

We have learned of the death of your pet through a very thoughtful memorial contribution to the Michigan Animal Health Foundation.

Those of us involved with companion animals know how dearly they are loved and how much a part of the family they become.

Although you have lost a friend, you can take comfort in knowing that other pets will benefit from this memorial gift.

The Michigan Animal Health Foundation will use the gift to continue seeking ways to improve the health of our special animal friends.

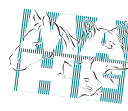
There is no better way to preserve a memory than through this meaningful gift.

*With sympathy
in memory of*

*The Michigan Animal
Health Foundation
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Please send me _____ memorial request cards.
Enclosed is \$ _____

Memorial request cards can be purchased individually for \$20 each or in quantities of 10 for \$150.

VETERINARIAN'S NAME _____

HOSPITAL NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE / ZIP _____

Please mail this contribution form to:
Michigan Animal Health Foundation
2144 Commons Parkway | Okemos, MI 48864-3986

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION



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PET'S NAME _____

SPECIES / BREED _____

DATE OF DEATH _____

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Please send acknowledgment to:

CLIENT'S NAME _____

CITY / STREET ADDRESS _____

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FUNDING IMPORTANT RESEARCH FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS

In order to improve the health and quality of life for animals, the Michigan Animal Health Foundation has funded grants for research and studies for more than 30 years, impacting veterinary medicine at all levels—from companion animals to the corporate farm.

In 1977, the first grant contributed to a young veterinarian's career success in clinical research. It was awarded to **Dr. David DeYoung**, currently the dean of veterinary medicine at Ross University. His study, "Anesthetic Potency of Nitrous Oxide During Halothane Anesthesia in the Dog" was published in the JAAHA, Jan./Feb. 1980, and led to several other pilot studies. Dr. DeYoung ultimately made a career change away from anesthesiology and into surgery and clearly remembers the visit to Mackinac Island to receive the grant award.

Several years later, **Dr. Douglas Weiss** began a long and illustrious career in hematology with a MAHF grant for "Studies of Depression Anemia in the Cat." Dr. Weiss became a recognized authority in hematology. He published two books, many articles, countless chapters, mentored many students, received awards, and has been a valued presenter at veterinary conferences. Dr. Weiss comments, "The MAHF grant was part of my initiation of a long career in hematology that included teaching, research, and hospital service."

In 1996, **Dr. John Kruger** instituted a study which clarified a course of treatment for cats with lower urinary tract disease called "Clinical evaluation of amitriptyline for management of acute idiopathic feline lower urinary tract disease." Results of the study indicate that there is no apparent benefit of short-term amitriptyline therapy on resolution of hematuria and pollakiuria in cats with acute idiopathic cystitis. In fact, short-term amitriptyline appeared to be

detrimental by increasing the likelihood and severity of recurrence of lower urinary tract signs.

In 1997, **Dr. Susan Ewart** conducted a study on the mode of inheritance for an ocular disease of horses termed "Anterior Segment Dysgenesis." In this disease, affected horses have a variety of congenital ocular abnormalities that may affect vision. As a result of the study, it was determined that the mode of inheritance was due to a defect in a single gene with co-dominant inheritance. Dr. Ewart comments, "The MAHF funding was an important source of support for understanding Anterior Segment Dysgenesis in horses, a previously unknown disease. It was essential for bringing awareness to horse owners, veterinarians, and veterinary ophthalmologists, impacting the health and well-being of horses."

In 2001, **Dr. Harold Schott II** conducted a study on horses which confirmed that clinical tests done in the summer and fall months yield many false positives, thereby supporting the stance that testing for pituitary pars intermedia dysfunction (PPID, or Cushing's Disease) must be strategically timed to yield reliable results. The study focused on PPID and the reliability of endocrinologic testing.

In 2003, **Dr. Edward Robinson's** study on "Air Quality in Michigan Stables" produced real information for the recreational horse owner as well as for professional horse trainers and led to a much larger study. Dr. Robinson says, "We are very grateful for the grant that we received from the Michigan Animal Health Foundation. It allowed us to show the feasibility of using modern air quality measuring techniques to examine the environmental challenges received by the respiratory system of the horse and this has led to a larger research project and to consultation opportunities."

In 2004, **Dr. Debbie Wilson** conducted a study on "The effect of pre-anesthetic meperidine on gastro-esophageal reflux and regurgitation during the subsequent anesthetic in dogs" which resulted in several presentations and publications. As a result of the study, there was a general increase in the awareness among anesthesia practitioners about the frequency and sequelae of anesthetic-induced GER.

In 2006, a student fellowship was awarded to **Abby Dye**, an MSU veterinary student to study the prevalence and transmission of diseases throughout the deer population in Michigan. "Serologic survey for infectious agents in free-ranging white-tailed deer in Michigan" examined the blood of deer harvested in November 2005 looking for various viral antibodies. The study introduced a student to research and the various possibilities available through veterinary medicine.

In 2007, MAHF supported a student from the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine Veterinary Food Systems Fellowship Program. This student worked closely with the MVMA to analyze the shortage of food animal veterinarians in the state of Michigan. Since this will affect our food supply, it was important research that has since been shared nationally with various organizations. In addition, the Food Systems Fellowship student assisted in creating recommended medical record guidelines for food animal practices and a medical record template, as well as engaging in market research for MVMA's Food Animal Practice Committee.

These studies are just a small sampling of those funded by the Michigan Animal Health Foundation. Please help us continue our mission of advancing science to benefit animals.



