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Winn Feline Foundation Announces Excellence in Feline Research Award

Manasquan, NJ (May 30, 2009) -- Winn Feline Foundation, the only international charity devoted solely to the advancement of feline health, has initiated a new "Excellence in Feline Research Award." Winn Feline Foundation President Susan Little, DVM, DABVP (Feline), announces that Dr. Michael Lappin of Colorado State University is the 2009 recipient of this award in recognition of his work in feline medicine. Dr. Lappin's research mirrors Winn's efforts to improve the lives of "Every Cat, Every Day."

Dr. Lappin received his DVM from Oklahoma State University in 1981 and his PhD from the University of Georgia in 1988. He was board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 1987. He is currently Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine at Colorado State's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Lappin studies feline infectious and immune-mediated diseases and has written many primary research manuscripts and book chapters. His principal areas of interest are prevention of infectious diseases, vaccine-associated adverse effects, the upper respiratory disease complex, infectious causes of fever, infectious causes of diarrhea, and zoonotic diseases of cats.

The Winn Excellence in Feline Research Award is accompanied by a \$2,500 cash award. It is paired with a matching scholarship award by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) for a veterinary student interested in feline medicine. The two awards are designed to promote and encourage feline health studies by both established veterinary research scientists and by those entering this field of study.

Dr. Lappin will be presented with the award at the AVMF Annual Convention Recognition Event to be held on Sunday, July 12, 2009, in conjunction with the American Veterinary Medical Association Convention in Seattle, WA.

Winn Feline Foundation and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation are pleased to work together in this endeavor to improve and enhance the lives of "Every Cat, Every Day," and to recognize those veterinary students and researchers who share this goal.

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