

The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation

2019 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 2019 totalled \$30,533 plus \$1,359 from the sale of condolence cards. This money will be used to fund research grants for 2020. 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) group within 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 2019 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

Research grants funded in 2019

The list below shows projects continuing or commencing in 2019 that were funded from ACAHF general funds. These grants were assisted by funds from: *The Oattie Testa Memorial Fund, The Sue Du Val Memorial Fund, The Hilda Whitton Trust, The Estate of Patricia Williams and The Estate of The Late Elizabeth Ruth French.*

- // Evaluation of fusidic acid metabolism and pharmacokinetics for dose determination in dogs
Andrew Woodward, The University of Melbourne
- // The feline urinary microbiome; exploring its influence in health and disease
Mary Thompson, Murdoch University and The University of Sydney
- // Brown snake envenomation in cats – are two antivenom doses better than one? Investigation using an adaptively re-used simple prognostic scheme
Anne Peaston, The University of Adelaide
- // Peri-operative effects of trazodone in dogs to reduce anxiety and improve welfare
Antony Nicholson, The University of Adelaide
- // Investigating the exposure of North Queensland dogs to *Leptospira* spp. Serovars: building a One Health approach to surveillance
Bronwyn Orr, The University of Sydney
- // Prevalence of CYB5R3 mutation associated with methaemoglobinaemia in Pomeranian dogs
Anne Peaston, The University of Adelaide
- // Could wild dogs be a source of canine parvovirus transmission to domestic dogs at the urban fringe?
Mark Kelman, The University of Sydney
- // Investigating the exposure of North Queensland dogs to *Dirofilaria immitis*
Bronwyn Orr, The University of Sydney
- // Evaluating changes in haemostatic factor activity with prolonged cold storage of canine whole blood
Claire Sharp, Murdoch University
- // The effects of bolus therapy using either hydroxyethyl starch 130/0.4 or Hartmann's solution on coagulation in dogs: a randomised blinded clinical trial
Corrin Boyd, Murdoch University
- // Age-associated differences in response to mild dehydration in healthy cats
Joyce Lai Yu Chow, Small Animal Specialist Hospital

FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

	Balance at 01/01/2019	\$2,343,788
REVENUE	Donations	\$29,798
	Bequests	\$735
	Sales of Condolence Cards	\$1,359
	Interest & Dividends	\$80,446
	Unrealised Gain on Financial Assets	\$278,873
	Realised Gain on Disposal of Financial Assets	\$3,867
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$395,078
EXPENDITURE	Research Projects	\$65,504
	Administration Expenses	\$43,284
	Other Expenses	\$476
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$109,264
	Total Comprehensive Income for Year	\$285,814
	Balance at 31/12/2019	\$2,629,602

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Lewandowski, Susan *in loving memory of Bully*
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