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MISSION

To provide financial assistance to individuals and institutions for educational and scientific purposes in order to advance science to benefit the health and welfare of animals.

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FOUNDATION FUNDS CRITICAL RESEARCH

The Michigan Animal Health Foundation is a charitable trust, founded in 1969 by the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA), to give members and their clients an opportunity to support, through tax exempt contributions, worthy causes related to animal health. The foundation was created to offer an opportunity to those who love animals to fund critical research that benefits the health and welfare of animals.

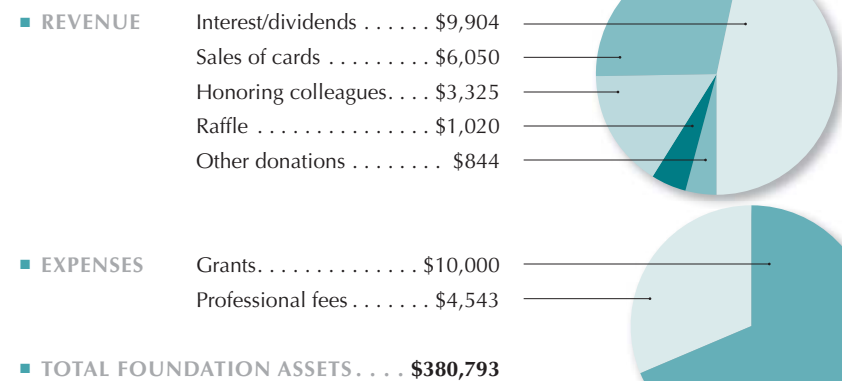
Over the years, the foundation has been involved in a wide array of research projects, from feline lower urinary tract disease to anterior segment dysgenesis in Rocky Mountain horses to anesthetic potency of nitrous oxide in dogs.

The foundation is governed by a board of trustees, comprised of a diverse group of veterinarians and four public members. The trustees work together to determine how grant money is allocated.

2008 HIGHLIGHTS

The Michigan Animal Health Foundation supported the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association's Healthy Pet Surgical Suite by funding two student coordinators for the educational exhibit. The exhibit held its debut at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit in 2007 and added nine additional fairs to the summer itinerary in 2008. The emphasis is on educating the public on the importance of spaying and neutering pets, as well as careers in veterinary medicine. In addition, the traveling exhibit served as a chance for guests to get up close and personal with the veterinary profession by participating in "You're the Vet: Case Studies," "Careers in Veterinary Medicine" presentations, and "Future Vet" children's activities. There was also a "Tools of the Veterinarian" display featuring radiographs, microscopes, and a variety of materials that veterinarians use everyday to diagnose and care for their patients. Live surgery demonstrations were held at the Michigan State Fair and the Chelsea Fair. Skilled veterinarians performed 40 surgeries over the three-day exhibit in Chelsea. In Detroit, teams performed spay and neuter operations on 43 dogs and 58 cats over 10 days at the fair.

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT



2008 FOUNDATION DONORS

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J. A. & Kathy Cragwall, Jr.	In memory of Dr. Duane Kosht	\$25.00	MVMA	Raffle proceeds	\$1,020.00
West Michigan VMA	In memory of Dr. Duane Kosht	\$100.00	Grand Valley State University	Refund from grant study	\$333.52
MVMA	In memory of Dr. Fred Endres	\$50.00	TOTAL FOR 2008		\$11,238.52

IMPROVING ANIMAL HEALTH IN MANY WAYS

DONATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND VETERINARY CLIENTS By sending a donation to the Michigan Animal Health Foundation you express your understanding of the wonderful bond we share with our animal friends. Your support makes a difference. Your donations will be used to provide financial assistance to individuals and institutions for education and scientific purposes that benefit animal health and welfare. Donors show appreciation for the love and companionship our animal friends give us, to express thanks or acknowledge the care provided by a special veterinarian.

DONATIONS FROM VETERINARIANS Losing a beloved pet is difficult. Veterinarians often make donations in their clients' deceased pets' name, which is a timely and thoughtful gesture. Memorial cards are sold individually for \$20 each or in quantities of 10 for \$150. A sympathy card is sent to the client's home.

In addition to gifts which memorialize pets and their people, donors make tax-deductible donations to:

- celebrate a pet's birthday,
- honor a show winner,
- express joy at a pet's recovery from a serious illness or injury, or
- recognize a recent graduate.

LEAVING A LEGACY THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is a form of charitable giving in which one's assets are given through wills and estate plans in order to enhance a nonprofit organization's work. Most planned gifts are by a simple bequest in a will. Planned giving is a way for individuals to add satisfaction and meaning to their lives by assisting organizations close to their hearts.

Some donors work with their attorney, accountant or financial advisor to provide for future gifts while reserving an income interest using a charitable remainder trust, charitable gift annuities, or pooled income funds. Assets used to fund planned gifts include life insurance, IRA beneficiary designations, and appreciated assets such as securities and real estate.

REMEMBERING LEADERS IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

The foundation also serves as the contributory vehicle to recognize deceased members of friends and colleagues. When contributions reach \$500, the member's name is engraved on a plaque, which is proudly displayed in the MVMA office. The inscription reads:

As a tribute to a lifetime devoted to the profession of veterinary medicine, these deceased members of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association have been remembered by family, colleagues, and friends with contributions to the Michigan Animal Health Foundation dedicated to the health of animals.

