foundation President. "We believe that partnering with Morris Animal Foundation is the best way to see execution on the ACVIM Foundation's mission and through a named fund at Morris Animal Foundation, we will continue to improve the health of animals worldwide."

Leadership at the ACVIM Foundation had previously made the decision to dissolve the ACVIM Foundation based on a recommendation from its Board of Directors. A transition task force was put together to oversee the distribution of remaining funds. Morris Animal Foundation was chosen as the best resource to appropriately utilize those funds moving forward. Morris Animal Foundation has created a [named fund for ACVIM within the Foundation as part of the partnership](#). ACVIM also plans to support Morris Animal Foundation by creating a long-term partnership sharing Morris Animal Foundation research findings to veterinary audiences.

"We are incredibly honored to have been selected by the ACVIM Foundation to be entrusted with these funds, and the charge of advancing animal health in their honor," said John Reddington, DVM, PhD, President and CEO of Morris Animal Foundation. "We look forward to working collaboratively with ACVIM to use these funds in a manner that will best advance veterinary medicine and improve animal health and wellbeing. Together we are advancing the body of knowledge for animal health."

The mission of the ACVIM Foundation is to improve animal and human health by funding discovery and education. It closely reflects Morris Animal Foundation's emphasis on funding research to improve the health of companion animals and wildlife, as well as developing the next generation animal health researchers.

Remaining funds of \$423,950.55 will be distributed by the ACVIM Foundation to Morris Animal Foundation. Grants awarded with these funds will recognize the contribution of ACVIM members and ACVIM Foundation donors. Members who wish to continue to make gifts to support animal health research, while recognizing their ACVIM affiliation, can donate to the ACVIM Fund at Morris Animal Foundation. Members who wish to continue to make gifts to support animal health research, while recognizing their ACVIM affiliation, can [donate to the ACVIM Fund at Morris Animal Foundation](#).

“The generosity of ACVIM members, and the impact of these funds on animal health, cannot be overstated,” said Dr. Reddington. “We are deeply appreciative and thank the membership for their support and confidence.”

About Morris Animal Foundation

Morris Animal Foundation is a global leader in funding scientific studies that advance the health of companion animals, horses and wildlife. Since its founding in 1948, the Foundation has invested over \$113 million in more than 2,500 studies that have led to significant breakthroughs in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases to benefit animals worldwide. To learn more, or to make a donation in support of life-saving research, visit [Morris Animal Foundation](#).

About the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM)

The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of animals and people through education, training and certification of specialists in veterinary internal medicine, discovery and dissemination of new medical knowledge, and increasing public awareness of advances in veterinary medical care. The ACVIM hosts the ACVIM Forum, an annual continuing education meeting where cutting-edge information, technology and research abstracts are showcased for the veterinary community. More than 3,200 veterinary specialists, veterinarians, technicians and students attend.

The ACVIM is the certifying organization for veterinary specialists in cardiology, large animal internal medicine, neurology, oncology and small animal internal medicine.

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