AniCura’s Research Fund supports 13 new research projects

AniCura, one of Europe’s leading providers of high-quality veterinary care for companion animals, has for several years provided financial support to veterinary research projects through the AniCura Research Fund. For 2017, thirteen research projects in five different countries have been awarded financial support from the fund.

In this years’ application process, AniCura’s Research Fund received almost twice as many applications compared to previous years. Thirteen of the projects, within the disciplines of cardiology, neurology, orthopedics, reproduction and internal medicine were granted financial support from the fund.

All applications for funding are reviewed by AniCura’s Scientific Council, comprising leading specialists from different veterinary fields across Europe.

- I am pleased to see a significant increase in the number of high quality applications, and an increased number of research projects receiving financial support each year. This is a unique opportunity for veterinarians outside the universities to conduct research, says Anna Tidholm Chairman of AniCura’s Scientific Council, DVM, PhD, Associate Professor and European specialist in cardiology (Diplomate ECVIM-CA).

Veterinary research outside universities is relatively unusual due to difficulties in attaining financing. AniCura’s Research Fund was founded in 2015 to support the advancement of veterinary care and its development within various veterinary disciplines, and to give a greater number of veterinarians the opportunity to conduct research. The AniCura Research Fund is funded by AniCura together with three of its owners; The Animal Hospital Foundation in Greater Stockholm, Fidelio Capital and Nordic Capital.

- Our vision is to shape the future of veterinary care, together, and clinical research is an essential part of that. We expect a great majority of these research projects to be transformed into better and more effective treatment methods for companion animals, says Peter Dahlberg, CEO AniCura.

The research projects that receive backing from AniCura’s Research Fund are selected based on research quality, potential for publication in a scientific peer-review veterinary journal and the prospect of improving treatment and/or diagnostic methods within veterinary care.

The thirteen veterinarians and research projects approved by AniCura’s Research Fund in 2017 are:

- **Liva Vatne, AniCura Oslo Dyresjukhus, Norway**
  “Transthoracic echocardiographic reference intervals in the English Setter dog”

- **Ada Krupa, AniCura Direnziekenhuis Zeeuws-Vlaanderen, The Netherlands**
  “L-asparaginase activity and plasma amino acid profile in treatment-naïve healthy and high-grade lymphoma-bearing cats after a single injection of PEG-L-asparaginase”

- **Eirik Kvale, AniCura Bergen Nord, Norway**
  “Influence of sex hormones on medial patellar luxation in female small breed dogs”
• Outi Turkki, AniCura Regiondjursjukhuset Bagarmossen, Sweden  
   “Optimizing antimicrobial periprophylaxis in canine surgery: Analysis of data from 44 small animal practices in Europe”

• Anna Edner, AniCura Falu Djursjukhus, Sweden  
   “Carprofen concentration in milk of lactating bitches treated with a subcutaneous injection of carprofen followed by oral carprofen for five days”

• Thomas Øyo, AniCura Bergen Sor, Norway  
   “Genetic sequencing and differentiation of Helicobacter spp. in Norwegian dogs with gastritis and gastric ulcers”

• Cecilia Rohdin, AniCura Albano Djursjukhus, Sweden  
   “Importance of hypo- and aplasia of the caudal articular facets in pugs in the development of progressing non-painful myelopathy (PMP)”

• Hanneke Van Meeuwen, AniCura Kliniek Voor Gezelschapsdieren Eersel, The Netherlands  
   “Heart disease in the English Bull Terrier”

• Sofie Van Meervenne, AniCura Läckeby Djursjukhus, Sweden  
   “The role of sex hormones in idiopathic epilepsy in dogs”

• Åsa Bergholtz, AniCura Djursjukhuset i Jönköping, Sweden  
   “A study on the association between extraction of diseased teeth in the maxilla and resolution of clinical signs in dogs with lymphoplasmacytic rhinitis”

• Marianne Tenger, AniCura Albano Djursjukhus, Sweden  
   “Prevalence of epilepsy in British Shorthair cats”

• Mette Louise Halck, AniCura Kobenhavns Dyrehospital, Denmark  
   Research projects around guinea pigs

• Jakub Kaczmarek, AniCura Klientierspezialisten Augsburg, Germany  
   “Influence of bending direction on new polyaxial locking plate in fracture gap model”

More information about the research projects can be found on AniCura’s website www.anicuragroup.com.

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About AniCura

AniCura is a family of well-known animal hospitals and clinics specialised in veterinary care for companion animals. Born out of the idea that sharing resources creates opportunities for better veterinary care, the company was established in 2011 as the first merger of companion animal hospitals in the Nordic region. Today, AniCura is a role model within specialised veterinary care and a valued partner for pet owners and referring veterinarians across Europe.

The company offers a wide range of high quality medical services covering preventive and basic health care as well as advanced diagnostics, internal medicine, intensive care, surgery and orthopaedics. AniCura also provides rehabilitation, physiotherapy and dietary advice and offers selected pet food and care products.

AniCura provides modern, high-quality veterinary care for pets at 150 European locations and creates peace of mind for pet owners through excellent access and patient safety. Every year, AniCura’s 3 000 passionate veterinary professionals attend to more than 1.5 million companion animal patients. AniCura is a trusted training and referral body.

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