

# The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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 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 and bequests for 2018 totalled \$746,369 plus \$4,425 from the sale of condolence cards. This money will be used to fund research grants for 2019. The Trustees would like to thank all those 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 monies 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 selected based on the direct benefit to companion animal species. Some examples include investigations into arthritis, heart disease, diabetes and cancer that focus on a better understanding of the basic disorder, and therefore 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 2018 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

### RESEARCH FUNDED IN 2018 INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING GRANTS

The list below shows projects continuing or commencing in 2018 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, the Hilda Whitton Trust and The Estate of Patricia Williams.*

- Evaluating the safety and in vitro efficacy of prolonged storage of canine liquid plasma  
*Claire Sharp, Murdoch University*
- Biomarkers of anaphalaxis in dogs  
*Lisa Smart, Murdoch University*
- Safer use of alfaxalone for induction of anaesthesia in cats and dogs with elevated anaesthetic risk  
*Ted Whitem, The University of Melbourne*
- Localisation of candidate tumour-virus FcaGHV1 in feline lymphoma using in situ hybridisation  
*Julia Beatty, The University of Sydney*
- Genomic investigation of outbreaks of feline calicivirus virulent systemic disease in Australian cats  
*Vanessa Barrs, The University of Sydney*
- Could the newly discovered canine tick-borne pathogen *Hepatazoon canis* really be endemic in Australia?  
*Peter Irwin, Murdoch University*



## FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

	<b>Balance at 01/01/2018</b>	<b>\$1,694,454</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	Donations	\$35,981
	Bequests	\$710,388
	Sales of Condolence Cards	\$4,425
	Interest & Dividends	\$74,788
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$825,582</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Research Projects	\$72,873
	Administration Expenses	\$6,629
	Investment Expenses	\$88,245
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$167,747</b>
	<b>Surplus for year</b>	<b>\$657,835</b>
	<b>Balance at 31/12/2018</b>	<b>\$2,352,289</b>

## 2018 ACAHF TRUSTEES

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The Estate of the Late Elizabeth Ruth French

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**\$100 – \$499**

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**UP TO \$99**

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