

**MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION 2008 SPONSORSHIP GUIDE AVAILABLE,
DETAILS CURRENT ANIMAL HEALTH STUDIES**

Nonprofit commits \$10 million for research to improve health and welfare of companion animals and wildlife

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Denver, Colo./Sept. 20, 2007: Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) provides a unique opportunity for individuals or groups to demonstrate love for and help animals via its animal health study/research sponsorships. MAF has published its 2008 listing of about 120 animal health studies available for sponsorship. Animal lovers are invited to sponsor or co-sponsor with a total gift of \$3,000 or more per study. Projects address the health and well-being of dogs, cats, horses, llamas/alpacas and wildlife. Founded in 1948, 100% of MAF's annual donations are used to fund research to protect, treat and cure the world's animals.

MAF has committed to funding more than \$4.6 million in traditional animal health studies for 2008 alone and ongoing support of \$10 million for these studies as they continue over the next three years. The complete list of health studies can be viewed at www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org, or request a printed health study sponsorship booklet by calling (800) 243-2345.

MAF's 2008 selection of studies is being conducted at nearly 50 of the world's most elite veterinary colleges, zoological institutions and scientific research centers. In addition to key facts on MAF, the sponsorship booklet details **43 canine health studies**, including many crucial health and welfare issues such as behavior, cancer, heart disease, influenza, and epilepsy. Likewise, **17 feline health research studies** cover asthma, cancer, kidney diseases and obesity. The selection of **11 equine studies** includes research on foal diseases, laminitis, pain management and osteoarthritis. The directory also covers **five health studies** related to gastrointestinal disorders, nutrition, pain management and reproduction in **llamas and alpacas**.

The directory also details some **36 wildlife health studies** covering mountain gorillas, elephants, wild cats, foxes, wolves, fish, birds, marine life, and much more. MAF is the world's largest private source of funding for wildlife health research.

In addition to traditional studies, 30 Veterinary Student Scholars are conducting short-term health study projects at universities worldwide. The MAF-supported program is designed to help fill a critical need for training the next generation of veterinary scientists. Veterinary Student Scholars are given the opportunity to work with a mentor on research projects early in their careers, allowing them to consider a career in

veterinary research. These projects are also available for sponsorship in 2008 and are listed on the MAF Web site.

To discuss the details on any study or for more information on study sponsorship, contact Tobie McPhail at tmcphail@MorrisAnimalFoundation.org or David Riggs at driggs@MorrisAnimalFoundation.org, or call (800) 243-2345.

About Morris Animal Foundation: Morris Animal Foundation, established in 1948, is dedicated to funding research that protects, treats and cures companion animals and wildlife. MAF has been at the forefront of funding breakthrough research studies benefiting animals in some 100 countries, spanning all seven continents on earth. MAF has its headquarters in Denver, Colorado. The Foundation has funded nearly 1,400 humane animal health studies with funds totaling more than \$51 million. One hundred percent of annual, unrestricted contributions support animal health studies, not administration or the cost of fund raising. For more information, call (800) 243-2345, or visit www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org