



AUSTRALIAN
COMPANION ANIMAL
HEALTH FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation (ACAHF) was established in 1989 as a non-profit trust of the AVA to help provide 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 2022 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 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 2022 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians and industry.

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RESEARCH GRANTS FUNDED IN 2022

The list below shows projects continuing or commencing in 2022 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*.

- Effects of red-bellied black snake venom on feline erythrocytes *Karen Jackson, The University of Queensland*
- Implementation of a peri-operative care package for prevention of hypotension and acute kidney injury in dogs undergoing elective ovariohysterectomy *Christopher Quinn, Charles Sturt University*
- A double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled trial to assess the efficacy of a herbal cream in treating canine atopic dermatitis in client-owned dogs *Allison Stewart, The University of Queensland*
- Establishing an evidence base for use of fusidic acid (FA) and rifampicin as oral antibiotics to treat systemic, methicillin-resistant staphylococcal infections in dogs, Part I: Assay development to quantify FA and rifampicin concentrations in canine plasma *Merran Govendir, The University of Sydney*
- Investigation of haemostatic abnormalities following brown snake (*Pseudonaja textilis*) envenomation in dogs *Wendy Goodwin, The University of Queensland*
- Characterisation of bacteriophages as alternative to antibiotics for the treatment of bacterial infections in dogs *Carola Venturini, The University of Sydney*
- Canine vaccination with monovalent *Leptospira interrogans* serovar Copenhageni: characterising the humoral immune response and its implication for the diagnosis of natural infection *Christine Griebsch, The University of Sydney*
- Determining the utility of acute-phase proteins in assessing the clinical progress of oral GS-441524 treatment for naturally occurring feline infectious peritonitis in domestic cats *Jacqueline Norris, The University of Sydney*
- Seroprevalence, urine shedding, risk factors and geospatial mapping of *Leptospira* infections of owned domestic cats in Sydney, Australia *Lara Boland, The University of Sydney*

FINANCIAL REPORT 2022

	Balance at 01/01/2022	\$3,329,544
REVENUE	Donations and Sale of Condolence Cards	\$32,648
	Bequests	\$0
	Interest, Dividends and Distributions	\$100,459
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$133,107
EXPENDITURE	Research Projects	\$54,451
	Administration Expenses	\$62,820
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$117,271
	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	\$ 15,836
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Realised Gain on Sale of Shares	\$5,139
	Unrealised Loss on Investment	-\$362,398
	Foreign Exchange Gain	\$240
	TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR YEAR	-\$357,019
	Balance at 31/12/2022	\$2,988,361

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The directors of the ACAHF wish to acknowledge and thank the following donors for their support in 2022:

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- AdelaideVet
- Baulkham Hills Veterinary Hospital
- Benchimol, Leonie
- Chatswood Veterinary Clinic
- Cottesloe Vet
- Frankston Heights Veterinary Centre
- Harbord Veterinary Hospital
- SASH
- West Pennant Hills Veterinary Hospital

\$500 – \$999

- Aldgate Veterinary Clinic
- Baytch, Vivienne on behalf of Leonie Benchimol
- Confidence Hackers Pty Ltd *in loving memory of Xena Murray and on behalf of her fur mum, Helen Murray*
- Fayman, Yvonne on behalf of Leonie Benchimol
- Greenvale Animal Hospital
- Kowal, Emma on behalf of Leonie Benchimol
- Lynn, Dominic
- Neck, David
- 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

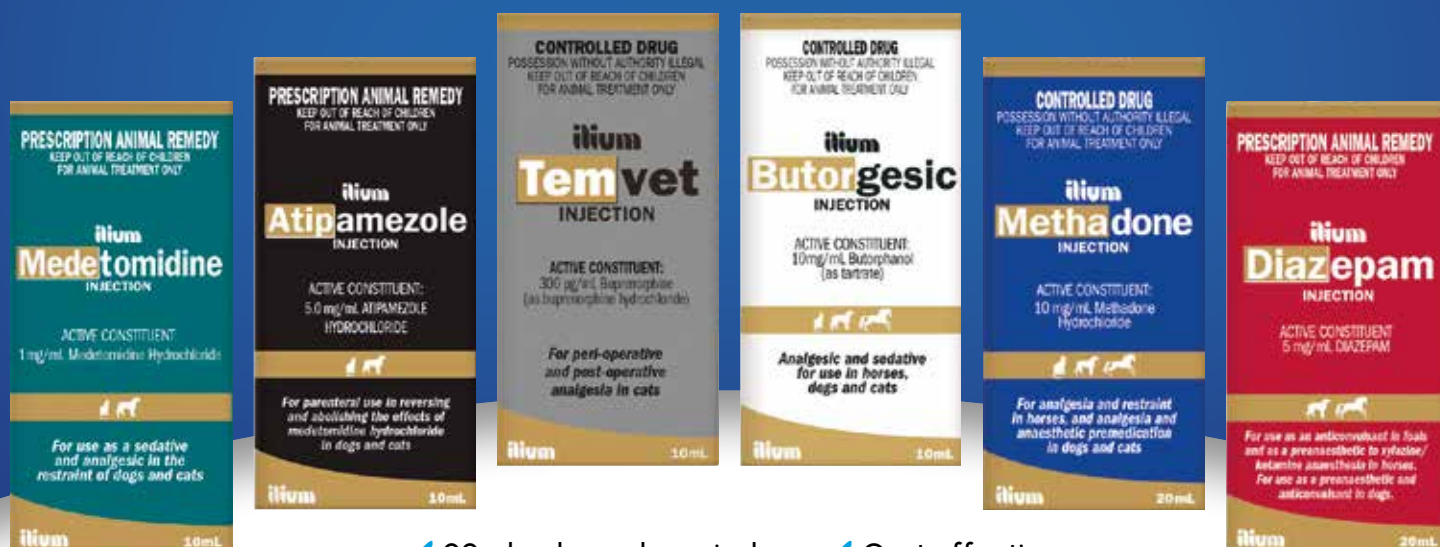
- Bowes, Keith
- Busuttill, Maureen *in loving memory of Roxie*
- Crawford, Julia
- Diggers Rest Animal Hospital
- Fell, Zandy *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
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- Macfarlane, Sue *in loving memory of Miss Molly*
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- Murray, Helen *in loving memory of Xena*

- Poel, Slava *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
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- Sonnenberg, Goldie *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
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- The Alice Springs Veterinary Hospital
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UP TO \$99

- Beames, Margaret *in loving memory of Alice*
- Craven, Stella
- Gryst, Mark
- Heaft, Kenneth *in loving memory of Lucy*
- Hodge, Freda and Norman *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
- Kinder, Mark
- McGuire, Wendy
- Murray, Helen *in loving memory of Jake Sumner*
- Napier, Ian *in loving memory of Reg*
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