

Please complete this application and **remove or replace ALL INSTRUCTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS TYPED IN BLUE INK**. All length restrictions must be followed. This is a template and the applicant may make modifications to sufficiently communicate the research proposal. Deviations to allow for institutional requirements (i.e. additional signatures) will not result in any deductions. It is strongly suggested that applicants consult their institution's Office of Sponsored Programs (if applicable); all internal institutional guidelines must be met prior to submission of the grant application.

**Project Title (this must be different from ongoing or pending research)**

Submitted to the  
ACVO Vision for Animals Foundation  
Research Funds

Submitted by: (this cover/signature page **must be signed** by all listed investigators)

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**Scientific Abstract:**

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Place your scientific abstract in this space. The abstract should be a concise summary of the proposal and include the following sections: PURPOSE (including hypothesis and specific aims), MATERIALS AND METHODS, EXPECTED OUTCOMES, and SIGNIFICANCE. The abstract body cannot exceed 300 words.

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**Lay Abstract:**

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Place your lay abstract in this space. The abstract should include a statement of the research problem, the study's objectives, and the study design in lay language for public audiences. The abstract will be posted on the ACVO-VAF website. The abstract body cannot exceed 250 words.

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**Project Duration:**

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XXX months

Please specify how many months the project will take to complete and list the proposed time period during which the research is to be conducted. Please note all ACVO-VAF projects must be completed within 24 months of being awarded the grant.

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**Research Plan:**

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Sections A - E are limited to 8 pages. All text, tables, graphs, figures, diagrams, and charts **must** be included within the 8 page limitation; literature cited is not included in this page limit.

**A. Hypothesis and Specific Aims**

The applicant should briefly describe the problem that needs to be addressed, state the hypothesis, and list the objectives or specific aims to address this hypothesis.

**B. Background and Significance**

Briefly review and reference the relevant literature including significant points and/or the current status of the current project idea. Describe how the proposal will contribute to the general knowledge of the area of study including novel concepts and potential applications. Describe how the results obtained from this study are relevant to our current understanding of the disease problem. Additionally, describe how results that are obtained from this study may further potential research programs and future funding, if applicable.

**C. Preliminary Data**

Present preliminary data, including figures and tables, or work in progress that supports the hypothesis and/or the suggested methodology.

**D. Experimental Plan**

Provide details of your research plan, including a description of the experiment, species, and techniques employed. The experimental plan should address the following:

***Specific Aim:***

***Rationale:*** Briefly summarize why the specific aim and subsequent experiments will be performed.

***Experimental Design:*** Provide details of the methods and procedures used in the experiments. It is important to provide adequate power analyses to justify and support the proposed sample size. Be comprehensive enough that the reviewers can assess technological aspects of the proposal separately from the experimental plan.

***Data Analysis:*** Clearly indicate the experimental outcomes and describe the plan for using data to answer the specific aim. Statistical consultation is encouraged and may be beneficial.

***Expected Results:*** Describe the experimental results that are expected and how this will impact the area of study.

***Limitations, Potential Pitfalls, and Alternative Approaches:*** Indicate any potential limitations of either the experimental procedures used or of the specific aim. Describe any alternate experimental outcomes and how the project personnel will deal with this.

**E. Time Line for the Experimental Plan:**

Clearly indicate how long each of the specific aims will take to complete.

**F. Literature Cited:**

This section is NOT included in the 8-page limit of the research plan. The references should be formatted in the same manner as manuscripts submitted to the journal "Veterinary Ophthalmology". References should be numbered sequentially as they occur in the text and identified in the main text by superscript Arabic numbers after the punctuation. The reference list should be listed numerically in the Literature Cited section of the grant application. The following are examples of style. All authors should be listed and journal titles and page ranges should not be abbreviated.

1. Bagley LH, Lavach JD. Comparison of postoperative phacoemulsification results in dogs with and without diabetes mellitus: 153 cases (1991-1992). *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* 1994; 205: 1165-1169.
2. Barnett KC. *Color Atlas of Veterinary Ophthalmology*. Williams and Wilkins, Baltimore, 1990.
3. Davidson MG. Equine ophthalmology. In: *Veterinary Ophthalmology* 2nd edition (ed. Gelatt KN). Lea and Febiger: Philadelphia, 1991; 576-610
4. Maggs DJ, Nasisse MP. Effects of oral L-lysine supplementation on the ocular shedding rate of feline herpesvirus (FHV-1) in cats (abstract). *28th Annual Meeting of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists* 1997; 101: 67-78.

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**Animal Involvement:**

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Humane treatment of animals is of utmost priority to the ACVO-VAF and will be reviewed closely. Although specific treatment protocols for the animals should be included in the Experimental Design section, please use this section to indicate where the participating animals and/or samples will be obtained, how pain and distress will be managed, and what will happen to the animals at the final study endpoint. Studies that involve euthanasia as a final endpoint should provide appropriate justification in this section.

The research proposal must adhere to or be exempt from ARVO's policy on the use of animals in ophthalmic research. Use of research animals must ultimately be approved by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee; investigators must provide proof that a protocol was submitted or approved by including it in the appendix. Proposals involving client-owned animals are required to provide proof that a Hospital Executive Committee (or equivalent) protocol has been submitted or approved and must include a copy of the Informed Consent document. A proposal will be rejected if it does not adhere to the ACVO-VAF's [Policy for Animals Involved in Research](#).

