

The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation Annual Report 2012



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 2012 totaled \$48,223.11 plus \$3,286.35 from the sale of condolence cards. This money will be used to fund research grants for 2013. 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 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 2012 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

Research funded in 2012 included the following grants

Projects continuing or commencing in 2012 funded from ACAHF general funds. These grants were assisted by funds from the *Ottie Testa Memorial Fund* and the *Sue Du Val Memorial Fund*.

- Utilising metabolomics to improve diagnosis and prognosis for diabetic feline patients. Jacquie Rand. University of Queensland. \$7,488.
- Gene expression profiling in peripheral monocytes in cats with diabetes mellitus. Caroline O'Leary. University of Queensland. \$7,500.
- Molecular profiles of canine mammary tumours: providing a new tool for diagnosis and treatment. Janine Danks & Linda Abraham. RMIT University. \$7,450.
- Genetic variants of the damage-associated molecular pattern receptor P2X7 in dogs: potential role in inflammatory and bone disorders, and in pain. Ronald Sluyter. University of Wollongong. \$7,300.
- The effect of allergic skin disease on the penetration and retention of glucocorticoids in canine skin. Liisa Ahlstrom. University of Sydney. \$7,485.

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Financial Report 2012

(unaudited)

	Balance at 01/01/2012	\$703,937.55
REVENUE		
	Donations	\$48,223.11
	Interest	\$27,947.77
	Sales of Condolence Cards	\$3,286.35
	NAB 1 st Account	\$3.83
	NAB 2 nd Account	\$3,748.36
	Term Deposit	\$200,000.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$283,209.42
EXPENDITURE		
	Research Projects	\$33,370.00
	Administration Expenses	\$5,214.04
	Loan repayment	\$200,000.00
	NAB 1 st Account	\$0.00
	NAB 2 nd Account	\$119.68
	Term Deposit	\$0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$238,703.72
	Balance at 31/12/2012	\$748,443.25

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for their generous support in 2012**

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\$500-\$999

Bayview Veterinary Surgery
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Fayman, Yvonne *with thanks to Leonie Benchimol*
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Welburn, Marjory *in loving memory of Tilly*
Whiteman, Bianca

Up to \$99

Boroondara Park Animal Hospital
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Ferreira, Angelo *in loving memory of Jag*
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