



American Veterinary Medical Foundation

We Care for Animals

2009 Annual Report



Support AVMA and Its Initiatives | Humane Outreach and Animal Welfare
Student Enhancement | Education and Public Awareness | Research Support



We care for animals... Every day

Dear Friends of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF):

We CARE for animals!

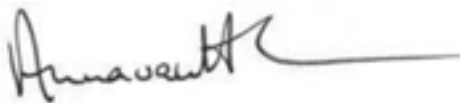
These are the four simple words that define who we are and what we do every day.

We are veterinarians, veterinarian technicians, veterinary students, animal professionals and support staff who care for animals. The AVMF's mission is to advance the health and well-being of animals, and we do this by funding programs that help to prevent animal diseases, treat animals, educate students and teach the general public about animal health.

During 2009, AVMF continued to provide much-needed animal care support at the local, state and national levels. A major focus was supporting the Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMATs) that work tirelessly to ensure that veterinarians are equipped to support the animal populations should disaster strike. Another key focus was expanding our scholarship program initiative to ensure that a well-prepared veterinary workforce is in place for future years, and to help veterinary students and scholars manage the substantial financial burden that can accompany a quality veterinary education.

In 2010, you'll see even more evidence of how AVMF cares for animals and supports the veterinary education and training so instrumental to animal care. Look for AVMF to increase support within its strategic priorities of: supporting the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and its initiatives, humane outreach and animal welfare, student enhancement, education and public awareness, and research support.

On behalf of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, we thank you for your generous support.



Kind regards,
Anna van Heeckeren, DVM, MS
Board Chair



Michael Cathey
Executive Director

We care about...

Meeting unmet needs

“ I see so many unmet needs within the animal care community—public education, unwanted and abandoned animals, student debt, disaster relief, research. It takes just a small act to initiate a much larger movement. ”

» Clark K. Fobian, DVM

The small acts of AVMF’s dedicated supporters allow AVMF to remain at the forefront in addressing the needs of the animal care community. In 2009, the AVMF laid the groundwork for progress with the creation of its five strategic goals:

- Support AVMA and Its Initiatives
- Humane Outreach and Animal Welfare
- Student Enhancement
- Education and Public Awareness
- Research Support

The goals were defined based on needs identified by veterinarians, pet owners and AVMF supporters. By focusing on these areas, AVMF has opened doors to potential partnerships with companies and individuals that expand our programming, build awareness of animal care issues, and connect with pet owners and the general public.

Our strategic roadmap developments and the accomplishments that we achieved in 2009 are thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters. To see a list of the many individuals and companies that support the AVMF’s work and mission, go to:

AVMF.org/donors



We care about...

Supporting AVMA and its initiatives



With more than 80,000 members, 83% of U.S. veterinarians, the American Veterinary Medical Association is a national leader in improving animal and human health.

By identifying ways to support AVMA's efforts and developing programs in collaboration with it, AVMF makes a major impact in this area. Each organization utilizes its respective strengths and assets to improve animal care.

In 2009, AVMF provided significant support to AVMA's Veterinary Medical Assistance Team (VMAT) program. This 18-year-old program enlists volunteer veterinarians who are highly trained in emergency preparedness and response to assist proactively and on-demand in local, state and national emergencies. Dr. Heather Case, AVMA's director of scientific activities and coordinator for emergency preparedness and response, says,

“Essential primary funding for the program from AVMF provides the volunteer veterinarian/veterinary technician teams with equipment and uniforms, ongoing training, and the ability to deploy to assist state and local organizations during times of crisis and need.”

The VMAT program has four regional teams with approximately 150 total volunteers spread across the country. In 2009, AVMF funding supported:

- The VMAT Tri-State Training in April 2009 with local, regional, state and national responders from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.
- The VMAT 2 co-hosted a full-scale field exercise with local search and rescue teams in Maryland. More than 160 individuals and representatives from eight states and Canada participated.

We care about...

Humane outreach and animal welfare

The elimination of animal abuse and suffering is core to AVMF's mission. Caring for animals in need is one of the most rewarding opportunities for veterinarians, and they embrace involvement with shelter assistance, disaster relief and other activities.

AVMF supports state animal disaster preparedness and response efforts in a number of ways. We **award grants** to organizations for training and training-related activities, medical supplies and disaster response-related equipment. We **provide reimbursement and relief** for veterinarians who care for the animal victims of a disaster and for the restoration of veterinary infrastructure affected by a disaster. And we **sponsor emergency medical training** to prepare veterinarians to care for animals before, during and after a disaster.

