



**BRITISH VETERINARY ASSOCIATION
ANIMAL WELFARE FOUNDATION
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 DECEMBER 2009**

Registered charity: 287118

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Legal and Administrative Information

The British Veterinary Association Animal Welfare Foundation (otherwise known as BVA AWF or “the Foundation”) is a registered charity, number 287118, constituted by Deed of Trust dated May 1983.

The BVA AWF office is at BVA, 7 Mansfield Street, London W1G 9NQ

The Trustees of the BVA AWF are all veterinary surgeons; the following were Trustees during 2009:

Mr Carl Padgett BVMS CertCHP MRCVS Chairman - (Norman Hayward Trustee)
Mr Simon Adams BVM&S BSc MRCVS – retired 27.09. 2009
Mr David Chennells VetMB MA CertPM MRCVS (Norman Hayward Trustee)
Dr Tiffany Cottrell BVMS MSc PhD DACVPM (epidemiology) CertWEL MRCVS RAVC (BVA AWF Treasurer)
Ms Joanne Fielder MRCVS – appointed 27.09. 2009
Dr Pete Goddard BVetMed PhD MRCVS (Director, BVA AWF Trading)
Mrs Emma Goodman-Milne BVSc MRCVS
Mr David Harwood BVetMed MRCVS
Prof Andrea Nolan MVB PhD MRCVS
Mr Pete Southgate BVetMed MSc MRCVS
Mr Andrew Trawford BVSc MSc MRCVS
Mr Sean Wensley BVSc MSc MRCVS (Norman Hayward Trustee) re-appointed 27.09.2009

Prof William Reilly BVMS BSc DVSM HonFRCVS (BVA President) – appointed 27.09.2009
Mrs Nichola Paull BVSc MRCVS (BVA Past President)
Mr Nick Blayney BVSc MRCVS (BVA Past President and Norman Hayward Trustee) – retired 27.09.2009

BVA AWF Administrative Staff

Mrs Florence Bowman (Full-time BVA AWF Administration Manager)
Mrs Henrietta Alderman (BVA Secretary General. As required)
Ms Clare Lynch (Assistant Secretary General. As required)
Mr Derek Thorpe (BVA Head of Finance. As required)
Mr Ahsan Khan (BVA Web Manager. As required)

BVA AWF Agents and Advisors

Auditors: Horwath Clark Whitehill LLP, St Bride’s House 10 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8EH

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Structure, Governance and Management

BVA AWF is governed by a Trust Deed dated 12 May 1983.

Thirteen trustees, including the BVA President and BVA Past President, manage the Foundation. Full board meetings are held three times a year to agree and review the Foundation's strategy, activity and performance and to assess funding applications.

New trustees are recruited through annual elections. On appointment trustees are given an induction pack, including the Foundation's trust deed; the NCVO's Good Trustee Guide; a job description and any training needs, if identified, are addressed.

New Trustees are required to make a signed declaration of their intentions to act in the interests of the Foundation. Trustees are required to declare all relevant interests in writing to the Administration Manager and to withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

A maximum term of office for Trustees is set at three years, renewable once. There is a rotational system based on length of tenure for Trustees. Two new trustees were appointed in 2009 and one further place will be advertised in 2010.

Trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid during the year. Details of trustee expenses are disclosed in Note 3 to the accounts.

The trustees are assisted in decision-making by two sub-committees – The Way Forward Group and the Communications Group. Other sub-committees are established as required.

Day to day management of the Foundation is delegated to the full time Administration Manager supported by the BVA Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General.

Other Relationships

BVA AWF is a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) and the Associate Parliamentary Group for Animal Welfare.

Risk Management

A risk assessment document is in place which outlines potential governance; management; operational and financial risks and the steps to be taken in order to mitigate those risks. The document also addresses issues of non compliance with law and regulation and external/environmental factors which could impact on the Foundation.

The Foundation's risk assessment document will be reviewed in November 2010.

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Objectives and activities delivered for the public benefit

The BVA AWF aims to improve the welfare of animals through veterinary science, education and debate.

