

## The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation Annual Report 2013



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 2013 totaled \$37,394.00 plus \$3,291.00 from the sale of condolence cards. This money will be used to fund research grants for 2014. 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 2013 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

### Research funded in 2013 included the following grants

Projects continuing or commencing in 2013 funded from ACAHF general funds. These grants were assisted by funds from the *Ottie Testa Memorial Fund* and the *Sue Du Val Memorial Fund*.

- Genetic investigation of diabetes in Burmese cats. Julia Beatty. University of Sydney. \$7,500.
- Comparison of diagnostic methods for identification of Feline immunodeficiency virus infection in unvaccinated and vaccinated cats in Australia. Mark Westman. University of Sydney. \$7,600.
- Biological variation of plasma biochemical analytes in cats. Randolph Baral. University of Sydney. \$7,500.
- Is *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* implicated in the transmission of *Coxiella burnetii* (the agent of Q fever) to dogs? Peter Irwin. Murdoch University. \$7,330.
- Investigation of an inherited neurodegenerative disorder in Australian Kelpie dogs. Rosanne Taylor. University of Sydney. \$7,500 per annum (1<sup>st</sup> year of 2 year grant).
- Evaluation of serological detection of anti-aspergillus antibodies by ELISA and agar gel immunodiffusion for diagnosis of feline upper respiratory aspergillosis. Vanessa Barrs. University of Sydney. \$7,500.

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<b>Financial Report 2013</b>		
	<b>Balance at 01/01/2013</b>	<b>\$748,443.00</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	Donations	\$37,394.00
	Interest	\$20,416.00
	Sales of Condolence Cards	\$3,291.00
	Other	\$100.00
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$61,201.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Research Projects	\$44,959.00
	Other	\$2,948.00
	Administration Expenses	\$603.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$48,510.00</b>
	<b>Surplus for year</b>	<b>\$12,691.00</b>
	<b>Balance at 31/12/2013</b>	<b>\$761,134.00</b>

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