Public Law 96-469
96th Congress

An Act

To provide for research and coordination of research in the diagnosis, prevention, and control of malignant tumors in domestic animals, poultry, and wildlife.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Animal Cancer Research Act".

Sec. 2. Congress finds that—
(a) basic research on malignant tumors or cancers is essential to protect the health of domestic animals, poultry, and wildlife, including birds;
(b) carcinogenic agents have not been adequately identified in domestic animals, poultry, and wildlife management;
(c) basic research in diagnosis, prevention, and control of malignant tumors in animals and birds has not been adequately coordinated;
(d) significant theories of a common factor in malignant tumors, such as chorionic gonadotropin, have not been pursued in depth;
(e) research on diagnosis, prevention, and control of cancer in animals and birds will be beneficial in identifying any common factors in human and animal malignant tumors, if such exist; and
(f) it is imperative for the Department of Agriculture and the National Institutes of Health to coordinate and consult with regard to the research authorized under this Act to achieve the maximum benefits from such research.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct a program of basic research on cancer in animals and birds at appropriate facilities within the Department of Agriculture or by grants to other qualified research facilities.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture and the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall annually review the research program conducted under this Act in order to coordinate the program with the National Cancer Institute research program.

Sec. 5. (a) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to administer the program under this Act $25,000,000 for fiscal year 1982, and $25,000,000 annually thereafter through the end of fiscal year 1986.
Limitation.

(b) Not more than 30 per centum of any of the amounts appropriated under this section in any fiscal year may be obligated for research under section 3 at facilities of the Department of Agriculture.

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