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Call for Applications: IRIS and Novartis to grant Award in Veterinary Nephrology in 2003

The International Renal Interest Society (IRIS)* has the pleasure to announce that it will grant an award again in 2003 for outstanding fundamental or clinical research work performed in veterinary nephrology:

- **The IRIS Award (Value: EURO 15,000)** will be granted for the research conducted by a young, promising individual working in the field of veterinary nephrology. This award will be made to trainees or individuals early in their research career.

Who qualifies?

The requirements for a person to qualify are:

- His/her project has led to significant progress in the overall understanding, diagnosis or treatment of chronic renal insufficiency in cats and dogs.
- His/her project will contribute to help veterinarians better diagnose and/or treat chronic renal insufficiency.

Only projects that have been already published or accepted for publication (reference needed) will be considered. The project must have been published in the last 5 years (earliest publication date 1998).

How to apply

The applicants are requested to complete the form below and return it to the specified address by **March 1st, 2003. Nominations will also be accepted.** The form can also be downloaded from the IRIS website.

How will the results be announced?

Applications will be reviewed by the International Renal Interest Society (IRIS) Board, composed of internationally recognized experts from 8 different countries. The jury is independent. Winners will be informed by May 1st.

** **The International Renal Interest Society (IRIS)** is a foundation supported by Novartis Animal Health whose objectives are to help veterinary practitioners better diagnose, understand and treat renal disease in cats and dogs. For more information on IRIS, please visit the IRIS website at www.renalhealth.org. For more information on Novartis Animal Health, please visit www.novartis.com.*

Application Form for: Iris Award

Please fill the form below and return it **by March 1st, 2003**, to:

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Person submitting the application:

Applicant:

Work title:

Authors (please highlight the main author):

Literature reference(s):

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Description of the work*:

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Address of Main Author (incl. summer residence):

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Please attach the full article, plus a CV and a photograph.

Note (*)

- **For the IRIS Award:** summary of the paper and comments about achievements and projects