Mission Statement

The Theriogenology Foundation is a global resource that supports education and research in reproductive medicine; ensuring that future generations of animals continue to enrich our lives through service, companionship, and food for a growing human population while conserving our natural resources.

From the pen of the president

The celebratory gesture of high palm slapping may have originated in Dodger Stadium in 1977, but in 2015, the Theriogenology Foundation has more than a handful of reasons to celebrate.

The Theriogenology Foundation shares a high five with the American Kennel Club as we reaffirm our partnership in education. The AKC/TF Residencies in Companion Animal Theriogenology which were launched at UCD, UPenn and Auburn University in 2013 will be renewed at UPenn and Auburn. In addition, new residencies have been awarded to The Ohio State University and North Carolina State University beginning in 2016. The expansion of this program by the AKC sends a powerful message of sustained commitment to both the science of purebred dogs and the needs of the canine fancier. Our partnership shows that we can align our missions to simultaneously optimize the form, function, health and genetic potential of our dogs. Together we will train the next generation of specialists, change the culture in veterinary colleges to elevate the importance of reproductive medicine in teaching/research and increase career competency in reproductive medicine for all veterinarians upon graduation. To date, this joint commitment to theriogenology in our universities represents a $700,000.00 investment in post graduate education. This would not have occurred without your Foundation.

Gimme Five to the teams at the UCD College of Veterinary Medicine who partnered with the Foundation to host two Canine Breeder Excellence Seminar Tracks (C-BEST) in 2015. These seminars reached 400 canine breeders and fanciers through onsite lectures and webinar capability. In December, SFT and ACT members took cutting edge educational presentations for breed clubs, veterinarians and technicians to Orlando, Florida at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship where a third C-BEST was powered by the AKC, Royal Canin and the Theriogenology Foundation.

Many thanks to the speakers who gave their time and efforts to travel and present at these events.

Although psychological studies document that the touch of skin slappage enhances bonding and connection, I believe that all of you outside of my reach can still appreciate my offer of an Air Five (or Wi-Five to be technologically correct). Without you, our donors, the work of the TF doesn’t happen. You came through in a huge way at our San Antonio annual conference with over $38,000 raised via the live/silent auction, raffle, quiz bowl and beer tasting venue.

The metric of our success is the number of students, residents and veterinarians that we can help to actively engage in our specialty, whether it be through travel grants, externships, ACT outreach or research. I am thankful that we had over $15,000 to disperse this year. If being grateful for your success in veterinary medicine by empowering the next generation isn’t enough impetus to give to the TF, try this. People who are grateful actually have lower blood pressure, better cardiac health, improved immunity, less depression, less fatigue and more efficient sleep. The attitude of gratitude triggers your parasympathetic system to decrease cortisol and even increase oxytocin. Feeling fat? Well, that grateful feeling that you get when you give can even reduce your dietary fat intake up to 25%. So write a check, step on the scale and do a “selfie” high five.

Anita M. Migday, DVM, MS
President, Theriogenology Foundation

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TF Planned Giving

Why and How I should give to the Theriogenology Foundation?

As we approach the end of the year each of us are faced with hectic holiday schedules, visits with family and friends and opportunities to reflect on our many blessings. We are blessed to live in a country that allows us the freedom to pursue our professional careers, to travel freely and to practice whatever religion or belief that we may choose. Please take a moment to consider how Theriogenology has improved your life. As the discipline continues to grow so do opportunities for personal growth, enhanced care for our patients, and increased demand for our theriogenology services.

As you face the end of the tax year please also consider how your deductible donations may further expand our discipline and enhance the care we provide for our patients and for the emotional and economic well-being of our clients. Your donations to the Theriogenology Foundation (TF) will help continue growth of theriogenology. In the few short years since it was established, TF has already supported numerous student learning opportunities, theriogenology research projects and outreach activities. Please consider TF in your tax planning for this year.

