

# **The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation**

## **Annual Report 2009**



The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation (ACAHF) was established in 1989 as a non-profit trust of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA).

The major aim of the Foundation is to help to fund investigative projects to further our knowledge of the cause, treatment and prevention of the clinical diseases of companion animals, mainly dogs and cats.

The foundation raises money through donations from veterinarians and companies associated with the pet industry, pet owners and other concerned members of the public.

All gifts and donations to the Foundation are tax deductible to the donor, under the Income Tax Assessment Act. Donations for 2009 totaled \$43,982.03 including \$4,747.96 from condolence cards. This money will be used to fund research grants for 2010. The Trustees would like to thank all those people who donated so generously.

Honorary Trustees oversee the operation of the ACAHF and funds donated to the ACAHF are distributed to clinical research projects after careful assessment by a selected Research Committee, consisting of eminent veterinarians from veterinary schools and private practices around Australia.

The Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association (ASAVA), a Special Interest Group of the AVA, generously donates office space and administrative support for the Foundation. This helps to keep administrative costs to a minimum and allows virtually all the money donated to the Foundation to be used for the benefit of companion animals.

The type of research that is funded is wide ranging, and is chosen for the direct benefit of companion animal species. Some examples would be investigation into arthritis, heart disease, diabetes and cancer that focus on a better understanding of the basic disorder, and thus lead to improved methods of treatment and prevention.

The purpose of this report is to publicly acknowledge the generous support that has been given in 2007 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

### **Research funded in 2009 included the following grants**

Projects continuing or commencing in 2008-2009 funded from ACAHF general funds. These grants were assisted by funds from the *Ottie Testa Memorial Fund* and the *Sue Du Val Memorial Fund*.

- Molecular detection of Neospora and Toxoplasma in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) and serum of dogs. A/Prof Peter Irwin. Murdoch University. \$7,580.00
- Investigation into the Molecular Genetic Causes of Atopy in West Highland White Terriers. Dr Caroline O'Leary. University of Queensland. \$4,122.00
- Factors predicting relapse from diabetic remission in cats. Prof. Jacquie Rand. University of Queensland. \$7,550.00
- MHC disease associations in the cat. The next leap forward. A/Prof Julia Beatty. University of Sydney. \$7,500.00
- What causes upper respiratory aspergillosis in cats? Identification of Neosartorya species implicated in an emerging clinical syndrome. Dr Vanessa Barrs. University of Sydney. \$7,500.00
- Investigations into role of Feline Herpes virus in the development of eosinophilic granuloma complex (EGC) in cats. Dr Jacqueline Norris. University of Sydney. \$7,500.00
- Role of advanced glycosylation end-products in diabetic cataracts in dogs (part 2). Dr Linda Fleeman. University of Sydney. \$7,190.00

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## Financial Report 2009 (unaudited)

	<b>Balance at 01/01/2009</b>	<b>\$590,441.67</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
	Donations	\$39,234.07
	Interest	\$24,256.80
	Sales of Condolence Cards	\$ 4,747.96
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$68,238.83</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
	Research Projects	\$41,643.99
	Printing and Stationery	\$ 7,074.62
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$48,718.61</b>
	<b>Balance at 31/12/2009</b>	<b>\$609,961.89</b>

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