**Estimated Budget:** Not to exceed 2 pages

Please refer to the budget section of the grant instructions form for details on what types of budget items are not supported by the ACVO-VAF. Categories listed below are intended to be examples. Additional categories may be used to sufficiently communicate the project expenses.

**Animals, Per Diem, and/or Owner Compensation:** Please note that the list provided here is an example only. It does not need to be included for all applications nor does it represent an exhaustible list of possible laboratory and/or client-owned animal fees or accurate dollar amounts.

Adult male mice (n = 30) .....	\$1000
Per diem (\$5.00/day) .....	\$1000
Compensation for client participation (\$100/visit) .....	\$700

If no laboratory or client-owned animals are being used in this proposal, replace this information with "Not Applicable"

**Equipment:** Only small equipment purchases are allowed by the ACVO-VAF. Any equipment purchases listed here must be justified.

Mini-refrigerator to store samples after collection .....	\$700
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If no there are no small equipment purchases, replace this information with "Not Applicable"

**Expendable Supplies:** Please note that the list provided here is an example only. It does not represent an exhaustible list of supplies or accurate dollar amounts. This section of the grant should be modified by each applicant to fit the needs of his/her proposal.

*Cell culture supplies and reagents:*

Tissue culture dishes .....	\$300
Buffers and Media .....	\$250

*Immunohistochemistry for IL-1:*

Primary and secondary antibodies .....	\$250
Chromagen .....	\$250

*Medications:*

Xylazine .....	\$50
Ketamine.....	\$75

*Surgical Supplies:*

Gloves.....	\$150
Drapes .....	\$125

**Other:**

*Histology:*

H&E and unstained slides.....	\$300
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*Laboratory Tests:*

Serum Chemistry and CBC .....	\$300
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**Total Direct Project Costs .....** **\$30,000**

**The ACVO-VAF does not support any institutional F&A .....** **\$0**

(please note the above statement on indirects only needs to be included for institutional requirements and can be deleted if the applicant does not require it)

**Total Costs Requested from ACVO-VAF Research Fund .....** **\$30,000**

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**Resources:** Not to exceed 2 pages

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**Facilities:**

Laboratory:

Please describe the facilities to be used to conduct the proposed research. Indicate the performance sites and describe the capacities, pertinent capabilities, and extent of availability to the project personnel.

Clinical:

Please describe the facilities to be used to conduct the proposed research. Indicate the performance sites and describe the capacities, pertinent capabilities, and extent of availability to the project.

Animals:

Please describe where the animals will come from, if applicable. Indicate where animals will be housed during any experimental procedures.

Other:

Identify any support services and specify the extent to which they will be available to the project.

**Major Equipment:**

Describe all major equipment that will be used to conduct the proposed research. Indicate the extent to which they will be available to the project.

## Investigator Information:

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### A. Biosketch Forms:

See below.

Note that each investigator **must** use the biosketch template included on the following page and each biosketch **must** start on a new page (i.e. a hard page break occurs between every biosketch). The ACVO-VAF grant committee realizes that the following biosketch is not the same as the current NIH-required biosketch that contains a “personal statement”. [Please use the biosketch on the following page.](#)

### B. Letters of Cooperation:

Letters of cooperation outlining the proposed investigative contribution in the proposed study are required from a consultant, excepting those from a *paid* statistician.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Provide the following information for the key personnel in the order listed on the cover/signature page.  
Follow this format for each person. **Do not exceed 2 pages.**

NAME Place name of PI/co-I/mentor here	POSITION TITLE Place current position here		
EDUCATION/TRAINING ( <i>Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing,</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	GRADUATING YEAR	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Vancouver, Canada	BSc	1985	Zoology
Cornell University, New York	DVM	1989	Veterinary Medicine
Animal Medical Center, New York	Internship	1990	Small Animal Medicine
University of Illinois, Illinois	Residency	1993	Comparative Ophthalmology
University of Illinois, Illinois	MS	1993	Comparative Ophthalmology

#### A. Research and Professional Experience

##### Position and Employment

In chronological order, list the year and title of all previous professional positions that are not listed in the education and training section above, concluding with the present position.

##### Other Scientific Experience and Professional Memberships

In chronological order, list the year and title of any related scientific experience and/or professional memberships. Examples are listed below.

- 1993- Diplomat, American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists
- 2002- Member, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
- 2003- Member, American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists
- 2004- Scientific Reviewer, *Veterinary Ophthalmology, Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science*
- 2005-06 Board of Advisors, American Kennel Club
- 2008- Editor-in-Chief, *Comparative Ophthalmology Times*

##### Honors

In chronological order, list any related honors. Examples are listed below.

- 2003 First Place, Roche Distinguished Graduate Seminar Award
- 2004 Travel Award to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual American Society for Photobiology Meeting
- 2005 Nominated Bayer Distinguished Teaching Award

#### B. Selected Peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order)

In chronological order, list any peer-review publications.



Principal Investigator (Last, First, Middle):

[Place your name here](#)

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**Appendices:**

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Please list the contents of any attached appendices. See the instructions sheet for a list of acceptable appendices that can be included. If there are no appendices, simply state "Not Applicable" here.