

MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION

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Man has done little until very recently to utilize his scientific knowhow for the cat.

While our feline friend has been around for almost as long as man's history is recorded and is very evident, man has done very little to improve his lot.

The cat has been more neglected by the veterinary scientist than most of the companion animals or livestock, which have commercial value.

In recent years the Morris Animal Foundation in Denver has taken the lead in conducting studies into feline diseases. Not only has the Foundation taken the lead, it has been almost the only organization in the field.

The Foundation operates like this: Proposed studies are solicited from interested scientists into specific diseases of cats. These studies are evaluated by a scientific Advisory Board which studies the personnel, the need, and the proposed methods. If the study passes the Advisory Board (and less than half of them do), it goes to the Trustees of the Foundation for another look and hopefully for financing.



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After the study is set up, the Foundation maintains a close eye on the work, having Foundation representatives visit the campus to observe the program, and requiring periodic written reports. Then in June the scientist doing the work goes to Denver and reports orally to the Advisory Board and Trustees, telling of his study and results and obstacles. He undergoes a sharp quiz by those men, and, if the study is satisfactory and the need exists, the study is continued for another year.

The Morris Animal Foundation has a reputation among foundations of being the most critical of any of persons who receive its funds.

I have been the Chairman of the Feline Division for several months and my job is to interpret the Foundation to the feline fancy and the feline fancy to the Foundation.

I have attended the meeting to which the Fellows report and new proposals are evaluated. I have been impressed not only by the intellect of the group but by its sincerity. All Trustees, Advisory Board members and Division personnel (this is a group of about 40 persons) serve without compensation and many of them contribute substantial amounts of time.

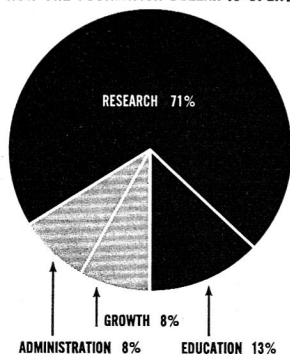
The Foundation is not only in the feline field but also sponsors studies into diseases of dogs, horses and wildlife and zoo animals. For many years it was financed solely through the business interests of Dr. Mark L. Morris but in recent years other organizations have helped out. These organizations include Arabian International, American Quarter Horse Association, Seeing Eye, Allegheny Foundation and many others.

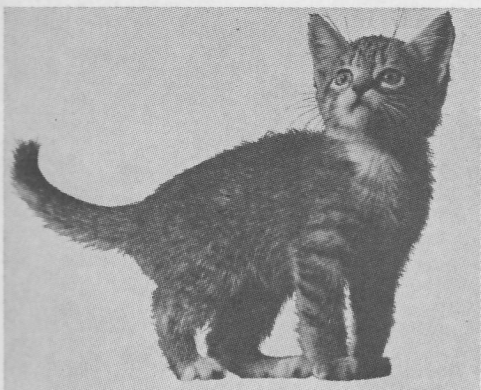
Contributions to the Morris Animal Foundation may be earmarked for a specific species: cats, dogs, horses and wildlife. In other words, if the donor specifies his contribution for the feline division, it will go to cats and not be utilized for other animals.

Of course our cat fancy has responded tremendously with contributions from individuals, clubs and shows.

The current Foundation budgets calls for \$191,000 for the basic studies at the educational institutions; \$35,000 for the education and dissemination of the information from the studies to the public and veterinary profession; \$20,000 for growth and development of the Foundation program and \$21,000 for administration.

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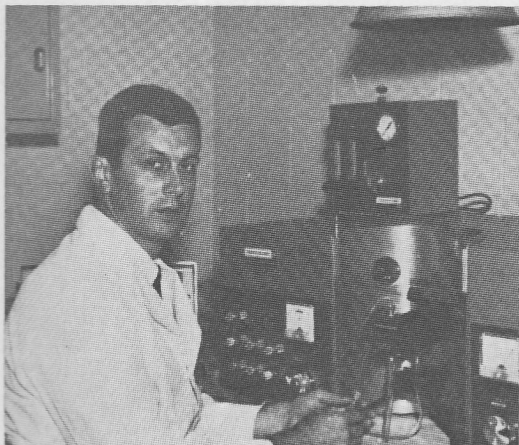


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Hyperparathyroidism in the cat is being studied by Dr. George N. Rowland at Ohio State University.

These veterinary scientists are investigating diseases of cats. Left to right: Dr. Lon J. Rich, Cornell, studying urinary stones; Dr. George N. Rowland, Ohio State, investigating hyperparathyroidism; Dr. W. L. Jenkins, University of Missouri, seeking a safe analgesic drug; and Dr. Joe Wagner, Ohio State University, who developed electroencephalogram information on cats.

