



# Collaboration

*Feed innovation honored as one of the best*

Research separates the innovator from the imitator. For one University of Minnesota scientist with strong ties to Kentucky Equine Research (KER), no truer words could be written.

The work of Stephanie Valberg, DVM, PhD, a professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine, was recently cited in the 2007 edition of *Technology Transfer Works: 100 Innovations from Academic Research to Real-World Application*. She was recognized for her role in the development of the KERx product Re-Leve®, a low-starch feed introduced into the marketplace several years ago. The feed is beneficial for horses prone to different forms of tying-up such as polysaccharide storage myopathy (PSSM) and recurrent exertional rhabdomyolysis (RER).


“I am thrilled that Re-Leve is making an impact in preventing the pain associated with tying-up and that KER is able to get it into the feed bins of horses across the world. It is great that the creativity of academia can partner with the practicality and resources of industry to make such a remarkable difference in the lives of horses,” said Valberg, who first collaborated with KER nutritionists to formulate Re-Leve in the mid 1990s.



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Stephanie Valberg feeds Re-Leve to her own horse, a Quarter Horse mare named Brooke that has been diagnosed with recurrent exertional rhabdomyolysis. The mare has been symptom-free since beginning on the feed.

*Technology Transfer Works: 100 Innovations from Academic Research to Real-World Application* is generated annually by the Association of University Technology Managers. According to its Web site, the international nonprofit organization publishes its books to promote public understanding of how academic research and technology transfer benefits the world.

To learn more about Re-Leve, including where to purchase the product, visit [www.kerx.com](http://www.kerx.com). A portion of all proceeds from the sale of Re-Leve will be forwarded to the University of Minnesota for support of equine research. 



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