The charitable objects of the BVA AWF as stated in its Trust Deeds are:

- The advancement of education in veterinary science medicine, surgery and animal welfare and in furtherance of the foregoing the establishment and financial support of one or more chairs of learning teaching and research posts at selected universities and other establishments including the provision of scholarships, fellowships, bursaries and exhibitions to any university or approved educational establishment and the provision as far as necessary of grants for facilities and equipment.
- Research and support in animal welfare or any other field of veterinary endeavour and the dissemination of the useful results of such research.
- The relief of suffering in animals and the protection of such animals.
- Any other lawful charitable purpose in connection with veterinary science medicine or surgery or the veterinary profession or animals and their welfare as shall further any of the objects of this trust as herein before declared.

The objects of the BVA AWF fall within two charitable purposes identified within the Charities Act 2006 namely the advancement of education and the advancement of animal welfare.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing and setting the aims, objectives and in planning the activities of the BVA AWF.

BVA AWF carries out its objects through a number of activities which have a positive impact on both immediate beneficiaries and the wider public including:

1. Funding research projects that have a practical and positive impact on raising standards in animal welfare and which are based on sound scientific veterinary principles.
2. Stimulating debate, promoting and developing welfare education and enhancing welfare related teaching in the UK veterinary schools through the activities of the Foundation. The Foundation works with students entering the profession to improve their knowledge of animal welfare issues and has provided seed funding for three university lectureships in animal welfare.
3. Promoting the mission, remit and achievements of the Foundation to the veterinary profession and the general public. The production and promotion of informative, evidence based information to the general public encourages responsible pet ownership and good animal welfare.
4. Influencing and contributing to the development of BVA welfare policy. The Foundation's close links to the British Veterinary Association which has more than 12,000 members means that issues raised for debate can inform the policy development process and inform BVA lobbying on welfare issues.
5. Achieving financial stability and growth.

The following pages contain a summary of activities 1 - 4. The financial review section of this report deals with the achievement of financial stability and growth.

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Achievements and Performance

1. Research initiatives

The Foundation's commitment to improve animal welfare by funding relevant research projects is a key element of its strategy. The BVA AWF focuses on funding research which results in practical solutions to welfare issues that can be implemented in day-to-day veterinary practice.

The BVA AWF's close links to the British Veterinary Association which has 12,000 members provides it with excellent opportunities to disseminate important research findings and to influence the policy and practice of the veterinary profession.

Norman Hayward Fund Research Programme

Created from the proceeds of a generous legacy this is a restricted fund to support research into the disease and welfare of sheep, cattle or horses. Applications are invited from academic and practice based researchers, who can demonstrate that their proposals will have a practical impact on the welfare of these animals.

Objectives for the year

- To invite and assess further proposals for funding three times a year and to seek independent expert advice in assessing applications.

During the year ten applications were received and the trustees sought independent expert advice in one case.

Successful applications

Applications are assessed against the Fund's criteria. Key criteria are the degree to which the research will provide a practical solution to the health and welfare problems of animals and whether the research has the potential to significantly improve the animals quality of life.

Animal welfare: Facial expression of pain in horses, Bristol University

The assessment and identification of pain in horses presents owners and veterinary surgeons with a significant challenge because there are currently no reliable, repeatable pain assessment tools validated for use in this species. With an estimated 1 million horses in the UK, research has the potential to be of benefit to a large number of animals.

The trustees were delighted to support this study with a grant of £12,763. Researchers will use the innovative approach of kinematic analysis of facial movements, to develop a method of pain assessment. The study offers the potential for the development of a "Horse Grimace Scale" which could be used by owners and veterinary surgeons to identify pain in horses.

Education: Maximising Value of Extra-Mural Study Placements on cattle sheep and horse

Trustees authorised payment of £8,584 in respect of this three year project developed by BVA AWF lecturers in animal welfare at Bristol and Glasgow Universities.

The project started in October 2009 and aims to develop and validate welfare and health planning assessment tools for cattle, sheep and horses that are appropriate for students on their Extra Mural Study placements and is designed ultimately to improve student engagement and learning.

