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# Clinical Trials



**T**he Veterinary Clinical Investigation Center (VCIC), in the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, focuses primarily on implementation of clinical trials involving spontaneous disease in client-owned animals. The VCIC works collaboratively with Penn's School of Medicine and Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics in addition to the Investigational Drug Service at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

VCIC trials are sponsored by industry (e.g., pharmaceutical and pet-food companies), foundations and Penn Vet's Department of Clinical Studies—Philadelphia. All trials are approved by the University of Pennsylvania Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Owners choosing to enroll their pets in these trials are provided extensive information regarding the trial and are only enrolled with their full consent.

Currently, the VCIC is recruiting patients to participate in a number of different active studies examining novel pain management modalities and diseases in cardiology, oncology, internal medicine, critical care and clinical nutrition. These are as follows:

#### *Pain Management*

Bone cancer pain study

#### *Cardiology*

Feline heart disease

Cardiomyopathy in great Danes and

Doberman pinschers

Pulmonary hypertension in dogs

#### *Medicine*

A number of studies investigating diabetes

#### *Oncology*

Feline lymphoma and squamous cell carcinoma

Bladder tumors in dogs

For more information about these or other clinical trial options, please call the Veterinary Clinical Investigation Center at (215) 573-0302 or email [vcic@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:vcic@vet.upenn.edu).

Horses with recurrent pruritus and/or urticaria needed for an exciting study. New Bolton Center is looking for horses with allergic skin diseases within the tri-state area to characterize the nature of the allergy and the occurrence of secondary skin infections. Benefits for participating in the study include:

- Discounted dermatology consultation,
- Discounted blood allergy test,
- Free intra-dermal allergy test, and
- Free dermatology diagnostic tests (skin scrapings, cytology and fungal culture).

Please contact Dr. Radwanski (215-898-8861 or [noelrad@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:noelrad@vet.upenn.edu)) for further information or to schedule an appointment.

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