



New Veterinary Research Will Help Wildlife Species Enjoy Longer, Healthier Lives
Morris Animal Foundation Announces \$2.1 Million in Funding for Health Studies

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Denver/Oct. 28, 2009—Helping wild animals survive and thrive requires ongoing research to give veterinarians the tools they need to better address the multitude of health issues that affect captive and wild species. Morris Animal Foundation, a world leader in supporting research to prevent, treat and cure disease in companion animals, horses and wildlife, has committed to funding more than 200 animal health studies in 2010, with support for those studies totaling \$13 million over the next three years. More than \$2.1 million will go toward research to improve the health of an array of wildlife species, many of which are endangered. Read full descriptions at www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/studies.

The Foundation is the leader in [wildlife health](#) funding, with 42 studies designed to improve reproduction and nutrition and to decrease infectious disease in a host of animals, including anteaters, bears, birds, amphibians, elephants, primates, marine life, wolves, wild cats and many more.

The Foundation will also fund more than 50 canine health studies, 24 feline studies, 17 health studies for horses and six studies designed to improve the lives of llamas and alpacas.

In response to the growing shortage of veterinary scientists, Morris Animal Foundation designated \$3.1 million of the \$13 million toward training new scientists. More than 60 students each year will receive short-term grants through the Veterinary Student Scholars program, which gives students interested in animal health and welfare the opportunity to work with a mentor on research projects and encourages them to consider a career in veterinary research.

The new Pfizer Animal Health–Morris Animal Foundation Veterinary Fellowships for Advanced Study provide annual funding for veterinary professionals to pursue advanced study that will lead to careers in research. Eight veterinarians entered the program in September 2009, and an additional four fellows will

begin September 2010. Additional training programs are being funded at Colorado State University, Oklahoma State University and the University of Minnesota.

Individuals and groups have a unique opportunity to help animals through sponsorships of these studies. Co-sponsorships begin at \$3,000 per study. Sponsorship information is available at www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/studies/sponsor-a-study, by calling 800.243.2345 or by e-mailing sponsorship@MorrisAnimalFoundation.org.