RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23  APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON BRUCELLOSIS

SUBJECT MATTER: BRUCELLOSIS INDEMNITY FUNDING

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Brucellosis Eradication Programs have been successful in eradicating brucellosis in domestic livestock through herd management test and removal with indemnity funding. Due to the increased exposure and transmission risk of brucellosis from wildlife reservoirs, individual animals and/or whole herd depopulation of affected domestic herds is occasionally necessary to control the disease. Indemnity funds are needed to ensure that the success of the eradication program is not threatened.

The lack of indemnity funding may prevent the most appropriate affected herd management tool from being properly utilized.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association requests that Congress appropriate no-year funding to be available for rapidly indemnifying newly detected domestic livestock animals and/or herds when they are found infected with Brucella species and depopulation is the recommended option.