



The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation (ACAHF) was established in 1989 as a non-profit trust of the Australian Veterinary Association (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 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 from 2024 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 veterinarians 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 2024 to the foundation by pet owners, veterinarians, and industry.

2024 ACAHF Directors

Garth McGilvray
Liz Walker
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2024 ACAHF Research Committee

Mark Krockenberger
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Anne Peaston
Bruce Mackay
Anthea Rasis
Nick Sangster
Karen Brenner

Research funded in 2024 included the following grants

The list below shows projects continuing or commencing in 2024 that were funded from ACAHF general funds.

- *The Roger Clarke Memorial Grant: Exploring the diagnostic potential of serum protein biomarkers for chronic enteropathies in dogs and cats. Craig Ruaux. The University of Sydney*
- *First-in-dog (FIDo) clinical trials for dogs with mammary cancer. Anne Peaston. The University of Adelaide.*
- *Ehrlichiosis and Haemostasis: A Pilot Study Coagulation Parameters and Peri- and Post-operative bleeding in asymptomatic dogs naturally infected with Ehrlichia canis in Australia. Amanda Duarte Barbosa. Murdoch University.*
- *Therapeutic monitoring of rivaroxaban therapy with anti-Xa activity in hospitalised dogs at risk of thrombosis. Claire Sharp. Murdoch University.*
- *Within-host evolution of common veterinary pathogens. Kate Worthing. The University of Sydney.*
- *Preventing recurrent ear infections in dogs: a single drop solution with novel antibiofilm gel. Jully Gogoi Tiwari. Murdoch University.*
- *Exploring effects of premedication and induction of anaesthesia on haematology and serum biochemistry. Murdoch University. Anthea Rasis.*
- *Exploring novel immunotherapies for Canine Osteosarcoma. Jose Granados. The University of Queensland.*
- *Genotyping Australian cats for ABCB1 gene mutation: Implications for drug sensitivity and veterinary pharmacogenomics. Robert Kinobe. James Cook University.*
- *One Health Laboratory Advancement: Fostering Innovation in Veterinary Teaching and Research through Molecular Diagnostics and Technology Integration. Amanda Duarte Barbosa. Murdoch University.*



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Financial Report 2024		
	Balance at 01/01/2024	\$3,384,002
REVENUE	Donations & Sale of Condolence Cards	\$40,826
	Bequests	\$500,000
	Interest, Dividends & Distributions	\$195,910
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$736,736
EXPENDITURE	Research Projects - ACAHF	\$91,979
	Research Projects - AGWSDV*	\$242
	Research Projects - TOTAL	\$92,221
	Administration & Compliance	\$46,238
	Consulting & Marketing	\$46,663
	Administration Expenses - TOTAL	\$92,901
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$185,122
	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	\$551,614
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Realised Gain on Sale of Shares	\$56,401
	Unrealised Gain on Investment	\$261,654
	Foreign Exchange Gain	\$114
	Other Comprehensive Income - TOTAL	\$318,169
	TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR YEAR	\$869,783
	Balance at 31/12/2024	\$4,253,785

*AGWSDV = Australian Greyhound Working and Sporting Dog Veterinarians

Donors to the Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation

Annual ACAHF grants are greatly assisted by past funding received 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
The Estate of Eric William Ryan
The Estate of Christine Mary Sawyer

Bequests gratefully received in 2024

The Directors of the ACAHF wish to acknowledge the generous bequest from The Estate of Dr Roger Clarke. Dr Roger Clarke was a true giant of the veterinary profession. He had an illustrious career that saw him specialise in small animal surgery, spending many years in active clinical practice, practice management and ownership, teaching, and academia, as well as his priceless contribution to the profession through the membership and leadership of various associations and committees. Roger was instrumental in the foundation of the Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation (ACAHF) in 1988, where he served as a trustee of the foundation until 2018. He continued to be a great advocate and supporter of the ACAHF until he passed away in December 2023. We thank Roger for his enormous contribution to the Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation (ACAHF).
Vale Dr Roger Clarke.



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The Directors of the ACAHF would also like to acknowledge the generous bequest from The Estate of Dallas Iredale and thank the following donors for their kind support in 2024:

\$5,000+

Clarke, Roger
Iredale, Dallas
Benchimol, Leonie

\$1,000 – \$4,999

AdelaideVet
Aldgate Veterinary Clinic
Baulkham Hills Veterinary Hospital
Baytch, Vivienne *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
Cottesloe Vet
Fayman, Yvonne & Ian *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
Frankston Heights Veterinary Centre
Harbord Veterinary Hospital
Kowal, Emma *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
Small Animal Specialist Hospital (SASH)
North Ryde
Tilse, Chloe *in loving memory of Simba*
West Pennant Hills Veterinary Hospital

\$500 – \$999

Burdon, Fay
Lipson, Garry *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
Porter, Mary *in loving memory of Chester Porter*
Segal, Julian *in loving memory of Julius Segal*
Stephen Terrace Veterinary Clinic
Teh, Dwina *in loving memory of Velma Last*
Webb, Alistair
Weston Creek Veterinary Hospital
Zelman, Aaron *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*

\$100 – \$499

Bertasso, Cherise *in loving memory of Zac and Cody Bertasso and with thanks to Rest Your Paws*
Busuttill, Maureen *in loving memory of Roxie*
Clarke, Jackson *in loving memory of Rex Williamson*
Diggers Rest Animal Hospital

Fell, Zandy *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
Fluen, Dr T
Gough, Alex *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Greenvale Animal Hospital
Hewitt, Miranda
Kent, Maree *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Kirstenfeldt, Danielle *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Kwok, Sally
Lipp, Jonathon *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
Macmahon, Elizabeth *in loving memory of Summer*
McMahon, Janette *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
McMahon, Tom & Muriel *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Murray, Helen *in loving memory of Xena*
Norris, Jacqui *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Pimm, Sarah *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Servera, Sophie *in loving memory of Pablo Escobark/Servera*
Stones Corner Veterinary Surgery
The Animal Doctors
Tilse, Alan *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Tilse, Amy & Zoe *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Trappett, Nathaniel *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Walter, Leisa
Walter Street Veterinary Clinic *in loving memory of Jax Jacklin & Soxie Paterson*

Up to \$99

Adal, Yener
Bray, Adam *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Buchan, Carolyn *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Carrigan, Georgina *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Carter, Leanne *in loving memory of Tonti Carter*

Carter, Mary *in loving memory of Zeek Carter*
Charles, Rob *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Cozens, Sandy *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Craig, Rowan *in loving memory of Max Cunliffe, Alison in loving memory of Kirby Den Elzen, Jan in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Gough, Anna & Andrew *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Green, Annie
Harry, Jonathon & Carolyn *in loving memory of Jack*
Hronopoulos, James *in loving memory of Sabre Hronopoulos*
Johnson, Jillian *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Jowett, Danielle *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Lipp, Beverley *on behalf of Leonie Benchimol*
Lo, Scarlet *on behalf of HeiYing*
Long, Aysha *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Malady-Meek, Darcy *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
McGilvray, Sue *in loving memory of Humphrey McGilvray*
McMahon, Michael *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
McGuire, Wendy *in loving memory of Claudie Boy and Sam*
Murray, Helen *on behalf of Roy Handley Restieaux, Candice in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Sander, Anna *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Schou-Hansen, Bodil
Sheer, Stevie *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
T, Tanya *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Warren, Nick *in support of Chloe Tilse and in memory of Simba*
Wood, Ornella *in loving memory of Cooper*