In 2009, we provided assistance to the following grantees:

State Level

- Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation
- Connecticut Veterinary Medical Foundation
- Indiana Horse Council Foundation
- Kansas State Animal Response Team
- Minnesota Animal Disaster Coalition
- Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Foundation
- Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association
- Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation
- Utah Emergency Animal Response Coalition, Inc.

Reimbursement and Relief

Grants were awarded to veterinarians for their work following these disasters:

- Fire: Southern California
- Flooding: Iowa, North Dakota
- Hurricanes: Gustav, Ike
- Tornadoes: Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma



Regional/State Disaster Training Sessions

- Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association - Foundation
- Navajo Nation Veterinary & Livestock Program
- Purdue University - School of Veterinary Medicine
- Tennessee - Hamilton County Disaster Animal Response Team
- Washington State University - College of Veterinary Medicine
- Wisconsin Department of Agriculture - Division of Animal Health
- Wyoming Department of Health

We care about...

Student enhancement

Veterinarians are well-respected by the public for the role they play in keeping animals healthy and enhancing their quality of life. That's why AVMF invests in the quality education and training of future veterinarians.

AVMF has made a significant impact in empowering students to achieve their goals in veterinary medicine. We are proud to say this work will continue well into the future. Work got underway in 2009 for the first Pfizer Animal Health scholarships to be announced in 2010.



“The American Veterinary Medical Foundation is very pleased to be partnering with Pfizer Animal Health on this exciting new scholarship program which will provide significant impact across the country for veterinary students,” explains Michael Cathey, executive director of the AVMF. “Thanks to the generosity of Pfizer Animal Health, this new scholarship program is a tremendous leap forward, not only in addressing rising veterinary student debt but also in addressing diversity and workforce shortages in food animal veterinary medicine.”

AVMF awarded additional scholarships through its **AVMF Veterinary Student Scholarship program**:

Jessica Balter, Cornell University, Class of 2011, Concentration: Shelter Medicine

Julie Paige Brown, University of Tennessee, Class of 2011, Concentration: Laboratory Animal Medicine

Jennifer Bruno, Louisiana State University, Class of 2010, Concentration: Disaster / Underserved Communities

Carrie Coffey, University of Florida, Class of 2011, Concentration: Disaster / Public Health

Nicole Dalesandro, Purdue University, Class of 2011, Concentration: Shelter / Equine Medicine

Jennafer Glaesemann, Iowa State University, Class of 2011, Concentration: Livestock / Food Animal

Keri Grace, Auburn University, Class of 2012, Concentration: Shelter Medicine

Sarah A. Hamer, Michigan State University, Class of 2011, Concentration: Public Health / Research

Kristen Hummel, Mississippi State University, Class of 2011, Concentration: Public Health / Disease Control

Jaimi Johnson, University of Minnesota, Class of 2012, Concentration: Public Health / Shelter Medicine

Kristen L. Kelly, Tufts University, Class of 2011, Concentration: Shelter Medicine

Cheryl Kolus, Colorado State University, Class of 2012, Concentration: Veterinary Behaviorism

Jennifer McRobbie, Tufts University, Class of 2010, Concentration: Public Health / Disease Control

Victoria Meehan, Mississippi State University, Class of 2011, Concentration: Large Animal / Disaster

Kristen Moore, University of Georgia, Class of 2010, Concentration: Shelter Medicine

Rachael Reith, Mississippi State University, Class of 2011, Concentration: Disaster / VMAT

Heather Rogers, University of Florida, Class of 2011, Concentration: Disaster Relief

Kristen Twedt, Michigan State University, Class of 2011, Concentration: Food Animal / Disaster

Kelvin Urday, University of Missouri, Class of 2011, Concentration: Public Health / Disaster

Ruth Usher, University of Georgia, Class of 2011, Concentration: Shelter Medicine

Anya Valdes-Dapena, University of Pennsylvania, Class of 2011, Concentration: Shelter Medicine

Students attending an accredited college of veterinary medicine in the United States are encouraged to apply for funding if they are pursuing a career in animal health studies, shelter medicine, or disaster preparedness and response efforts.

We care about...

