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**FBR & AAEP FOUNDATION JOIN FORCES TO PROMOTE THE
VITAL ROLE OF RESEARCH IN ADVANCING VETERINARY MEDICINE
~ EQUINE VETS REVEAL SURVIVOR STORIES ~**

Seattle – The Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR) today launched an innovative, new educational program entitled *HORSE FACTS*, to promote public understanding, respect and support for the vital role that lab animal research plays in advancing equine veterinary health and medicine.

At a media briefing held this morning, during the American Association of Equine Practitioners 51st Annual Conference in Seattle, WA., FBR announced that it is working with the AAEP Foundation and other equine groups to improve appreciation for biomedical research among people who ride, raise, train, race, show and generally respect horses.

“The goal of this program to promote the little-known fact that biomedical research involving lab animals plays a key role in advancing veterinary medicine as well as human medicine,” explained FBR President Frankie L. Trull. “The fact that horses, house pets, wildlife, and endangered species benefit from biomedical research involving lab animals is one that has long been missing from public discussion on this subject. We designed the *HORSE FACTS* campaign to move this compelling message to the forefront of the debate.”

According to AAEP Past President Larry R. Bramlage, DVM, an internationally renowned veterinary orthopedic surgeon, “America’s horses, including equine athletes can live longer, healthier lives thanks to the recent, remarkable developments in veterinary medicine. The discovery and development of new equine vaccinations and infertility treatments, medications for ulcers and seizures, as well as orthopedic surgical techniques and innovations in post-surgical care, are just a few of the ingenious innovations for equine health that were developed as a direct result of biomedical research conducted with animals in the laboratory.”

At the media briefing, other prominent equine veterinarians shared the details of case studies and the vital role that animal research played in saving the lives of their equine patients.

HORSE FACTS will be promoted at various equine conferences and tradeshow throughout 2006. Funding for the program was provided by the AAEP Foundation, the AALAS Foundation, Merial and Pfizer Animal Health.

The Foundation for Biomedical Research is the nation’s oldest and largest organization devoted to promoting public understanding, respect and support for humane and responsible animal research. Six Nobel laureates, 13 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 13 fellows of the National Academy of Sciences, a former Surgeon General and a former Cabinet Secretary serve on its board of directors.

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