

The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation Annual Report 2015



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 2015 totaled \$44,889 plus \$2,827 from the sale of condolence cards. This money will be used to fund research grants for 2016. 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 2015 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

Research funded in 2015 included the following grants

Projects continuing or commencing in 2015 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*.

- Prevalence of c-Kit activating mutations in mast cell tumours from Australian dogs.
Dr Anne Peaston, The University of Adelaide, \$9,950
- The effect of artificial colloid fluids on total plasma protein and colloid osmotic pressure in vitro.
Lisa Smart, Murdoch University, \$3,772
- Investigation of new biomarkers for detection of early acute kidney injury.
Dr Anthea Rasis, Murdoch University, \$9,240
- Investigating the prevalence of progressive and regressive feline leukaemia virus (FeLV) infections in Australian cats.
Dr Mark Westman, The University of Sydney, \$10,000
- Determining risk factors for development of a resistant post-operative infection with methicillin or multiresistant Staphylococcus. Dr Jacqueline Norris, The University of Sydney, \$10,000
- Monitoring change in bacterial resistance of canine and feline bacterial pathogens to common veterinary antibacterial drugs from 2005 to 2015. Merran Govendir, The University of Sydney, \$8,500
- Treating the untreatable: can caspofungin cure fatal feline fungal infections?
A/Prof Vanessa Barrs, The University of Sydney, \$10,000
- Effect of oral terbinafine on the pharmacokinetics of oral cyclosporine in dogs
Dr Evie Knight, Dermatology for Animals & The University of Queensland, \$10,000

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Financial Report 2015		
	Balance at 01/01/2015	\$1,450,980
REVENUE	Donations	\$44,889
	Interest	\$28,998
	Sales of Condolence Cards	\$2,827
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$76,714
EXPENDITURE	Research Projects	\$69,655
	Administration Expenses	\$1241
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$70,896
	Surplus for year	\$5,818
	Balance at 31/12/2015	\$1,456,799

2015 ACAHF Trustees

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Donors to the Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation 2015

The Trustees of the ACAHF wish to thank the following donors for their kind support in 2015

\$1,000-\$4,999

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Allambie Veterinary Clinic
Baulkham Hills Veterinary Hospital
Benchimol, Leonie
Chatswood Veterinary Clinic
Emmett, Brent & Vicki *in loving memory of Pepper*
Frankston Heights Vet Centre
Gall, Mailie *in loving memory of Nikki*
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Harbord Veterinary Clinic
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Seaforth Veterinary Hospital
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Waugh, Rachel

\$100-\$499

Aldgate Veterinary Clinic
Alice Springs Veterinary Clinic
Alstonville Veterinary Hospital

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Greenvale Animal Hospital
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Seppelt, Philip *in loving memory of Stanzie*
Smith, Vicki *on behalf of Bindi*
Social & Affordable Housing Policy Team *on behalf of Genevieve Errey and her pet Beckie*
Swinney, Graham
Tacon, Jillian *on behalf of Bindi Sue the Blue and in memory of Ruby Bluenip and Lucy (St. Lucy)*
Tam, June *on behalf of Liana Tam*
Temby, Diana *in loving memory of Luna*
Terrigal Veterinary Hospital
Tobin, Brian *in loving memory of Mocca*
Western Suburbs Veterinary Clinic
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Hayman, N *in loving memory of Elly*
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Hunter, Michael *in loving memory of Moby*
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Knight, Lorraine *in loving memory of Jackson*
Lasscock, Raelene *in loving memory of Toro*
Leonard, Pat *in loving memory of Prince*
Marino, Delfino *in loving memory of Blacky*
McGinty, Lorraine *in loving memory of Patsy*
McGuire, Wendy
Mills, Ron *in loving memory of SGR, Amber & all the wonderful pets we have enjoyed*
Nicholls, Fred *in loving memory of Blaze*
Pertini, Lyn *in loving memory of Winston*
Plumb, Pamela & Graham *in loving memory of Ally*
Pollard, Michelle *in loving memory of Junior*
Rawnsley, Susan *in loving memory of Bandit*
Ridler, Richard & Diana *in loving memory of Bojo*
Robertson, Louise *in loving memory of Bella*
Roth, Patrizia *in loving memory of Sara & Tasha*
Rubinstein, Naomi *in loving memory of Leonie*
Benchimol's dog
Stone, Helena *in loving memory of Elvis*
Thomson, Ken & Jan *in loving memory of Pixie*
Tremayne, Patsy *in loving memory of Charlie, Toddy & Mango*
Udovisi, Marc & Hannah
Williams, Peter *in loving memory of Arabella*
Woods, SJ & PR *in loving memory of Tilly*
Young, Jean *with thanks to Adelaide Animal Hospital for looking after Jessie & Jemma over the last 25 years*

Up to \$99

Small Animal Specialist Hospital
Canberra Veterinary Hospital
Snowy River Veterinary Clinic
Whitehorse Veterinary Hospital
East Doncaster Veterinary Hospital
Abbott, Felishia *in loving memory of Hudson*
Allan, Wendy Claudine *in loving memory of Serenity*
Anderson, Mrs *in loving memory of Hazel & Lassie*
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Brennan, Jennifer

