

# TIME FOR A CURE?

In 2018, a biotech company specializing in animal health, Anivive Lifesciences, licensed a drug known as GC376 from joint research that was conducted at Kansas State University and UC Davis University where the lead scientists, Dr. Yunjeong Kim and Professor Emeritus Dr. Neils Pedersen collaborated on a successful clinical trial for the treatment of wet FIP in younger cats. This is great news and most likely the first of many drugs that will be approved in years to come.

The Bria Fund continues to support promising new treatment research, including clinical trials.

Oakley, FIP Survivor, 1st trial by Dr. Pedersen (GC376)



# HELP US FIGHT FIP

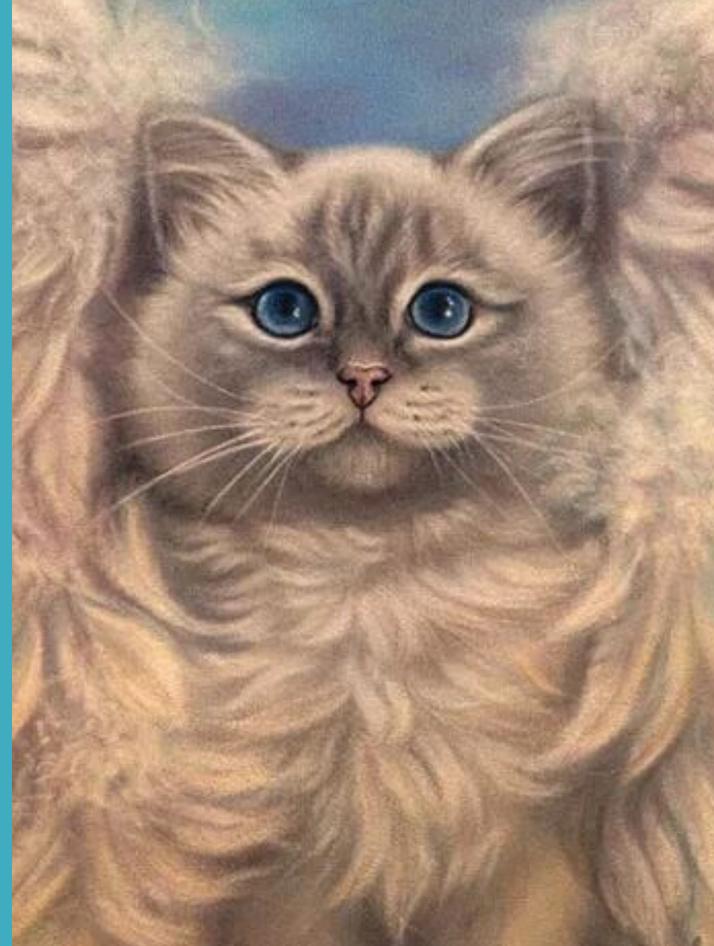
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# FUNDRAISERS

The Bria Fund periodically has fundraisers, and its supporters also hold independent ones of all kinds, usually on Facebook. Every dollar raised helps advance FIP progress.



# FINDING HELP FOR FELINE INFECTIOUS PERITONITIS (FIP)

[www.briafundsupporters.com](http://www.briafundsupporters.com)



Mays, Surviving FIP on PI

## WHAT IS FIP?

FIP is a fatal viral disease seen primarily in kittens and young adult cats. It is the biggest killer of cats under age 2.

FIP manifests in both a wet and a dry form. Symptoms of both may include a fever that does not respond to antibiotics, anorexia, weight loss and lethargy. In addition, the wet form of FIP is characterized by the accumulation of fluid in the abdominal and/or chest cavity. In the dry form of FIP, inflammatory cells or granulomas form in various organs and/ or lymph nodes and clinical signs develop on the affected organs.

Diagnosing FIP is challenging and causes both owner and kitten much distress. Sadly FIP is often misdiagnosed and every year thousands of kittens and adult cats are euthanised without an accurate diagnosis. The Bria Fund and its support group are here to help you to obtain accurate up-to-date information for cats and kittens with suspected or diagnosed FIP.

# WINN FELINE FOUNDATION

In 1968, the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) created what would soon become the Winn Feline Foundation, establishing a source of funding for medical studies to improve cat health and welfare. To date, Winn has funded over \$6.7 million in health research for cats at more than 30 partner institutions worldwide. Winn's work is only made possible with the support of dedicated donors.

Winn's commitment to feline health research and education has played a significant role in these achievements and will continue to do so in the years ahead. Through the Bria Fund and other Winn funding sources, it has funded more FIP research studies than any other non-profit.

## BRIA FUND FOR FIP RESEARCH

In November 2005, Winn Feline Foundation announced the creation of The Bria Fund to accept donations specifically for Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) Research.

The fund was named after Bria, Susan Gingrich's nine-month old Birman kitten who died from FIP in April 2005. Bria's life and death were the inspiration for creating the fund in her name to advance FIP research.

Luna, FIP survivor, 2nd trial by Dr. Pedersen (GS441524)



## FIP SUPPORT GROUP

International, experienced members and moderators offer support and information on diagnosis, treatment, and many other aspects of FIP itself. The group also provides updated research information and articles of interest.



FIP Support Group : <https://groups.io/g/fipcatsupport>