Education and public awareness

The benefits of veterinary medicine to animal and human well-being are sometimes not recognized or fully understood by the general public. AVMF bridges that gap through education and awareness, programs and projects aimed at the animal-owning public. Two of these are Our Oath in Action Shelter Rehab program and the Pet Memorial and Tribute program.

During AVMA's 146th Annual Convention in Seattle, AVMF brought the second annual **Our Oath in Action** project to two animal shelters and a horse rescue facility.

“ We wanted to be a part of the cleanup efforts in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, and that's why we started this great program,” explains Dr. Bruce Little, 2009 project coordinator. “Our Oath in Action program offers two things, compassion and labor, and if we can utilize those two resources to help repair and refurbish shelters, then this program will be a great success. ”

More than 200 conventioners volunteered their time to paint animal shelters, build fences, relocate and rebuild a storage barn, prepare and wash cats and dogs for an adoption event, clean up kennels and outdoor exercise yards, and do what they do better than anyone else—work with animals. Hope For Horses, King County Animal Care and Seattle Animal Shelter were the three organizations that benefited from their efforts.



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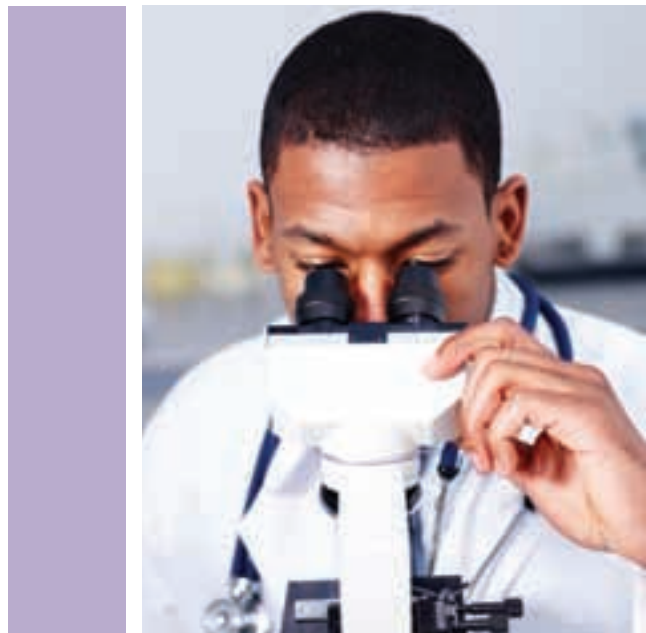
Research support

“ Research is critical to advancing the art and science of veterinary and human medicine. I envision a day when research to benefit animals is as much of a priority as research to benefit people, because animal and human health are so intertwined. ”

» Anna van Heeckeren, DVM, MS
Board Chair
AVMF

Great strides have been made in the advancement and availability of veterinary medicine. AVMF is committed to building on this progress through our Research Support Initiative.

Investments in this initiative help us to improve animal health by funding critical research and supporting the development, testing, production and distribution of new products. We look forward to making even more of an impact in this area in 2010.



Financials

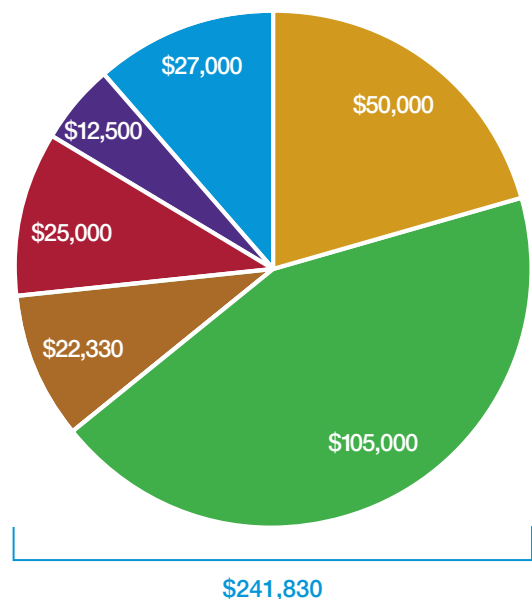
AVMF Statement of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2009