Reports on completed projects

Trustees received a report on the findings of a research study the Foundation had part-funded. Members of the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) conducted a major veterinary practice

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based study into acute pasture associated laminitis, a common and painful condition that has major welfare implications for horses.

Documenting Laminitis cases over a four year period researchers found that overweight horses which developed the condition tended to have more severe signs and were more likely to die of the disease than those of optimal weight.

A summary of the research findings was shared with 12,000 BVA members through the BVA website; presented to delegates at the Discussion Forum and via a press release.

Future plans

To reduce the number of inappropriate applications an initial screening process will be implemented in 2010 for requests for over £10,000. Applicants will complete a project overview form which trustees will review before inviting applicants to submit a full application.

Trustees will make targeted calls for funding applications based on identified welfare needs.

The GP West Fund

The GP West Fund was formed from the proceeds of a legacy left to the BVA by Geoffrey Philip West, the author of Black's Veterinary Dictionary, which was assigned by the Association to the BVA AWF.

The purpose of the Fund is to provide for feline research. No suitable applications were received during the year.

Future plans

Promotion of the Fund will take place to attract eligible applications.

2. Debate and Education

Debate

Discussion Forum

As part of its aim to improve animal welfare through debate, the BVA AWF holds an annual Discussion Forum which brings vets, animal welfare and government organisations together in order to identify and discuss important welfare-related issues. The Forum was followed by an evening reception at the House of Commons sponsored by Dr Gavin Strang MP. This provided a valuable opportunity for Forum attendees to discuss the day's events and welfare issues with parliamentarians.

An example of how the Discussion Forum can lead to tangible outcomes is the development of the BVA's policy statement on dairy cow welfare. This issue was originally raised at the 2009 Forum, which led to it being considered by the BVA Ethics and Welfare Group and the development of the policy statement. BVA issued a press release, which was widely circulated among the veterinary profession and members of parliament, calling for vets to educate farmers to improve dairy cow welfare.

Education

The BVA AWF's educational initiatives have a two-pronged focus to improve animal welfare by educating and informing the next generation of the veterinary profession and the pet owning public.

There are three BVA AWF lectureships at Liverpool, Bristol and Glasgow Universities, which aim to develop an integrated approach to the teaching of animal welfare within the veterinary curriculum nationally. Originally funded for four years by the Foundation all three posts are now funded by their respective universities.

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Objectives for the year:

- BVA AWF lecturers to continue to work on collaborative projects to bring welfare teaching in universities and the work of the Foundation to prominence.

There was good progress against this objective most notably through the *Maximising Value of Extra-Mural Study Placements on Cattle, Sheep and Horse Units* study detailed in section 1 which got underway at Glasgow and Bristol universities in October 2009. Trustees will receive an interim progress report in November 2010.

- To deliver presentations on welfare education at the BVA AWF Discussion Forum 2009 and continue their involvement in other BVA AWF events and the BVA Ethics and Welfare Group.

Jennifer Duncan, David Main and Dorothy McKeegan, BVA AWF animal welfare lecturers at Liverpool, Bristol and Glasgow Universities respectively, presented a session at the Forum entitled 'Welfare in Education – BVA AWF making a difference'.

BVA AWF Welfare Forum for Students

This is an annual event for final year veterinary students, held at Lancaster University and timed to take place just before the BVA/SPVS Final Year Seminar. Course tutors come from a cross-section of the veterinary profession, including vets working in private practice; in research; for charities and for government agencies.

Using a range of case studies and role play methods, students are challenged to consider the ethical, welfare and legal implications in a range of real-life scenarios that they could expect to encounter in veterinary practice.

Objective

- To maximise the number of students who attended the Forum and to ensure that attendees represented a good spread across the veterinary schools in the UK and Ireland.

Students from seven of the eight veterinary schools were represented. Trustees were delighted to receive a grant to support the costs of the event from the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust (JSAWT) and to welcome Michelle O'Brien, a JSAWT trustee who attended.

