



2008 Grant Proposal Announcement

The Winn Feline Foundation is a non-profit organization that funds research into health issues affecting cats. The Winn Feline Foundation is partnering with the San Francisco Foundation, manager for the George Sydney and Phyllis Redman Miller Trust to make funds available for feline health studies.

General Information: The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, July 21, 2008. Note: protocol budgets are **not** limited to the Winn Foundation's traditional ceiling of \$15,000. The Winn Feline Foundation will make recommendations for awards to its partner, the George and Phyllis Miller Trust at The San Francisco Foundation. The final selections are scheduled to be announced in December 2008. We anticipate making recommendations for grants whose combined total budget(s) are between \$65 - \$90,000. During the fiscal year ending April 30, 2008, Winn funded 6 grants totaling \$99,909 in grants for studies on feline herpesvirus, interstitial cystitis, a new form of retinal disease, and adverse effects of vaccinations, among others.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE YEAR 2008 GRANTS.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The deadline for receipt of applications is **Monday, July 21, 2008**.
- Continuation of grants awarded in 2008 will be considered and requests should follow the procedure below.
- The Foundation does **not** fund salaries of principal investigators, major equipment expenditures, travel, or indirect costs.
- Studies applicable to all cats are encouraged. The Winn Feline Foundation is also interested in projects that address problems in individual breeds.
- *Applicants may be faculty veterinarians, post-doctoral fellows or veterinary students from the list of schools below.*
- To apply for a Winn Feline Foundation grant, submit **three (3) hard copies and a CD containing the proposal as one document (signatures not required, MS Word, PC format only) and including all items listed below to Janet Wolf, The Winn Feline Foundation, 293 Landing Road, Newport, NJ 08345, to be received no later than Monday, July 21, 2008.** Provide a self-addressed, postage paid postcard to acknowledge receipt.

Each of the copies of the proposal must include the following information:

- Cover page including the title of the proposed study, the name, affiliation, email, and regular mailing address of all investigators, the name of the agency to which the grant would be payable, the amount requested, and the signature of the principal investigator and appropriate grant administrator(s).
- Two (2) abstracts (each no more than 250 words):
 - a) Scientific abstract suitable for veterinary journals describing the purpose of the study, the background, and pertinent literature references **Note:** references should include full citations including titles;
 - b) Abstract in simple non-technical language for use in Winn Feline Foundation press releases to the general public.
- If the proposal is a continuation of a study currently funded by Winn, include a progress report of the current study (*maximum 3 pages*).
- Summary of the planned project, including background (including preliminary data), objec-

tives/hypothesis, study design, reason for numbers of animals needed including a power analysis, expectations for results, methods of analysis, possible pitfalls, and estimate of time to complete the work (*maximum 2 pages, not including references*). **They must demonstrate their relevance or benefit to domestic cats.**

- Project budget with justification, including a list of any current sources of funding and/or related grants requested (*maximum 1 page*).
- Applicant must provide an estimate on how much time each investigator will spend on the project as well as their role.
- Current curriculum vitae of each project investigator (*maximum 2 pages each*).
- Studies must meet stringent humane standards of care when animals are involved:
 - If applicable, a description of the animal care unit at the investigator's facility, including certifications held (such as IACUC guidelines), and plans for maintenance of animals during and after the study (*maximum 1 page*).
 - If applicable, studies requiring client consent must include the proposed consent form.

*Any investigator receiving a grant award is **REQUIRED** to credit the George Miller and Phyllis Redman Miller Trust at The San Francisco Foundation and the Winn Feline Foundation in any and all publications arising from this research. Two copies of all publications arising from this project should be submitted to The Winn Feline Foundation on or before the time of publication. A **progress report or final report** of the funded project is **REQUIRED** each December 1st following the grant award until the final project report is submitted. Pending progress/final reports may delay any possible future funding.*

Based on the requirements of the George and Phyllis Miller Trust proposals will be accepted only from principal investigators at the following institutions:

Univ. of CA at Davis, Center for Companion Animal Health, Vet School
Colorado State Univ. Foundation for Veterinary Medicine, CSU
Cornell Feline Research Lab, Cornell Univ, College of Veterinary Medicine
Univ of Illinois, Small Animal Clinic at the School of Veterinary Medicine
Iowa State Univ, Dept of Vet Clinical Sciences for the Small Animal Clinic
Univ of Minnesota, College of Vet Medicine, Biomedical Investigation Fund
Univ of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine, Small Animal Research
Ohio State University, Small Animal Clinic at School of Veterinary Medicine
Univ of Tennessee, Department of Urban Practice for Companion Animals,
College of Veterinary Medicine
Texas A & M University, Small Animal Clinic

Partnerships with listed institutions are permitted.