

## **Morris Animal Foundation Welcomes New Chief Scientific Officer to Lead Research Efforts**

*Diane Brown, DVM, PhD, DACVP, journeys from Harvard to the Rocky Mountains*

**January 21, 2014/Denver, CO**—From Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital to [Morris Animal Foundation](#), Diane Brown, DVM, PhD, DACVP, returns to Colorado as the Foundation's new chief scientific officer. Brown is a graduate of the veterinary school at Colorado State University.

Since 2010, Dr. Brown has been working and teaching in the Department of Pathology and Center for Comparative Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. She brings a passion, knowledge and specific tie to [Morris Animal Foundation](#) that not many share. Immediately after graduating veterinary school at Colorado State University, Dr. Brown served as an associate veterinarian at Raritan Hospital for Animals in Edison, New Jersey. Raritan Animal Hospital was founded in 1929 by Morris Animal Foundation's founder, the late Dr. Mark Morris Sr., who was a Colorado native.

"I arrived at the main hospital in Edison, a long way from my home in Colorado, and the journey began," said Dr. Brown. "I already was aware that the kitchen at the hospital, now part of the practice's patient treatment area, was the exact kitchen where Dr. Mark Morris developed his first prescription diets, which revolutionized nutritional management of disease in pets."

Dr. Brown's experience in veterinary medicine is broad and includes small animal and exotic animal clinical practice, clinical pathology residency and graduate training in pathology, large pharmaceutical and small biotechnology research and development, and academic research and teaching.

"Diane has the perfect combination of people and technical skills to take this Foundation's scientific programs, already at the top of the field, to the next level," said David Haworth, DVM, PhD, president/CEO of Morris Animal Foundation. "She is a tremendous person and scientist and we could not be more pleased that she will be joining us."

The CSO at Morris Animal Foundation manages three departments: [extramural health studies](#), the intramural [Canine Lifetime Health Project](#), and [veterinary outreach and scientific communications](#). Dr. Brown will start with the Morris Animal Foundation in late February.

### **About Morris Animal Foundation**

Morris Animal Foundation is a nonprofit organization that invests in science that advances veterinary medicine for companion animals, horses and wildlife. It is a global leader in animal health science, and its funding helps more species in more places than that of any other organization in the world. Since its founding in 1948, Morris Animal Foundation has invested more than \$70 million toward 2,000+ studies that have led to significant breakthroughs in diagnostics, treatments, preventions and cures for animals. Learn more at [www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org](http://www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org).

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