Future plans

Encouraged by the overwhelmingly positive feedback from students about the benefits of attending the 2009 Forum, trustees agreed to increase the number of places available for 2010 and accommodate up to 60 students.

BVA AWF Educational Resources

In the UK it is estimated that there are more than 27 million pets. Providing information, advice and guidance to the wider public beyond the veterinary profession is a key strand in the Foundation's approach to improve animal welfare through education.

The Foundation produces a range of educational leaflets; online resources and posters aimed at the general public; veterinary nurses and students.

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Objective

- The trustees aimed to produce at least one new educational leaflet for the general public.

This objective was exceeded with the production of two new leaflets.

“An Introduction to Goat Keeping” provides basic guidance for those new to goat keeping, to ensure that any goats for that they are responsible for remain healthy and happy and to make them aware of the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 in relation to goat keeping.

The Fish Veterinary Society donated £2,000 to the Foundation and provided assistance with the content for “Ornamental Fish Keeping”. This leaflet provides guidance on choosing a fish; outlines fish’s health and welfare needs and the importance of purchasing fish from a reputable source.

Trustees also funded the revision of the Casualty Pig booklet produced by the Pig Veterinary Society. The booklet is aimed at stock keepers on farms; abattoir staff; veterinary surgeons and pig transporters and offers guidance in the care, treatment, and euthanasia of the casualty pig.

Future plans

- Trustees agreed to fund the costs of a BVA AWF speaker at an event at each of the seven veterinary schools.
- An update and re-print of the “What makes my pet happy?” leaflet.
- Production of guidance on choosing a new puppy and tail docking info.
- Production of a range of horse welfare videos with funding from the Margaret Giffen Charitable Trust.
- To review proposals for the development of a website to give members of the public information on common dog breeds. The aim of the project is to help consumers make more informed decisions when purchasing a puppy and to offer advice on common health issues faced by specific breeds. Trustees believe that such a tool could be a valuable resource in raising standards of dog welfare and that the model could be extended to other pet species.
- In a joint venture with the RSPCA, the production of a “Puppy Contract”.

3. Promotion

A number of communication methods are employed to promote the achievements and activities of the foundation including:

- BVA AWF website: www.bva-awf.org.uk
- BVA publications including The Veterinary Record and the BVA e-News
- BVA AWF Annual Report – sent to BVA members; BVA AWF supporters and available on the BVA-AWF website.
- A presence at veterinary conferences – the congresses of the BVA, BSAVA and AVS
- Adverts in Charity Choice and legal journals

Objectives for the year

- To re-examine the Foundation’s advertising strategy following the results of commissioned market research conducted in 2009.

In May trustees received a report on market research conducted by TDA Ltd, which included an online survey of BVA members. The main findings indicated that whilst awareness of the Foundation’s work was low respondents were warm to its stated aims and objectives.

The research findings and a report by Sean Wensley ‘How can the British Veterinary Association Animal Welfare Foundation (BVA AWF) achieve a viable financial future?’ led the trustees to broaden the scope of their review beyond a consideration of advertising strategy.

The sub committee, ‘The Way Forward Group’ to perform a detailed review of the research findings and to develop a series of recommendations in relation to the vision; mission statement; strategic objectives and the name of the charity.

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Future plans

Trustees will review recommendations from The Way Forward Group with a view to presenting a series of recommendations for changes to the BVA AWF to the BVA Council in 2011.

The BVA Administration Manager resigned in December 2009 and trustees agreed that the setting of operational objectives in this area should be developed when a successor was appointed in March 2010.

4. Influencing BVA welfare policy

The BVA AWF is not a policy making body but, as part of its education and debate objective, it discreetly contributes to the policy making process by providing advice to the BVA's Ethics and Welfare Group and Veterinary Policy Group.

The outcomes of debates at the BVA AWF Discussion Forums are communicated to BVA committees and to other organisations with an interest in animal welfare. The following example of the development of policies and initiatives on dog breeding illustrates this process.

