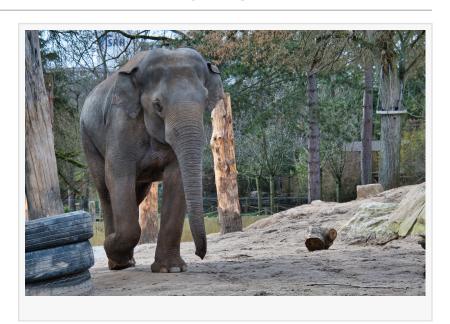


VetStem CEO Presents Stem Cell Data at Global Elephant Viral Disease Symposium

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POWAY, CALIFORNIA, US, February 8, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- VetStem founder and CEO, Dr. Bob Harman, recently presented stem cell treatment data at the Global Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpesvirus (EEHV) Symposium. The three-day virtual event, which was put on by the North American EEHV Advisory Group,



occurred in late January 2022. EEHV is a lethal viral infection that affects Asian elephants and now, increasingly, African elephants and can cause a highly fatal hemorrhagic disease.

The mission of the EEHV Advisory Group is to decrease elephant sickness and death due to



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EEHV. According to their website, they provide "peer-reviewed, accurate information that reflects current thinking on the research and management of EEHV in both wild and captive elephants globally." The Global EEHV Symposium is a meeting where top researchers, veterinarians, and elephant husbandry colleagues from across the globe get together to present case reports, research findings, vaccine research, and treatment options.

Dr. Harman, CEO and founder of veterinary regenerative medicine company, <u>VetStem, Inc.</u>, was invited to present stem cell data for the treatment of EEHV. The company has provided stem cell doses to several zoos in the United States who had elephants with EEHV. According to Dr. Harman, the preliminary data is promising. He stated, "While it is still very early, we are optimistic that stem cell therapy may be a viable treatment option for elephants with EEHV. Stem cells have numerous mechanisms of action, including the secretion of molecules that are anti-viral. In this

limited set of elephants with severe EEHV, the stem cells seemed to be very effective. Much research is still needed to verify the proper dose and timing of this novel therapy."

According to Dr. Harman, the idea to treat EEHV elephant patients with stem cells came from a stem cell clinical trial for COVID-19. VetStem's sister company and human counterpart, Personalized Stem Cells, Inc. (PSC), received FDA approval for a COVID-19 stem cell clinical trial in July 2020. The Phase 1 clinical trial had an extremely positive safety and efficacy profile and resulted in multiple ongoing Phase 2 clinical trials.

VetStem invites inquiries from public and private zoos across the United States who have questions or interest in participating in this novel stem cell EEHV therapy development with VetStem's veterinary research team. Contact VetStem directly here.

About VetStem, Inc.

VetStem is a veterinarian-led Company that was formed in 2002 to bring regenerative medicine to the profession. This privately held biopharmaceutical enterprise, based near San Diego, California, currently offers veterinarians an autologous stem cell processing service (from patients' own fat tissue) among other regenerative modalities. With a unique expertise acquired over the past 15 years and thousands of treatments by veterinarians for joint, tendon and ligament issues, VetStem has made regenerative medicine applications a therapeutic reality. The VetStem team is focused on developing new clinically practical and affordable veterinary solutions that leverage the natural restorative abilities present in all living creatures. In addition to its own portfolio of patents, VetStem holds exclusive global veterinary licenses to a large portfolio of issued patents in the field of regenerative medicine.

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