

The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation Annual Report 2016



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 2016 totaled \$36,460 plus \$3,390 from the sale of condolence cards. This money will be used to fund research grants for 2017. 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 Veterinarians (ASAV), 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 2016 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

Research funded in 2016 included the following grants

Projects continuing or commencing in 2016 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*.

- Phenotypic expression of biocide tolerance in clinical veterinary *Staphylococcus* isolates: are our disinfectants working? Dr Jacqui Norris, The University of Sydney, \$10,000
- Investigating the neutralising antibody response of FIV vaccinated cats to various 'breakthrough' Australian strains of FIV. Dr Mark Westman, The University of Sydney, \$10,000
- Canine parvovirus - are cats and foxes reservoirs of parvovirus infection in Australia? Prof. Vanessa Barrs, The University of Sydney, \$10,000
- Determination of mefloquine's intrinsic clearance by feline microsomes, could this be a suitable treatment for Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP)? Merran Govendir, The University of Sydney, \$9,100
- Assessing the utility of acute phase proteins alpha-1 acid glycoprotein (AGP), haptoglobin, serum amyloid A and fibrinogen in the diagnosis of inflammatory diseases in cats. Dr Rachael Gray, The University of Sydney, \$10,000
- Towards cancer prevention: Does Feline Gammaherpesvirus (FcaGHV1) cause cancer in cats? Prof. Julia Beatty, The University of Sydney, \$10,000
- Establish normal canine reference intervals for biomarkers of kidney injury. Dr Anthea Rasis, Murdoch University, \$9,030
- Molecular mechanisms in coagulation and thrombotic events in dogs and cats. A/Prof Ronald Sluyter, University of Wollongong and the Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute, \$9,900

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Financial Report 2016		
	Balance at 01/01/2016	\$1,456,799
REVENUE	Donations	\$36,460
	Interest	\$36,534
	Sales of Condolence Cards	\$3,390
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$76,384
EXPENDITURE	Research Projects	\$60,126
	Administration Expenses	\$6,717
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$66,843
	Surplus for year	\$9,541
	Balance at 31/12/2016	\$1,466,340

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The Trustees of the ACAHF wish to thank the following donors for their kind support in 2016

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\$100-\$499

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