The topic of "Designer animals or breeding for welfare?" was debated at the 2008 Discussion Forum. The debate was included in response to ongoing concerns within the veterinary profession about genetically inherited problems within the pedigree dog population; a topic that received considerable media interest throughout 2008 including an expose by BBC's Panorama.

The Forum debate led to three significant initiatives:

- The BVA's Ethics and Welfare Group called for an independent review of the breeding of all dogs as well as the permanent identification of all registered pedigree dogs.
- The BVA AWF began a collaborative project with the RSPCA to develop a 'Puppy Contract' to offer consumer protection to members of the public when purchasing a pedigree puppy from a breeder.
- The trustees led the development of a stakeholder group to discuss welfare issues in dog breeding. BVA AWF hosted a Dog Breeder Stakeholder Group (DBSG) which included representatives from the Blue Cross, British Veterinary Association, BVA AWF, Companion Animal Welfare Council, Defra, Dogs Trust, Kennel Club, PDSA, RSPCA and the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare.

The DBSG agreed a set of guidelines to help potential dog owners make the right choice for themselves and to secure the ongoing good health and welfare of their new pet. The guidance was publicised to BVA members and more generally in the veterinary press. It was also available to download from the BVA AWF website.

Future plans

The secretariat of the Dog Breeder Stakeholder Group will pass to the Blue Cross but BVA AWF will remain a member.

A draft Puppy Contract is in development as part of a joint venture between BVA AWF and the RSPCA; involvement of the stakeholder group is likely.

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Financial review, investments and reserves policy

Total reserves increased during the year by £112,268. The reserves can be split between the unrestricted funds and the restricted funds.

Unrestricted Funds

The total value of the unrestricted funds increased during the year by £76,491 to £842,643.

The total incoming resources were £134,071, which is 16% down on 2008's level. Although down on last year, AWF received £94,023 in legacies - this accounting for over two-thirds of the income for the year, highlighting the importance to the charity's on-going financial wellbeing. The other main source of income during 2009 was the returns generated from the charity's investment portfolio, which for the second year running fell by over 25% on the back of the economic downturn generally.

The total expenditure for the year was £127,208, a 6% increase over 2008. The trustees agreed at the end of 2005 that, because the level of reserves had dropped to below the £1 million level, there would only be funding made available for new projects that, in the opinion of the trustees, were of exceptional merit. Whilst much of the on-going activities of the Foundation continue to be financed, as described previously in this report, the only new project of note was the Dog Breeder Stakeholder Group, set-up following the Dog Breeding Forum.

Investments

There were total gains from the investment portfolio of £69,628 and the total income generated from the portfolio and cash reserves was £25,881. The investment portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis by HSBC Investment Management and their investment objective is to obtain a reasonable long term overall return, with specific emphasis on income generation. The stockbroker will only invest in companies that do not conflict with the general aims and policies of the Foundation. The performance of the portfolio is regularly monitored against various indices and during 2009 the total return of 14.2% matched the APCIMS Total Return Index.

Reserves

The reserves policy is that trustees aim to spend no more than 1/7th of total reserves when these are below £1 million. With the unrestricted reserves below the £1 million level the trustees again agreed that for the forthcoming financial year to only consider funding projects or events of exceptional merit, up to £50,000. The trustees aim to establish a long term fundraising strategy for the Foundation through the Way Forward Group.

Restricted Funds

AWF Norman Hayward Fund: The reserves as at the year end had increased by £35,777 to £1,452,762.

The total incoming resources were £26,959 primarily from investment income. There was also a small amount of income generated from grazing rights on the balance of land, totalling £1,828.

Expenditure totalled £36,382. There was £12,763 granted to Bristol University to undertake a study into the research of facial expression of pain in horses and an extension to the grant to AWF Lecturers for their EMS placements project.

There were investment gains of £45,200 from the separately managed portfolio and the total return during 2009 was 12.8%, slightly below the APCIMS Total Return Index benchmark.

Having invested £500k of this fund during 2008, the balance is being made available for grants that fit within the remit of this restricted fund; namely projects relating to research into the disease and welfare of sheep, cattle and horses.

