



## **Congratulations to our 2017 CCSAW Travel Grant recipients!**

The Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2017 CCSAW Travel Grants.

This grant competition was established with a generous bequest from Joyce Olive Mallard, and allows CCSAW to annually assist up to six students with grants of up to \$1500.00 each. Students may use the funds to travel to conferences, workshops or short courses to present their research findings or to enhance their educational program or professional development.

This is the second year that this competition is allowing students to travel throughout North America and Europe. Recipients plan to travel to conferences and meetings focussed on applied ethology, veterinary behaviour, animal welfare assessment and poultry welfare.

Congratulations to our 2017 recipients, Justine Antunes, Carly Moody, Bishwo Pokharel, Ivelisse Robles, Abbie Viscardi, and Caitlin Woolcott!

**Justine Antunes** is traveling to the Veterinary Behaviour Symposium in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 20th, 2017. She will be presenting her survey results in a presentation entitled: *"Socialization recommendations by veterinarians for puppies and kittens."* Socialization and habituation of puppies and kittens are important for the development of normal behaviour, while inadequate socialization and habituation during this time can result in the development of behaviour problems, sometimes leading to the breakdown of the human-animal bond, relinquishment, or euthanasia.

**Carly Moody**, **Bishwo Pokharel**, and **Ivelisse Robles** are all traveling to the International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE) congress in Aarhus, Denmark, August 7-10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Moody will present her PhD research on *"Cat responses to handling: Assessment of scruffing, clips, and full body restraint"* - the first science-based evidence that exists in this topic area. Pokharel will present some of his latest research, entitled *"Do laying hens have a preference for clean or unclean scratch mats?"* - expanding the knowledge on ideal substrates for use in laying hen housing. Robles will present her research on *"Association of cow- and farm-level factors with lying behaviour and risk of elevated somatic cell count"*, an issue that deals specifically with two of the five freedoms of animal welfare: Freedom from discomfort, and Freedom from pain, injury or disease.

**Abbie Viscardi** is traveling to the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Assessment of Animal Welfare at Farm and Group Level (WAFL) being held in Wageningen, The Netherlands, from September 5-8, 2017. She will present her work on *"NSAIDs do not sufficiently mitigate pain in piglets undergoing surgical castration,"* adding to the knowledge in the area so that we may rapidly find a solution for the millions of piglets being subject to painful procedures each year and not receiving appropriate effective for pain relief. Viscardi will also participate in ISAE Innovation

Day, where she will have the opportunity to speak with producers and present the idea of a multi-modal approach to pain management to improve piglet welfare on-farm.

**Caitlin Woolcott**, is traveling to the 10<sup>th</sup> European Symposium on Poultry Welfare place in Ploufragen, France, June 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. She will present her work on *Assessing Physical Methods for On-Farm Euthanasia of Compromised Turkeys*. On-farm euthanasia is an important welfare issue in the poultry industry and is particularly difficult to perform in turkeys due to their large size – effective methods of euthanasia are needed.

To learn ways that YOU can support the best and brightest young minds dedicated to applied animal behavior and welfare, contact Kimberly Sheppard, Communications and Outreach Coordinator at the Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare: [ksheppar@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ksheppar@uoguelph.ca), 519-824-4120 x53648.