

The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation Annual Report 2014



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 2014 totaled \$734,506.48 plus \$2,444.54 from the sale of condolence cards. This money will be used to fund research grants for 2015. 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 2014 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

Research funded in 2014 included the following grants

Projects continuing or commencing in 2014 funded from ACAHF general funds. These grants were assisted by funds from the *Ottie Testa Memorial Fund*, the *Sue Du Val Memorial Fund* and the *Hilda Whitton Trust*.

- Cytokines in stored leukoreduced and non-leukoreduced canine packed red blood cells. Lisa Smart. Murdoch University. \$7,335.72.
- Improving our understanding of knowledge and attitudes towards Q fever disease and vaccines in cat breeders. Katrina Bosward. University of Sydney. \$7,500.
- What is the impact of the novel feline gammaherpesvirus, *Felis catus* GHV 1 (FcaGHV1), on the health of domestic cats? Julia Beatty. University of Sydney. \$7,500.
- The use of the integrase inhibitor Raltegravir for the treatment of domestic cats with progressive feline leukemia virus infection. Mark Westman. The University of Sydney. \$7,500.
- Assessment of new and current techniques for the diagnosis of Feline Infectious Peritonitis. Jacqueline Norris. University of Sydney. \$7,500.
- Detection of *Aspergillus*-specific antibodies by ELISA (IgG, IgA, IgM) for diagnosis of feline upper respiratory tract aspergillosis. Vanessa Barrs. University of Sydney. \$7,500.

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Financial Report 2014		
	Balance at 01/01/2014	\$761,134.66
REVENUE	Donations	\$734,506.48
	Interest	\$22,244.05
	Sales of Condolence Cards	\$2,444.54
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$759,195.07
EXPENDITURE	Research Projects	\$59,543.41
	Administration Expenses	\$1,833.10
	Other	\$7,972.80
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$69,349.31
	Surplus for year	\$689,845.76
	Balance at 31/12/2014	\$1,450,980.42

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The Trustees of the ACAHF wish to thank the Hilda Whitton Trust for their generous donation along with the following donors for their kind support in 2014:

\$5,000+

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\$100-\$499

Albion Park Veterinary Hospital
Alstonville Veterinary Hospital
Burdon, Fay & Fraser *in loving memory of Benji*
Chermside Veterinary Hospital
Chouzadjian, Kerry *in loving memory of Tilly*
Coombs, B *in loving memory of Jamieson & Jeanie*
Devine, Ilona *in loving memory of Cookie*
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Frayman, Anita
Frenkel, Maurice
Goode, Geoffrey *in loving memory of Daisy May*
Green, Rachel *in loving memory of Bodhi*
Greenvale Animal Hospital
Jacobson-Joseph, Lynette
Kippax Veterinary Hospital
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Neylan, Gayle & John *in loving memory of Jessie*
Pryke, Elizabeth *in loving memory of Daisy*
Rosenberg, Cheryl
Schou-Hanson, Bodil *in loving memory of Ming & Coco*
Sharp, Vicki *on behalf of the Broadbent Family*
Smith, Sue *in loving memory of Cody*
Swinney, Graham
Sydney Animal Behaviour Service
Tatebe, Reiko *in loving memory of Jack*
Turrumurra Vet Hospital
Waters, Edward *in loving memory of Charlie*
Whiteman, David
Wyner, Gillian

Up to \$99

Arthurs, Lyn & John *in loving memory of Snoop & Tyson*
Angelucci, Claudia *in loving memory of Yogi Bear*
Bowman, Bev & Kath *in loving memory of Ellie Mae*
Bray, Judith *in loving memory of Emmy*
Cavaliere, Vincenzo *in loving memory of Vinnie*
Cooper, Elizabeth *in loving memory of Sparky*
Davies, Lesley *in loving memory of Calva*
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Gorham, J & P *in loving memory of Dazzle*
Hern, Bronwyn *in loving memory of Bill*
Holloway, Graeme & Lyn *in loving memory of Ella*

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Huby, Shirley *in loving memory of Jock*
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Knight, Betty *in loving memory of Paddy, Micky, Patch and Danny Bird*
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Smith, Fran *in loving memory of Risky*
Spadaro, Sam & Nelly *in loving memory of Max*
Sunbury Animal Hospital
Taylor, Rowan *in loving memory of Sammy*
The Vets - Sale
Thompson, Gloria *in loving memory of Sam*
Tucker, Sheila *in loving memory of Sam & Gidget*
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