RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3 and 20 Combined - APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF CATTLE, BISON, AND CAMELIDS
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND RABIES

SUBJECT MATTER: Q FEVER

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The increasing public demand for raw milk combined with the threat of re-emerging Coxiella burnetti infection raises the need for a nationwide program to prevent Q Fever. The lack of a widespread surveillance program necessitates action by State and Federal milk regulatory agencies to protect the public health.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association urges each State Milk Regulatory Authority in states which allow retail sale of raw milk to include Coxiella burnetti surveillance in their raw milk inspection program. The programs should also include a public awareness campaign about Q Fever.