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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.

It 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 2017 totaled \$272,504 plus \$2,521 from the sale of condolence cards. This money will be used to fund research grants for 2018. 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 to 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 include: 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 2017 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

**Research funded in 2017 included the following grants**

The list below shows projects continuing or commencing in 2017 that were 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*.

- Q fever (*Coxiella burnetii*) infection in pet dogs and cats in remote communities in NSW and WA. *Dr Jacqueline Norris, The University of Sydney & Murdoch University.*
- Assessment of a novel treatment for Feline Infectious Peritonitis. *Dr Alan Marcus, Independent/The University of Sydney/Eastside Veterinary Emergency & Specialists.*
- Determining the incidence of perioperative acute kidney injury in dogs undergoing routine surgery. *Dr Christopher Quinn, Charles Sturt University.*
- Development of a mass spectrometry assay to quantify canine plasma procalcitonin and its application as a diagnostic biomarker for sepsis in dogs. *Dr Claire Sharp, Murdoch University.*
- Vets and their pets: unravelling the transmission cycle of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus* species in small animal practice. *Dr Kate Worthing, The University of Sydney.*
- Prevention is better than cure. Defining the genetic basis of susceptibility to invasive fungal infections in cats. *Dr Joanna Whitney, The University of Sydney.*
- A novel drug (RetroMAD1TM) to treat feline leukaemia virus (FeLV) infection in Australian cats. *Dr Mark Westman, The University of Sydney & Murdoch University.*
- The effectiveness of the feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) vaccine (Fel-O-Vax FIV) in the field in Australia. *Dr Mark Westman, The University of Sydney & The University of Glasgow.*



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<b>Financial Report 2017</b>		
	<b>Balance at 01/01/2017</b>	<b>\$1,466,339</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	Donations	\$272,504
	Interest	\$37,616
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$310,120</b>
<i>*This amount will be included in the revenue of the 2018 ACAHF financial report.</i>	Sales of Condolence Cards	*\$2,521
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Research Projects	\$81,631
	Administration Expenses	\$374
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$82,005</b>
	<b>Surplus for year</b>	<b>\$228,115</b>
	<b>Balance at 31/12/2017</b>	<b>\$1,694,454</b>

**2017 ACAHF Trustees**

Roger Clarke  
Bruce Parry  
Liz Walker  
Garth McGilvray  
Matthew Retchford  
Phil Brain  
Graham Swinney

**2017 ACAHF Research Committee**

Mark Krockenberger  
Graham Burgess  
Steve Holloway  
Martin Combs  
Anne Peaston  
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**Donors to the Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation 2017**

The Trustees of the ACAHF wish to acknowledge the generous bequest from Patricia Williams and thank the following donors for their kind support in 2017:

**\$5000+**

The Estate of Patricia Williams

Searle, Philip *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
West Pennant Hills Veterinary Hospital

**\$1,000 – \$4,999**

Adelaide Animal Hospitals  
Baulkham Hills Veterinary Hospital  
Benchimol, Leonie  
Chatswood Veterinary Clinic  
Eden, Trevor & Kathryn *in loving memory of Tammy, Misty & Bonnie*  
Fayman, Yvonne *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
Frankston Heights Veterinary Centre  
Haberfield Veterinary Hospital  
Harbord Veterinary Clinic  
Keysborough Veterinary Practice  
Officeworks BSI Team  
Seaforth Veterinary Hospital

**\$500 – \$999**

Aldgate Veterinary Clinic  
Bayview Veterinary Surgery  
Blackburn Animal Hospital  
Collins, Joanna *in loving memory of Bailey*  
Stephen Terrace Veterinary Clinic  
Szwarc, Martin *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
Terrigal Veterinary Hospital  
The Animal Doctors at Pakenham  
Weston Creek Veterinary Clinic



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**\$100 – \$499**

Allambie Vet  
Alstonville Veterinary Hospital  
Bell, Renae *in loving memory of Tyson*  
Clayton, Allison *in loving memory of Happy*  
Dukes, Rochelle *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
Faddy, Jennifer *in loving memory of Uno & Due*  
Greenvale Animal Hospital  
Hewitt, Miranda  
Hirsch, Naarilla *in loving memory of Callisto*  
Hodge, Norman *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
Johnston, T & E  
Jones, Norma & Fay *in loving memory of Millie*  
Kafka, Judi *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
Kaseman, Malvern *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
Lipp, Mary *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
Marcoola Veterinary Surgery  
Martin, Kae *in loving memory of Rupert Primus Martin*  
McClelland, Dinah *in loving memory of curly*  
Millwood, Wade & Lorraine *in loving memory of Benny*  
Ness, Roslynn  
O'Grady, Therese *in loving memory of Wallace Birrell & Sooty O'Grady*  
Preston, Sue *in loving memory of Scooby*  
Small Animal Specialist Hospital  
Stuk, Diane *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
Stuk, Jack *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
Swinney, Graham *in loving memory of Monique*  
The Alice Springs Veterinary Hospital  
Trepper, Mr E *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
Turley, Rosemary  
Walter, Leisa  
Waugh, Rachel  
Wyner, Gillian *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*

**Up to \$99**

Andersen, Margaret *in loving memory of Victoria, Albert & Alfie*  
Bennett, Patsy *in loving memory of Jolie*  
Byrne, Garth *in loving memory of Fluffy*  
Connelly, Margaret  
Cotterell, Frank & Julie *in loving memory of Muffin*  
Danko, Ronald & Isabelle *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*  
Ferguson, Ian *in loving memory of Suzi the Sheltie*  
Findlay, Maureen *in loving memory of Cosi*  
Furlong, Gabrielle *in loving memory of Lovely Lily*  
Futt, Livia *in loving memory of Annie*  
Gore, Elizabeth *in loving memory of Sasha*  
Graham, Dr John  
Harman, L C  
Innamorati, Y *in loving memory of Nuala*  
Jamieson, Wendy *in loving memory of Zoe*  
King, Lisa  
Lindholm, Peter *in loving memory of Stokes*  
Lockyer Avenue Veterinary Hospital  
Martin, Patricia *in loving memory of Mickey Martin*  
McEachern, John *in loving memory of Cooper*  
McGuire, Wendy *in loving memory of Claudie Boy & Sam*  
Nash, Linda & Nick *in loving memory of Crumpet*  
Percival, Michele *in loving memory of Indi*  
Price, Margaret  
Retallick, Peter *in loving memory of Princess*  
Roth, Patrizia *in loving memory of Monti*  
Scandurra, Angelino & Colleen *in loving memory of Foxy*  
Schou-Hansen, Bodil *in loving memory of Louis & Billie*  
Souter, Patricia *in loving memory of Dallas*  
Sunbury Animal Hospital  
Vidler, Janet *in loving memory of Jessie*  
Whaikawa, Anita *in loving memory of Jackie Lochrie*  
Whitehorse Veterinary Hospital



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