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Winn Feline Foundation / American Veterinary Medical Foundation Student Scholarship Recipient Announced

WYCKOFF, N.J. (August 29, 2017) – Winn Feline Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the health and well-being of cats, is pleased to announce Ms. Casey Clements as the recipient of the 2017 Winn Feline Foundation and American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) Student Scholarship.

Begun in 2009, the annual scholarship of \$2,500 is awarded to a third or fourth year student who demonstrates an interest in feline veterinary medicine and a history of leadership in activities that benefit the health and welfare of cats, including research, shelter work, cat clubs and other community service programs.

Clements, a native of Raleigh, N.C., is a fourth year student at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. Clements' research efforts have focused on assisting the investigation of the chronic administration of omeprazole in cats. Omeprazole, an acid suppressant, is often prescribed to cats with diseases suspected of resulting in excessive gastric acidity, ulcerative esophagitis, gastritis or gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding. Additionally, Clements has worked as a clinical pathology student, running and interpreting emergency bloodwork and held three externships in small animal medicine, as well as rotations in small animal emergency.

"Winn is pleased to partner with the AVMF on this scholarship which encourages veterinary students with an interest in feline medicine to pursue this important field," said Dr. Vicki Thayer, executive director, Winn Feline Foundation. "Casey demonstrates a passion and commitment to cats in her veterinary studies and professional goals, and we are pleased to recognize her as the recipient of the student scholarship."

Clements' long-term goal is to work in a feline-only clinic, or bring feline-friendly practices to a small animal clinic or emergency clinic. "Cats have always been a very special part of my life, and played a critical role in my very early decision to become a veterinarian," said Clements. "I have found their behavior, medical conditions, and personal companionship to be complex, interesting and rewarding, and during my time in veterinary school I have worked hard to learn as much as possible about this wonderful species."



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About Winn Feline Foundation

Winn Feline Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1968 that supports studies to improve cat health. Since 1968, the Winn Feline Foundation has funded more than \$6 million in health research for cats at more than 30 partner institutions worldwide. For further information, go to www.winnfelinefoundation.org.