Tax deductible gifts may be made in cash or by credit card. Planned gifts help provide the financial stability for our future and may be made by bequests from your estate, by the transfer of stocks, bonds or property, or by life insurance policies. Please see the TF website for details as to how your planned gift could be arranged.

Thanks for your support and I wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Merry Christmas,

Dwight F. Wolfe

TF Donor Recognition

Supporting our Future:
Levels of Annual Individual Giving

Genesis Society: $5000 or more
Visionary: $1000-$4999
Pathfinder: $100--$999
Supporter: $25--$99

Rocky Mountain Society
This society recognizes donors who have made an annual commitment to giving at the Supporter Level or higher for five or more consecutive years. The milestone years for recognition in the Society are 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 consecutive years.
The 10 yr. level is known as the Dr. S.J. Roberts Circle of the Rocky Mountain Society.
The 20 yr. level is known as the Dr. David Bartlett Circle of the Rocky Mountain Society.

1954 Society
This Society recognizes donors whose legacy gifts play a key role in securing the future of the Theriogenology Foundation. These donors have remembered the TF with a lifetime income gift or as a beneficiary of a will, trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy.
The 1954 Society is named for the year in which the Rocky Mountain Society for the Study of Breeding Soundness in Bulls (now the Society for Theriogenology) was organized. Circles within the 1954 Society provide for additional recognition opportunities:
The Legacy Circle honors donors whose cumulative lifetime giving totals between $60,000 and $100,000.
The Founders Circle honors cumulative lifetime giving that totals between $100,000 and $150,000.
The Inventors Circle honors cumulative lifetime giving that totals between $150,000 and $200,000.
The Fertile Circle honors cumulative lifetime giving exceeding $200,000.

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TF Strategies

Know where you’re going

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support of the Theriogenology Foundation. TF is the best marketing tool we have for our discipline and the rewards for our support will be perceived for years to come. By supporting TF, we support research, education of our clients, and education of our students and colleagues. We also attract students to theriogenology and increase the awareness of the need for theriogenology programs in our colleges.

The Strategic Planning Committee is moving forward to achieve the goals set forth in our strategic plan. These goals include board development, developing a model for programs, research and sponsor partnerships, expanding the role of a development officer, communication to promote research, planned giving and to challenge campaigns and fundraising initiatives.

We have streamlined the board in order to increase efficiency and ability to focus on the tasks required to grow the foundation and its influence worldwide. We also created an advisory panel and invite those interested to contact the board about serving.

The committee has done an excellent job of establishing a system of recognition for donors. With levels of giving recognized, supporters can realize an extra measure of pride. Please look these over on our website and find your place among our supporters.

Many achievements have been made to support the work of TF by individuals who saw an opportunity in their everyday situations. A part of the strategic plan is developing models for programs, research and sponsorship. I encourage you to look over our past achievements and find ways people and events within your circle of influence might benefit our foundation.

With your support we can confirm the importance of theriogenology with our clients, colleagues, students and college administrations. And we can do a lot of good in the process. I am proud to be a veterinarian, a theriogenologist, and am proud to support the Theriogenology Foundation. I hope you are, too.

Mike Thompson, DVM, DACT
President, Society for Theriogenology
Director, Theriogenology Foundation

The Theriogenology Foundation is a global non-profit which believes that the preservation and reproduction of animals is essential to human welfare. By engaging specialists in animal reproductive health and productivity, the TF formulates and implements solutions to combat human and animal diseases which threaten food security and the social and economic health of the world’s population. Through the efforts of the TF, students have the opportunity to travel and participate in educational programs through specialized grants. Scientists have the resources to research and develop means of fighting disease to help the global economy develop healthier, self-sustaining food production practices, and veterinary practitioners are able to assist clients with animal reproduction through advances in theriogenology.

