

## UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (USAHA) - 2007

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3 and 10 Combined**

**APPROVED**

**SOURCE:** COMMITTEE ON CAPTIVE WILDLIFE AND  
ALTERNATIVE LIVESTOCK

COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE DISEASES

**SUBJECT MATTER:** VACCINE FOR THE VARIOUS STRAINS OF  
EPIZOOTIC HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE IN  
CERVIDS.

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

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) is a detrimental threat to the farmed cervid populations, especially whitetail deer. The committee encourages the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS) to develop a vaccine that will protect against all known strains of this disease.

### **RESOLUTION:**

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS) initiate research in developing a vaccine that will adequately protect the farmed cervid population from all strains of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (orbiviral hemorrhagic disease).

### **RESPONSE**

#### **USDA, Agriculture Research Service**

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) has allocated resources to support EHD research, focusing on understanding the pathogenesis of the disease, at the Arthropod-Borne, Animal Diseases Research Laboratory in Laramie, Wyoming. This research will facilitate the future development of EHD vaccines, however, we do not currently have any projects on EHD vaccination development. As we formulate future budget initiatives, we will consider an expansion of our research in this area.