

COUNCIL LAUNCHES NEW FOUNDATION

Highlighting the January 25th Council meeting of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association was the approval of the long awaited, "ANIMAL HEALTH FOUNDATION OF CALIFORNIA."

The Council unanimously approved the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation (see the December, 1966 PULSE) setting in motion an action to have the Association's Attorney proceed with the filing of Incorporation Papers with the State. In its soon to become historic decision, the members of the Council also approved the recommendation that the Foundation's initial Trustees be named from the original special committee on the Foundation, set up by the SCVMA.

The basic structure of the Foundation consists of its Board of Trustees, consisting of 3-15 Trustees who will have the responsibility of soliciting funds and planning the operational goals of the Foundation. The officers are: president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, which will serve for three-year terms. The first trustees shall draw lots for one, two or three-year terms so that one-third shall retire each year.

The members of the SCVMA recognizing the ever growing demand on the part of animal lovers to participate in some way in the welfare of our animal population, have after many years of study, announced the final vote of approval for the Foundation. The Foundation now a reality, is not a part of the SCVMA, and has been set up to "engage in and contribute to the support of exclusively scientific, charitable, literary or educational ac-

tivities and projects in the field of veterinary medicine." The Foundation is empowered under the Articles of Incorporation to accept by gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, property of every kind or description, without limit as to amount, for use in the purpose as mentioned above.

Still in its infancy, the project has received a pledge from the Council of the SCVMA for \$5,000 to help launch the program. In addition, the SCVMA is paying for all legal costs and expenses of incorporation. The program fostered by veterinarians in Southern California will look to these same men for contributions, bequests, and pledges to assist in its success.

All parties are certain to become aware of the great achievements that are possible through the success of this Foundation. The development of better methods for the care and treatment of animals, disease control and prevention, are some of the areas that will realize advances through this new project. Concentration on areas such as; a comprehensive library on animal health, an animal referral type hospital, and a complete research pathology laboratory may now begin.

The Foundation, like any worthwhile undertaking will depend greatly upon the support it receives from all members of the veterinary profession. Certainly all will agree that the end results of the program are limitless and will offer to each veterinarian as well as the non-professional person, a sense of well doing and a feeling of great accomplishment.

In the coming months as the Foundation begins to roll, all veterinarians will be encouraged to rally to its support.