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G P West Fund: The value of this fund remained at £13,895 and the trustees are advertising on the BVA AWF website for suitable feline projects.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law.

Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its net incoming resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 18th May 2010

Mr Carl Padgett
Chairman

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH VETERINARY ASSOCIATION ANIMAL WELFARE FOUNDATION

We have audited the financial statements of the British Veterinary Association Animal Welfare Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44 of the Charities Act 1993. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The trustees' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

We have been appointed as auditors under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Annual Report of the Trustees is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the other information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 December 2009 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

Horwath Clark Whitehill LLP

Statutory Auditor
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Date

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2009 £	2008 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Legacies		94,023	-	94,023	117,230
Donations (including Gift Aid)		12,553	-	12,553	5,643
Activities to generate funds:					
Fundraising income		1,614	-	1,614	1,427
Investment income and interest	2	25,881	25,131	51,012	109,653
Other income		-	1,828	1,828	1,792
Total Incoming Resources		134,071	26,959	161,030	235,745
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of generating funds					
		24,546	7,406	31,952	34,129
Charitable activities					
Research projects		-	12,763	12,763	4,500
Debate and education		58,397	11,921	70,318	236,490
Promotion and awareness		17,402	1,308	18,710	23,645
Governance costs		26,863	2,984	29,847	27,637
Total Resources Expended	3	127,208	36,382	163,590	326,401
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources before investment gains		6,863	(9,423)	(2,560)	(90,656)
Gains/(Losses) on investments					
Realised		4,705	5,698	10,403	(9,864)
Unrealised		64,923	39,502	104,425	(135,073)
Net Movement in Funds		76,491	35,777	112,268	(235,593)
Funds brought forward 1 January 2009		766,152	1,430,880	2,197,032	2,432,625
Funds carried forward 31 December 2009		842,643	1,466,657	2,309,300	2,197,032

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
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	Note	2009 £	2008 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	-	-
Investments	6	<u>1,169,267</u>	<u>986,351</u>
		<u>1,169,267</u>	<u>986,351</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	7,487	109,976
Cash at bank		<u>1,374,812</u>	<u>1,346,992</u>
		1,382,299	1,456,968
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(104,765)</u>	<u>(117,970)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,277,534</u>	<u>1,338,998</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,446,801	2,325,349
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	8	<u>(137,501)</u>	<u>(128,317)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>2,309,300</u>	<u>2,197,032</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted funds	9	1,466,657	1,430,880
Unrestricted funds		<u>842,643</u>	<u>766,152</u>
		<u>2,309,300</u>	<u>2,197,032</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 18th May 2010

} Trustee

Mr Carl Padgett

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention, except that investments are shown at market value, and in accordance with the Charities Act 1993, applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, (SORP 2005).

b) Sub trust fund

The late Mrs Hayward made a residual legacy to the Foundation in memory of her late husband Mr Norman Hayward of Broughton. The fund has been set up as a separately constituted trust known as the Animal Welfare Foundation – Norman Hayward Fund and is primarily for the welfare of sheep, cattle and horses under the general objects of the Foundation. The trust prepares separate accounts and has a separate set of trustees although three of the five trustees also serve as trustees to the Foundation. For this reason the trustees of the Foundation believe it correct to account for this sub-trust fund as a restricted fund of the Foundation.

c) Fund accounting

General funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objective of the Foundation. Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions imposed by donors. The purpose and use of the restricted funds is set out in the notes to the accounts.

d) Donations and legacies

Donations are accounted for when they are received.

Legacies are included within the accounts once the Foundation has been notified of its legal right based on a reasonable estimate of the value.

In the case of assets received, they are accounted for when full legal title has passed to the Foundation.

e) Investment income

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

f) Fundraising Income

These sources of income relate to publications income and other activities used to generate income for the charity. These forms of income are accounted for on an accruals basis.

g) Resources expended

Cost of generating funds relates to those costs incurred in promoting the charity and maintaining the investment base and subsequent income. Support costs are allocated to charitable activities on the basis of staff time. Associated staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent. Governance costs relate to compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

h) Fixed asset investments

Investments are stated at market value. Market value is taken to be the middle market price ruling at the balance sheet date. Net realised and unrealised gains and losses are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Subsidiary undertaking

The Charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, BVA:AWF Trading Limited, whose principal activities were the provision of an affinity credit card and trading merchandise on behalf of the parent charity.

