

The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation Annual Report 2010



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 2010 totaled \$44,546.51 including \$5,340.73 from condolence cards. This money will be used to fund research grants for 2011. 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 2010 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

Research funded in 2010 included the following grants

Projects continuing or commencing in 2009-2010 funded from ACAHF general funds. These grants were assisted by funds from the *Ottie Testa Memorial Fund* and the *Sue Du Val Memorial Fund*.

- Canine Atopic Dermatitis – Genomic Studies in Australian Dogs. A/Prof Peter Williamson. University of Sydney. \$7,500.00
- Can short interfering RNAs (siRNAs) be a new treatment for controlling Feline Coronavirus infections such as Feline Infectious Peritonitis? Dr Jacqueline Norris. University of Sydney. \$7,500.00
- Oxidative stress, ageing and cognitive dysfunction in dogs as ecological animal model in Alzheimer Disease research. Dr Pietro Celi. University of Sydney. \$7,500.00
- Use of gabapentin as an adjunctive analgesic for dogs undergoing spinal surgery: a blinded, randomised, placebo-controlled trial. Dr Sarah Haldane. University of Melbourne. \$7,750.00
- Developing a Molecular Diagnostic Test for Polycystic Kidney Disease in Bull Terriers. Dr Caroline O'Leary. University of Queensland. \$5,784.00

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Financial Report 2010

(unaudited)

	Balance at 01/01/2010	\$609,961.89
REVENUE		
	Donations	\$39,205.78
	Interest	\$31,327.82
	Sales of Condolence Cards	\$5,340.73
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$75,874.33
EXPENDITURE		
	Research Projects	\$19,385.54
	Printing and Stationery	\$6,086.86
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$25,472.40
	Balance at 31/12/2010	\$660,363.82

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