

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION – 2007

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 52 APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON SCRAPIE

SUBJECT: GOAT GENOTYPING RESEARCH

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) board passed the following resolution and requests the United States Animal Health Association's (USAHA) consideration: "ADGA supports research characterizing goat scrapie genotypes. This work could result in tools for breeders to use in selection for goat scrapie-resistant genotypes, and potentially to provide options for conserving animal genetics in infected herds".

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) encourages the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Services (ARS) and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) to continue funding research efforts in goat scrapie genotyping. USAHA further encourages agencies within USDA to share data and biological materials in support of this research.

RESPONSE:

USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services recognizes the United States Animal Health Association's concerns and appreciates the opportunity to respond. The National Veterinary Services Laboratories has an ongoing operation to share data and biological materials within USDA in support of scrapie genotyping research.