Group financial statements have not been prepared as the subsidiary was dormant throughout the year.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2009 £	2008 £
Dividends	44,838	31,339
Interest on cash deposits	6,174	78,314
	51,012	109,653

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs £	Grants payable £	Direct costs £	Support costs £	2009 Total £	2008 Total £
Cost of generating funds	5,724	-	25,277	951	31,952	34,129
Charitable activities						
Research projects	-	12,763	-	-	12,763	4,500
Debate and education	23,469	(2,949)	45,901	3,897	70,318	236,490
Promotion	10,876	-	6,028	1,806	18,710	23,645
Governance costs	17,172	-	9,823	2,852	29,847	27,637
Total resources expended	57,241	9,814	87,029	9,506	163,590	326,401

Allocation of support costs

	Printing, postage and stationery	General expenses	Total
Cost of generating funds	132	819	951
Charitable activities			
Research projects	-	-	-
Debate and education	542	3,355	3,897
Promotion and awareness	251	1,555	1,806
Governance costs	397	2,455	2,852
Total support costs	1,322	8,184	9,506

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3. RESOURCES EXPENDED (Continued)

Analysis of current year direct costs	2009	2008
	£	£
Cost of generating funds		
Advertising and raffle	5,533	6,183
Commission on grazing fees and associated legal fees	185	(438)
Legacy agent and associated legal fees	2,159	1,165
Fundraising consultant	2,651	10,127
Investment manager's fees	14,749	10,715
	<u>25,277</u>	<u>27,752</u>
 Research Projects		
Garden Bird Health Initiative	-	4,500
 Debate and education		
Discussion forum AWF Divisional Reps	22,513	18,345
Welfare forum for students	7,925	6,517
Educational leaflets and posters	4,158	6,947
Casualty Pig leaflets	2,864	-
Dog Breeding Forum	8,441	-
DVD : Disbudding of Goats	-	2,044
International Farm Animal Welfare Symposium	-	2,553
	<u>45,901</u>	<u>36,406</u>
 Promotion and awareness		
Veterinary events	(385)	649
BVA:AWF website costs	1,150	1,021
Annual Report	5,263	4,099
	<u>6,028</u>	<u>5,769</u>
 Governance costs		
Audit fee	4,000	4,078
Trustee expenses	5,823	4,420
	<u>9,823</u>	<u>8,498</u>
 Total	<u>87,029</u>	<u>82,925</u>

Staff costs

An average of 2 (2008: 2) staff were seconded by the British Veterinary Association to help with the Foundation's work. A charge is made by the British Veterinary Association for these staff costs, which amounted to £57,241 (2008: £54,261).

The trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (2008: nil). Expenses relating to travel and subsistence of £5,823 (2008: £4,420) were paid by the Foundation. These were paid to 13 trustees (2008: 13).

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4. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2009		2008	
Reconciliation of Grants Payable:	£	£	£	£
Commitments at 1 January 2009		213,865		131,000
Grants approved/(released) in the year	<u>9,814</u>		<u>179,681</u>	
Grants payable for the year		9,814		179,681
Grants paid during the year		<u>(13,467)</u>		<u>(96,816)</u>
Commitments at 31 December 2009		<u>210,212</u>		<u>213,865</u>
Grants approved/(released) in the year were made up of the following institutional grants:				
Research grant to Bristol University to study facial expression of pain in horses	12,763		-	
AWF Lectureships	(11,533)		(9,184)	
Grant to AWF Lecturers at Bristol and Glasgow for project to look at maximising the value of EMS placements on cattle, sheep and horse units – financed from the NHF.	<u>8,584</u>		<u>188,865</u>	
	<u>9,814</u>		<u>179,681</u>	

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The majority of the Foundation's freehold land, which formed part of the Norman Hayward Fund, was sold during 2006. The trustees consider the remaining land to be of negligible value as they do not expect a sale for the foreseeable future, with any such sale likely to incur significant professional fees.

