

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION – 2007

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 50 APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON SCRAPIE

SUBJECT: SCRAPIE ERADICATION PROGRAM FUNDING

DATES: RENO, NEVADA, OCTOBER 18 – 24, 2007

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

To continue progress regarding efforts towards scrapie eradication, enhanced surveillance and enforcement of regulations is paramount. Surveillance activities must be doubled in order to find the diminishing number of scrapie-positive animals. Funding requests are currently inadequate to effect eradication in a reasonable amount of time.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) urges the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) to request adequate funding for the National Scrapie Eradication Program's budget to achieve eradication and conduct subsequent surveillance. This amount is equal to \$10 million beyond the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation or a total budget of \$28.6 million.

RESPONSE:

USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) recognizes the United States Animal Health Association's concerns and appreciates the opportunity to respond. This spring VS will develop the fiscal year 2010 scrapie budget request. APHIS will consider all disease program funding requests and needs and will prioritize its overall budget accordingly.