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The Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR) Releases Feature DVD *Majestic* for World Premiere

World's top equine veterinarians perform leading-edge techniques and identify animal research breakthroughs that are extending the lives of both horses and humans

WASHINGTON —Today the Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR) releases its feature film *Majestic* starring some of the world's top equine veterinarians, Dr. Larry Bramlage (Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital) and Dr. C. Wayne McIlwraith (Colorado State University). *Majestic* highlights revolutionary surgical procedures, gene therapies and animal research developments that are extending the life expectancy of horses with osteoarthritis and other joint injuries; these same procedures are often transferred to humans with degenerative joint diseases.

“Sport horses, like all great athletes, can suffer debilitating diseases and injuries,” said FBR president Frankie Trull. “The partnership between animal research and human research continues to yield new discoveries and treatments that result in longer, healthier lives for animals and humans. *Majestic* demonstrates the importance of translational medicine and proves that animal research is constantly saving both animal and human lives.”

Degenerative joint diseases in horses and humans are virtually identical, making horses the ideal research model. Equine research is enabling the medical community to perform life-enhancing procedures on both horses and humans with arthritic diseases.

“The horse is the research animal of choice for arthritis. The reason is they are very high level athletes and they develop the same arthritic change in their joints [as humans],” explained Dr. Bramlage. “In the long run, much of what we learn in horses will be applicable to people, and the model that most closely resembles what happens to a human joint is the race horse.”

Majestic was filmed and produced by FBR and is available for purchase, classroom use and small group exhibition. Worldwide television rights are available.

A trailer is available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTxOeFSBOvE>. Please visit www.horsefacts.org for further information about individual purchase or sponsorship of the film for educational distribution.

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