

The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation Annual Report 2011



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 2011 totaled \$57,085.81 including \$2,844.46 from the sale of condolence cards. This money will be used to fund research grants for 2012. 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 2011 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

Research funded in 2011 included the following grants

Projects continuing or commencing in 2010-2011 funded from ACAHF general funds. These grants were assisted by funds from the *Ottie Testa Memorial Fund* and the *Sue Du Val Memorial Fund*.

- Factors predicting relapse from diabetic remission in cats and establishing reference values for glucose tolerance tests in cats 8 years of age or older. Jacquie Rand. University of Queensland. \$7,550
- Feline gastric lymphoma, lymphocytic gastritis and associations with *Helicobacter* spp. Mark Krockenberger. University of Sydney. \$8,010
- Canine Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells as a Resource for Treating Canine Osteoarthritis. Deanne Whitworth. University of Queensland. \$7,155
- *Coxiella burnetti* (Q fever): are Australian domestic cats an important reservoir for human infection? Jacqueline Norris. University of Sydney. \$7,500
- Ability of the asymptomatic bacteriuria *Escherchia coli* strain 83972 to outcompete uropathogenic *E.coli* strains in canine urine. Mary Thompson. University of Queensland. \$7,435
- Optimising the overall haemostatic potential assay for use in canine plasma to identify hypercoagulability in hyperadrenocorticism. Vanessa Barrs. University of Sydney. \$7,500

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Financial Report 2011

(unaudited)

	Balance at 01/01/2011	\$660,363.82
REVENUE		
	Donations	\$54,241.35
	Interest	\$33,809.87
	Sales of Condolence Cards	\$2,844.46
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$90,895.68
EXPENDITURE		
	Research Projects	\$47,321.95
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$47,321.95
	Balance at 31/12/2011	\$703,937.55

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