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6. INVESTMENTS

	2009	2008
a) Market Value	£	£
1 January 2009	986,351	744,938
Additions	265,562	603,078
Disposals at opening market value (proceeds £197,474)	(187,071)	(226,592)
Net unrealised investment gains/(losses)	<u>104,425</u>	<u>(135,073)</u>
 Market value at 31 December 2009	 <u>1,169,267</u>	 <u>986,351</u>
 Historic cost at 31 December 2009	 <u>1,025,189</u>	 <u>986,254</u>

Cost represents market value on 12 May 1983 (date of the deed establishing the Foundation), or subsequent purchase costs.

b) Investments comprise the following:

	2009		2008	
	Market Value	Cost	Market Value	Cost
	£	£	£	£
Listed investments				
Government and fixed interest stocks	525,160	498,725	453,321	427,249
Equity shares				
UK	510,975	426,338	419,822	460,119
Other	133,132	100,126	113,208	98,886
	<u>1,169,267</u>	<u>1,025,189</u>	<u>986,351</u>	<u>986,254</u>

c) Investments representing 5% or more of the total portfolio are as follows:

	£
Market value as at 31 December 2009:	
European Investment Bank	266,114
Kreditanstalt Fur Wiederaufbau	<u>190,035</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2009	2008
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	952	952
Other debtors	-	20,433
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>6,535</u>	<u>88,591</u>
	<u>7,487</u>	<u>109,976</u>

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8. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year	2009	<i>2008</i>
	£	
Other creditors	15,708	<i>12,977</i>
Accruals	16,346	<i>19,445</i>
Grants payable	72,711	<i>85,548</i>
	<u>104,765</u>	<i><u>117,970</u></i>
Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Grants payable in 1 - 2 years	69,862	<i>62,336</i>
Grants payable in 2 - 5 years	67,639	<i>65,981</i>
	<u>137,501</u>	<i><u>128,317</u></i>

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>Balance</i>				Balance
	<i>1 January</i>	Incoming	Resources	Gains/(losses)	31 December
	<i>2008</i>	resources	expended	on	2009
				investments	
G P West Fund	13,895	-	-	-	13,895
AWF – Norman Hayward Fund	<u>1,416,985</u>	<u>26,959</u>	<u>36,382</u>	<u>45,200</u>	<u>1,452,762</u>
	<u>1,430,880</u>	<u>26,959</u>	<u>36,382</u>	<u>45,200</u>	<u>1,466,657</u>

G P West Fund

The GP West fund was established from a legacy received by the British Veterinary Association with the express purpose of providing funding for feline research. This fund is represented by net current assets.

Animal Welfare Foundation – Norman Hayward Fund

The Animal Welfare Foundation – Norman Hayward Fund is a separately constituted trust fund which was established in 1995 with the express purpose of providing funding for the general purpose and objects of the Foundation, but primarily for the welfare of sheep, cattle and horses. For this reason and the reasons explained in note 1 to the accounts the trustees of the Foundation consider this a restricted fund. Although the trust was set up in 1995 the Executors of the Estate forwarded distributions to the Foundation amounting to £407,768 between 1989 and 1995 which have been expended on projects in accordance with the donor's request. During 1996 the balance of the residuary legacy was transferred over to the trust which principally consisted of freehold land at probate valuation. The majority of the land's value was realised during 2006.

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10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net current Assets £	Long-term Liabilities £	Total £
Restricted funds					
G P West Fund	-	-	13,895	-	13,895
Animal Welfare Foundation	-	488,454	1,101,809	137,501	1,452,762
- Norman Hayward Fund	-	488,454	1,115,704	137,501	1,466,657
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	-	680,813	161,830	-	842,643
	-	1,169,267	1,277,534	137,501	2,309,300