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Morris Animal Foundation, a nonprofit that funds research projects benefiting companion animals and wildlife, will fund more than $4.6 million in animal health studies for 2008 and will continue to support these studies in the amount of $10 million as they continue over the next three years.

The funds will aid 43 canine health studies, covering topics such as behavior, cancer, heart disease, influenza and epilepsy. Funds will also be allocated to 17 feline health research studies, 11 equine studies, and 36 wildlife health studies.

In addition, MAF is supporting 30 veterinary student scholars who are conducting short-term health study projects at universities worldwide. The program was designed to give veterinary students an opportunity to work with a mentor on research projects early in their careers so they can then consider a career in veterinary research.

Dog owners, animal lovers, and veterinarians can sponsor or co-sponsor a study with a total gift of $3,000 or more per study. The veterinary student projects can also be sponsored.

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