



FELINE FOUNDATION

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2019 Miller Trust Grant Awards Announced

Wyckoff, New Jersey, December 19th, 2019: In 2002, the George Sydney and Phyllis Redman Miller Trust designated Winn Feline Foundation as one of its advisor organizations. Winn has subsequently been provided an unprecedented opportunity to make annual recommendations for grant awards to the San Francisco Foundation trustees of the Miller Trust. The total grant funding varies each year.

For 2019, Winn Feline Foundation is excited to have made the following recommendations for Miller Trust Grant Awards totaling \$133,813:

Precision Medicine Genomics for Cats (continuation) - MT19-001

Principal Investigator: Leslie Lyons, PhD; University of Missouri; \$35,000

Cats are Not Dogs: Addressing Drug Failure in Cats - MT19-006

Principal Investigators: M. Katherine Tolbert, DVM, PhD, DACVIM and Bradley T. Simon, DVM, MSc, DACVAA; Texas A & M University, Mark G. Papich, DVM, MS, DACVCP; North Carolina State, Aarti Kathrani, BVetMed (Hons), PhD, DACVIM, DACVN, FHEA, MRCVS; Royal Veterinary College; \$21,294

Defining stem cell-induced alterations in CD8+ T cells in cats with chronic gingivostomatitis - MT19-007

Principal Investigator: Dori Borjesson; University of California - Davis; \$27,500

Using probiotics to modulate the respiratory microbiome in feline allergic asthma - MT19-008

Principal Investigators: Carol Reiner, DVM, DACVIM, PhD and Aida Vientos-Plotts, DVM, DACVIM; University of Missouri; \$34,686

Evaluation of flash glucose monitoring systems in diabetic cats - MT19-010

Principal Investigator: Stefanie DeMonaco; Virginia-Maryland College; \$15,333

In addition to the Miller Trust Grant recommendations, Winn Feline Foundation will be awarding additional funding for the following:

Biologic variability of cardiac biomarkers in healthy cats and cats with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy - MTW19-009

Principal Investigators: Ryan Fries, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology), Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois; \$20,800 (Ricky Fund \$14,600 and Winn General Fund \$6,200)

"We are thrilled to be able to continue to support so many outstanding grant proposals that come in to Winn. The support of the San Francisco Foundation trustees of the Miller Trust and our donors is incredible and we would not be able to provide funding to such important cat health research without them", says Julie Legred, Winn Feline Foundation's executive

director. "We are indeed very appreciative."

About Winn Feline Foundation

Winn Feline Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1968 that supports studies to improve cat health. Since 1968, Winn Feline Foundation has funded more than \$6.9 million in health research for cats at more than 30 partner institutions world-wide. For further information, go to www.winnfelinefoundation.org.

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