

Letter of Support for Canine Valley Fever Vaccine

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Dear Dr. Srinivas,

I am supportive of emergency use authorization for the Canine Valley Fever Vaccine, which is currently being developed by Anivive Lifesciences (Coccidioides Posadasii Vaccine, Avirulent Live Culture, Code 1431.R0 (unlicensed)).

The recent CDC reports of Valley Fever being on the rise concerns me as this condition is not only devastating to the people and animals who contract it, but it also costs pet owners between \$115,000,000 to \$177,000,000 each year as reported by the Valley Fever Center for Excellence.

This vaccine is of vital importance for the well-being of the animals living in and visiting Arizona, as they are at highest risk of Valley Fever. Arizona is currently facing a significant challenge, and this authorization of use would save many animals from this devastating disease. That's why I am urgently requesting emergency use authorization for the Canine Valley Fever Vaccine, as it holds great promise in combating this health crisis.

The situation has been further compounded by relentless heat waves engulfing our state, causing alarming levels of Valley Fever cases and threatening the health and safety of our beloved animal population. This vaccine can make a significant difference in the lives of the nearly 2 million companion pet dogs of Arizona as well as hundreds of animals living in our local zoos and aquariums. This vaccine addresses areas of great clinical need directly affecting the health of canine companions as well as service, police, and military dogs. This vaccine will save many animals' lives and gets us one step closer to a vaccine for people.

I am supportive of emergency use authorization for the Canine Valley Fever Vaccine and look forward to utilizing this much-needed vaccine as soon as it is approved.