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2009 Total	Summarized 2008 Total
Revenue, Gains and Other Support					
Donations	\$512,946	\$427,182	—	\$940,128	\$723,587
Investment Income (loss)	85,161	7,194	—	92,355	(57,504)
Miscellaneous Income	1,918	—	—	1,918	—
Total Revenue and Gains	600,025	434,376	—	1,034,401	666,083
Net Assets Released from Restrictions					
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	197,341	(194,341)	—	—	—
Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support	797,366	237,035	—	1,034,401	666,083
Expenses					
Program					
Direct Program Grants					
Disaster Relief and Response	181,830	—	—	181,830	297,639
Scholarships	27,000	—	—	27,000	23,000
Animal Studies	12,500	—	—	12,500	30,000
Indirect Program Expenses	285,755	—	—	285,755	170,153
Management and General	210,185	—	—	210,185	248,028
Fundraising	151,277	—	—	151,277	190,423
Total Expenses	868,547	—	—	868,547	959,243
Change in Net Assets	(71,181)	237,035	—	165,854	(293,160)
Net Assets					
Beginning of Year	784,857	1,122,720	\$113,515	2,021,092	2,314,252
End of Year	713,676	1,359,755	113,515	2,186,946	2,021,092

What Our 2009 Grants Funded:

- Disaster/Emergency Preparedness-National
- Disaster/Emergency Preparedness-State
- Disaster/Emergency Preparedness-Training
- Animal Health Studies
- Education/Sylvester Scholarship



Pet memorial and tribute program

The loss of a pet can be devastating for people who have lost their beloved companion. But there are also happy occasions, such as the celebration of a pet's birthday. The AVMF recognizes the important role pets play in the lives of their owners.

Our Pet Memorial and Tribute program offers the opportunity to send a card for any occasion. In 2009 alone, we sent out 8,000 cards.

If you would like AVMF to send a memorial or tribute card for a pet or a person in your life, go to AVMF.org/memorialandtribute. All proceeds benefit humane outreach and animal welfare.

In loving memory of some of the pets we lost this year...

Abby	DJ	Little Miss	Rush
Angel	Doggie	Lou Lou (Molly)	Rusty
Annie	Easter	Lucky	Sadie
Anson	Evan	Lucy	Sally
Ashley	Fat Boy	Lydia	Samba
Bailey	Ferocious	Mac	Samson
Bam Bam	Fifi	Madeline	Sandy
Bandit	Flash	Maggie	Scooter
Barney	Fletcher	Magnolia	Shadow
Baxter	Fudgie	Glen	Sissy
Bear	Ginger	Mako	Skyy
Benny	Gizmo	Max	Snickers
Bert	Goober	Maxine	Spike
Betsy	Gotto	Maya	Spitfire
Bingo	Grady	Meeko	Sport
Blaise	Gypsy & Zena	Milky Way	Sydney
Bobby	Harley	Missy	Taz
Bogey	Harpo	Moochie	Tia
Bonnie	Harry	Moose	Tiger
Boo	Hershey	Ms. Pushy	Tippy
Boomer	Honey	Muffin	Toby
Boss	Ivy	Murphy	Trooper
Bowden	Izzie	Nasby	Tux
Brandy	Jacques	Nikki	Tyson
Bridget	Jazzie	O'Reilly	Vicki
Bubba	Jill	Oliver	Wiley
Bud	Jim	Penny	Wilson
Buddy	Katie	Pogo	Yoda
Casper	Kazi	Princess	Yogi
Catfish	Kiki	Pumpkin	Yoshe
Cleopatra	Kiowa	Punkin	Yup
Coal	Kirby	Reilley	Zeke
Cocoa	Kofax	Remmie	Zoey
Daisy	Kofax	Riley	
DeDe	Lance	Rosebud	
Dixie	Levi		



We care about animals...

And you can help!



Our donors are very important to our work.
To see our honor roll of donors, visit [AVMF.org/donors](https://avmf.org/donors).

There are many ways you can help us to assist animals and strengthen veterinary education. No matter what the size of your gift, you can make a significant impact in your community and across the nation.

You can also make a difference by volunteering to help with projects like Our Oath in Action or serving on various committees dedicated to planning and improving the American Veterinary Medical Foundation.

Annual Giving/Major Giving

Choose to make annual gifts or a one-time major gift. You can designate your gift to the program or initiative of your choice. Visit [AVMF.org/donate](https://avmf.org/donate).

Memorial and Honor Giving

This is a wonderful opportunity to honor a special person, pet or event in your life. This is also a way to show your sympathy for the loss of a loved one or a loved one's special companion.

Planned Giving

Secure the future of animal health and welfare. There are many ways you can leave your legacy with AVMF. Please contact mcathey@avma.org if you are interested in naming American Veterinary Medical Foundation in your will or other estate plans.



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