

## UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION – 2007

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 37      APPROVED**

**SOURCE:**                      COMMITTEE ON JOHNE'S DISEASE

**SUBJECT MATTER:**         STRATEGIC PLAN FOR JOHNE'S DISEASE

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

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The current Johne's Disease Strategic Plan was developed by the National Johne's Working Group (NJWG) in 2001 to guide the work and efforts of the NJWG and the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) Committee on Johne's Disease through 2008. The USAHA Committee on Johne's Disease at its meeting in 2007 approved a recommendation to develop a new strategic plan for Johne's Disease, due to significant changes that have occurred in such things as the understanding of Johne's Disease, its management, availability and performance of diagnostic testing, state and federal funding and awareness of Johne's Disease within the ruminant industries.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) has, and continues to be, substantially involved in the development of national program standards and funding for the Voluntary Bovine Johne's Disease Control Program. It continues to have a vested interest in the future of the national Johne's Disease control and management efforts.

### **RESOLUTION:**

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests that United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) provide financial and personnel support for the development of the new national Strategic Plan for Johne's Disease.

### **RESPONSE:**

#### **USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS) recognizes the United States Animal Health

Association's concerns and appreciates the opportunity to respond. VS agrees that the current Johne's Strategic Plan needs revision and is committed to providing support for the development of the new national Strategic Plan for Johne's Disease. To ensure wide industry acceptance and support for the revised plan, VS requests that industry name a chairperson for the group that will lead the development of this revision.