FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

What is a veterinary clinical trial?

Veterinary clinical trials are research studies conducted to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of new treatments or medications in animals.

Why should I consider enrolling my pet in a clinical trial?

Clinical trials can provide access to new treatments that may be more effective than existing options, especially if other treatments have failed.

How do I find a veterinary clinical trial for my pet?

Your veterinarian may be aware of ongoing trials, or you can search our online database.

What are the eligibility criteria for my pet to participate in a clinical trial?

Eligibility criteria vary by study and may include factors such as species, breed, age, medical condition, and previous treatments.

What can I expect during the clinical trial process?

You will receive detailed information about the trial's procedures, including the treatment plan, duration, required visits, and any potential risks or benefits.

Are there any risks involved in enrolling my pet in a clinical trial?

While all efforts are made to ensure safety, there may be risks, such as side effects from new treatments. These will be explained to you before you consent to participate.

Will my pet receive standard care during the trial?

With each trial, the research team conducting the trial will provide all details of care provided and guidance on the specific trial of interest.

Is there a cost to participate in a clinical trial?

Costs may vary; some trials cover treatment expenses entirely, while others may offer partial subsidies. This information will be provided during the enrollment process.

What happens if the trial treatment doesn't work for my pet?

Your pet's health and well-being are the top priorities. If the trial treatment is not effective, alternative treatments will be discussed, and standard care will continue.

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Can I withdraw my pet from the clinical trial at any time?

Yes, you can withdraw your pet from the trial at any time for any reason without any penalty. Your veterinarian will discuss alternative care options with you.

Will participating in a clinical trial help other pets?

Yes, the data collected from clinical trials contribute to advancing veterinary medicine, potentially benefiting many other pets in the future.

How will my pet's information be used in the clinical trial?

Your pet's information will be used to assess the treatment's effectiveness and safety. Personal information will be kept confidential and used only for research purposes.

How long do clinical trials typically last?

The duration of clinical trials varies depending on the study. Some may last a few weeks, while others could continue for several months or longer.

Who will oversee my pet's care during the clinical trial?

A team of veterinarians and researchers will oversee your pet's care, ensuring they receive the best possible treatment and monitoring throughout the trial.

How can I get more information about a specific clinical trial?

Contact the research team at LSU Vet Med's Centre of Clinical Innovation, or speak with your veterinarian for more details and guidance on the specific trial of interest

Visit **lsu.edu/vetmed/clinical_innovation** to learn more.