Colorado State University and Viyo International become “Partners in Clinical Excellence”

Colorado State University (www.csuvets.colostate.edu/companion), Center for Companion Animal Studies in the Department of Clinical Sciences, and Viyo International (www.vivorecuperation.com) have started a collaboration on research studies and training projects entitled “Partners in Clinical Excellence”

Viyo International developed and markets Viyo Recuperation, which is a highly palatable, most complete, low-calorie recuperation fluid, delivering a broad spectrum of vitamins, minerals and optimal recuperation ingredients Glutamine, Arginine, Taurine and Omega 6 & 3 fatty acids. The product is used to aid clinical recuperation in dogs and cats after a variety of stressful situations like surgery or severe gastrointestinal diseases like parvovirus infections in dogs. Dr. David Twedt in the Department of Clinical Sciences and his research group performed a randomized placebo controlled study of the effects of Viyo Recuperation to dogs following recovery from parvovirus infections in 2012. Viyo Recuperation was found to be highly palatable and well tolerated by this group of dogs with no adverse side effects noted.

Viyo Recuperation is used in many clinics in the United States, including those operating with Veterinary Centers of America (www.vcahospitals.com).
The mission of the Center for Companion Animal Studies at Colorado State University is to improve the quality of life for animals and indirectly improve human health through interactions with their companion animals. The “Center” specializes in studying naturally occurring diseases, particularly in animals that have limited levels of financial support like those that become ill while housed in animal shelters.

In the current collaboration, we started a number of research and training projects involving veterinary students, interns, and residents that will result in saving the lives of many dogs and cats in need. The principal study will focus on saving dogs with parvovirus infection that are owned by individuals that cannot afford their care. After the dogs are successfully managed for free with standard of care treatments, including Viyo Recuperation, they are returned to their owners. The collaboration will allow for training multiple veterinary students in the management of this common and often fatal disease.

Another study supported by the collaboration involves cats with chronic kidney disease. This syndrome was recently reported as the number one killer of older cats and can be very difficult to manage because of the loss of appetite that occurs in the later stages. The investigators plan to determine whether a newly developed product from Viyo can be used to improve the appetite and thus, the life span of cats with this common condition.

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