IW HEALTHGROUP REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR 2015

The year-end Accounts at 31.12.15 have now been approved and copied to the breed bodies.

At the end of 2015 the balance sheet stood at £28,642.

This comprised:

- the Project Development Fund with a balance of £25,968
- the Osteosarcoma (OSA) Fund with a balance of £2,014
- the Admin Account with a balance of £660

These final Osteosarcoma Fund and Admin account figures are marginally different to those presented in the AGM reports as an admin expense of £40.00 had been mistakenly allocated to the OSA fund and the revised figures show the correction.

The specific OSA Fund raised £2,266 in 2015, but incurred initial costs for lab expenses for bone tumour samples and swabs and postage.

Regional Heart Testing made an overall loss of -£227, which the Group considers acceptable as it includes the cost of the scanner insurance and the subsidised, free of charge super-veteran appointments – once the SV subsidy was transferred from the Project Development Fund to the Heart Testing account, the HT account showed a surplus of £673, which then goes straight back into the pot.

At the end of 2015 we published how we anticipated allocating the Project Development funds, which have been raised for research and are intended to be used and not left sitting in an account.

The immediate funding priorities identified were for ongoing projects:

- Pneumonia Study requires ongoing support for the principle investigator, Dr Angela Bodey, for the day to day administration, set aside £3k to cover up to end 2016
- For possible repairs and renewals for the Mobile Scanner for the Regional Heart Testing Scheme set aside £3k
- Allowance for Super-Veteran subsidies, set aside £1k
- An allowance against unexpected amounts, set aside £1k

We then proposed that the remaining Project Development balance be combined with the OSA Fund to help finance the two proposed OSA Research projects:

- The AHT's breed specific DNA Profiling, set aside £8k
- The Nottingham Veterinary School's long term research first year costs, set aside £10k

The latest information on how this funding has now been placed can be found in a separate document on the website, under 'Funding'.

This is the first time that we have had funds of this level and are very grateful to all those supporters who have donated and raised the funds. We hope that they will continue to support us and future breed research projects with as much enthusiasm in the future.

The IWHG