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**WINN FELINE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2012 VETERINARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT AT AVMA GATHERING IN SAN DIEGO, CA**

*Wyckoff, NJ, August 8, 2012:* The Winn Feline Foundation and American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) announced their annual joint Student Scholarship Award to Alison McKay, a fourth year student at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University. Ms. McKay intends to become board certified in small animal internal medicine and hopes to work in a university teaching hospital or feline clinic. Alison McKay is the secretary for the Shelter Medicine Club at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University, and has helped organize several low-cost pet wellness clinics for seniors in her community.

Long committed to volunteerism, Ms. McKay has worked with a number of rescue organizations and free clinics for the pets of the homeless including: the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon, Portland Animal Welfare Team, Salem Friends of Felines, and Pro-Bone-O of Eugene, Oregon. She will be traveling to Nicaragua this summer on a veterinary service trip where she will provide surgical and basic wellness care to animals in Nicaragua and investigate the prevalence of Toxoplasmosis, internal parasites, FeLV, and FIV in cats on Ometepe Island.

She is currently working to organize a run/walk event which will benefit animal welfare in Uzhgorod, Ukraine.

Asked about her plans for her continuing studies, Ms. McKay stated “During my clinical year of veterinary school, I will be completing my preceptorships at Corvallis Cat Care and West Vet, an internal medicine and emergency practice near Boise, Idaho. I also plan to spend two weeks at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, spending one week on cardiology and one week on internal medicine. I am very interested in feline medicine, therefore my senior project will focus on CT imaging of cats with feline asthma.”

Winn Feline Foundation and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation are pleased to collaborate in this effort to focus attention on care for “Every Cat, Every Day.”

*The **Winn Feline Foundation** is a non-profit organization established in 1968 that supports studies to improve cat health. Since 1968, the Winn Feline Foundation has funded over \$4 million in health research for cats at more than 30 partner institutions world-wide. This funding is made possible through the support of dedicated donors and partners. Research supported by the Winn Feline Foundation helps veterinarians to improve treatment of common feline health problems and prevent many diseases. [www.winnfelinehealth.org](http://www.winnfelinehealth.org)*