RESOLUTION NUMBER:  24    APPROVED

SOURCE:   COMMITTEE ON DISEASES OF FARmed Cervidae

SUBJECT MATTER:    INVESTIGATION OF THE ROLE OF THE PRION PROTEIN GENE IN CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE RESISTANCE AND TRANSMISSION OF DISEASE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The farmed cervidae industry supports research investigating Prion Protein genotypes that may be resistant to Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and their impact on transmission of disease. This work could result in tools for breeders to use in selection for CWD resistant genotypes, and potentially provide options for conserving animal genetics in infected herds.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association encourages the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service to allocate funding for research efforts to identify Chronic Wasting Disease susceptibility in different cervid genotypes and the role they have on transmission of disease.