



AUSTRALIAN
COMPANION ANIMAL
HEALTH FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation (ACAHF) was established in 1989 as a non-profit trust of the AVA to better pet health through science.

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 vets 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 2021 will be used to fund future research grants. The directors would like to thank all those who donated so generously.

Originally governed by a board of honorary trustees, a corporate trustee has been in place since December 2020 with the previous trustees being appointed as honorary directors of the corporate trustee. The directors 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 vets from veterinary schools and private practices around Australia.

The ASAV 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.

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 2021 to the Foundation by pet owners, vets and industry.

2021 ACAHF DIRECTORS

- Bruce Parry
- Liz Walker
- Garth McGilvray
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- Maureen Revington

2021 ACAHF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- Mark Krockenberger
- Chiara Palmieri
- Martin Combs
- Anne Peaston
- Ted Whitem

RESEARCH GRANTS FUNDED IN 2021

The list below shows projects continuing or commencing in 2021 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*, *The Estate of Patricia Williams*, *The Estate of Elizabeth Ruth French* and *The Estate of Eric William Ryan*.

- Determining the utility of acute-phase proteins in assessing the clinical progress of remdesivir treatment for naturally occurring feline infectious peritonitis in domestic cats *Prof Jacqueline Norris, The University of Sydney*
- The impact of extreme heat conditions on the health and mortality of canines in the Greater Metropolitan Region of Sydney *Dr Anne Quain, The University of Sydney*
- The prevalence of hypersomatotropism in diabetic cats in Australia *Joanna White, Small Animal Specialist Hospital*
- Are Australian veterinarians prepared for *Ehrlichia canis*? A multidisciplinary investigation into the diagnostic accuracy of canine monocytic ehrlichiosis tests *Dr Charlotte Oskam, Murdoch University*
- Evaluating changes in haemostatic factor activity associated with prolonged cold storage of canine whole blood collected from greyhound community donors *Dr Claire Sharp, Murdoch University*
- Topical delivery of firocoxib to the dog *Prof Paul Mills, The University of Queensland*
- What is the biomechanical effect of adding an orthogonal plate in plate repairs of complex fracture? *Dr Brett de Bruyn, Murdoch University*

FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

	Balance at 01/01/2021	\$3,002,720
REVENUE	Donations and Sale of Condolence Cards	\$26,634
	Bequests	\$0
	Interest, Dividends and Distributions	\$104,057
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$130,691
EXPENDITURE	Research Projects	\$70,073
	Administration Expenses	\$63,142
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$133,215
	DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	-\$2,524
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Realised Loss on Sale of Shares	-\$8,464
	Unrealised Gain on Investment	\$340,966
	Other Expenses	-\$3,154
	TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR YEAR	\$326,824
	Balance at 31/12/2021	\$3,329,544

DONORS TO THE AUSTRALIAN COMPANION ANIMAL HEALTH FOUNDATION 2021

The directors of the ACAHF wish to acknowledge and thank the following donors for their support in 2021:

\$5000+

- Fell, Zandy *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
- Giannakopoulos, Bill *in loving memory of Milo Forrest*
- Greenvale Animal Hospital

\$1,000 – \$4,999

- AdelaideVet
- Baulkham Hills Veterinary Hospital
- Cottesloe Vet
- Frankston Heights Veterinary Centre
- Harbord Veterinary Hospital
- Leonie Benchimol
- Turramurra Veterinary Hospital (James Thompson and Gretta Howard)
- West Pennant Hills Veterinary Hospital
- Hewitt, Miranda
- Jolly, Meredith
- Kowal, Emma
- Lenga, Jason *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
- Lipp, Jonathon *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
- Lunn, Priscilla
- Murray, Helen *in loving memory of Xena, Meow Camilleri, and Riley and Emmy Melder*
- Stones Corner Vet Surgery
- Tancock, Geoffrey
- Walker, Liz
- Walter, Leisa

\$500 – \$999

- Aldgate Veterinary Clinic
- Chatswood Veterinary Clinic
- Hodge, Freda and Norman *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
- Seaforth Veterinary Hospital
- Stephen Terrace Veterinary Clinic
- The Animal Doctors
- Weston Creek Veterinary Hospital
- Zelman, Sara and Aaron *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*

\$100 – \$499

- Altman, Eden *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
- Bayview Veterinary Surgery
- Borsky, David *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
- Busuttil, Maureen *in loving memory of Roxie*
- Diggers Rest Animal Hospital

UP TO \$99

- Bass, Ryan *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
- Cotterell, Francis and Julie *in loving memory of Muffin*
- Friends of Jacqui Forrest *in loving memory of Milo Forrest*
- Kirk, Terry
- Loidl, Kobi
- McGuire, Wendy *in loving memory of Claudie Boy and Sam*
- Murray, Alexander and Lurlene
- Piercy, Marianne *in acknowledgement of the exceptional and caring service provided by the Stephen Terrace Veterinary Clinic*
- Price, Margaret
- Sonnenberg, Goldie *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
- Thornthwaite, Bruce

