



PetFAST Funding Policy

PetFAST is a voluntary joint initiative of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) and the Pet Food Industry Association of Australia (PFIAA).

PetFAST is a system to track health problems in dogs and cats that are suspected of being associated with pet food and treats. The system is designed to identify possible patterns that might point to a cause. Only veterinarians in Australia can generate a PetFAST report. Vets report on suspected adverse events they assess are associated with pet food or treats for dogs and cats.

AVA and PFIAA monitor PetFAST reports for similarities that may indicate a possible problem. If an issue is identified, a joint committee will meet to discuss what action should be taken.

To ensure industry is supporting its members, the PFIAA believes it is essential to support small PFIAA members who have limited access to research funding, and to support SME non-members where a significant event occurs.

A **significant event** (or critical incident) is any unintended or unexpected event, which has been identified as causing harm to one or more animals, for example the Best Feline Friend (BFF) range of food that caused cats to fall ill and die.

Criteria for Funding Support

Members have access to \$10,000 if they meet the Funding Support criteria.

- Total sales of less than \$5M
- Must be third party AS5812 certified
- Have current public and product liability insurance
- Provide the report to the PetFAST Team for analysis
- Have demonstrated an internal and/or external investigation has been conducted
- Provide a copy of the internal/external investigative report to PFIAA
- Provide a resource/contact to manage the investigation

Non-members will have access to \$10,000 and **MUST** co-fund, dollar for dollar, research and analysis required to identify the issue causing illness or death.

- Have an ABN, registered address in Australia
- Total sales of less than \$5M
- Must be third party AS5812 certified or have commenced certification
- Have current public and product liability insurance
- Provide the report to the PetFAST Team for analysis
- Have demonstrated an internal and/or external investigation has been conducted
- Provide a copy of the internal/external investigative report to PFIAA
- Provide a resource/contact to manage the investigation

Special circumstances – Individuals

Where an individual has experienced significant loss of life due to an adverse event from pet food or suffered significant illness due to an adverse event from pet food, they may have access to \$5,000 for research and analysis required to identify the issue causing the illness or death.

- Significant loss and significant illness may refer to the number of animals effected (illness or death)
- A PetFAST Report MUST be lodged by a vet in relation to the event/s
- Must be able to demonstrate an internal and/or external investigation has been conducted
- Must provide a copy of the internal/external investigative report to PetFAST Team via the PFIAA
- Provide a contact for liaising with the PFIAA
- PFIAA Executive will make the final decision based on the evidence provided