TF Strategic Priorities:

1. Board Development - Develop / Inform / Orient BOD – Drs. Thompson (chair), Hopper, McLeod
2. Develop a Model for Enabling Program/Research and Sponsorship Partnership – Drs. Migday (chair), Lehman
3. Expand/Enhance the Role of a Financial Development Officer within FMS and BOD – Drs. Zent (chair), Ball, Maxwell
4. Implement a Communication Plan to Promote Research – Drs. Hopper (chair), Brinsko, Lyle
5. Expand the Planned Giving Program – Drs. Wolfe (chair), Lehman, McLeod
6. Develop a Challenge Campaign / Fundraiser – Drs. Sanders (chair), Wolfe, Hopper, Johnson

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Foundation summary

Theriogenology Foundation news

A review of 2015

SACO Challenge

The Theriogenology Foundation and The Society for Theriogenology recognize that our veterinary students represent the future of theriogenology. The annual Therio Conference provides an excellent opportunity for veterinary students to expand their knowledge of theriogenology as well as time to meet and interact with Diplomates, veterinarians and other students who share their interest in animal reproduction. With these facts in mind, the TF has endeavored to financially support student travel to the conference. In the interest of furthering that support and giving alumni of each CVM the opportunity to support student travel from their alma mater, the TF has initiated “The Student Annual Conference Opportunity (SACO)- Alumni Challenge.”

The challenge began with a $2,000 contribution from Dr. Kit Kampschmidt supporting The Oklahoma State University CVM students. Alumni of each veterinary college have been challenged to donate to the fund, designating their contributions to their alma mater, another school or schools of their choosing, or the general travel fund. Contributions will be placed in a separate category in TF’s Restricted Funds for this program, designated for students of each CVM. Twenty percent of each donation will be designated to the “general travel fund” to assist students from schools where alumni participation doesn’t rise to the challenge and meet the demand from their college. Students will apply annually to the TF for travel grants. Any unused funds will be carried over year to year.

Have you supported your favorite school this year?

Support Your Foundation

We hope that you will visit our website (www.theriofoundation.org) which provides information on all aspects of TF including grant opportunities, fundraising activities and updated success stories of the work being done through TF. In addition to the giving options we currently offer, we now have a planned giving option available through the website for those of you who would like to be creative in your support of the foundation. There are several options that you can choose from such as adding the TF into your will, naming TF as a beneficiary in your retirement fund or various other gifting options. You may consider annual giving or a gift to honor someone who is no longer with us. Please visit the TF website and look under “Giving” to find out more about these opportunities.

This is the time of year when funds are raised for TF as members of SFT and ACT are paying their member dues. Please do not forget to make a donation when you renew your dues. You may pay online, by phone (334.395.4666) or by check. Receiving these donations is important to the future of TF and they help us support educational and research projects throughout the year.

Your clients may also contribute to TF through the website. Donations may be made in honor of you, their veterinarian, or they may wish to contribute their stud fees rather than submit them to the owner, and these donations would be tax deductible. The TF welcomes all donations as we work toward funding the future of theriogenology.

Research Grants

The TF offers research grants up to $5,000 for proposals that focus on all aspects of theriogenology including (infertility, endocrinology, neonatology, obstetrics, etc.). In exceptional circumstances, grants up to $10,000 may be considered. Active Diplomates, Honorary Members of the ACT, veterinarians who are SFT members in private practice, industry or on faculty, or residents enrolled in ACT approved residency programs (including the alternate route) and have a minimum of one year remaining in their training program are eligible to apply for these grants.

Two research grants have been awarded in 2015:

• Dr. Natalie Fraser, Auburn University – “Comparison of canine serum progesterone concentration measured by radioimmunoassay (RIA), chemiluminesence (CLIA), and enzyme-linked fluorescent assay (ELFA).”

• Dr. Maria Ferrer, University of Georgia - “Accuracy of circulating cell-free fetal DNA-based fetal sexing in mares.”

Student Chapter Grants

The TF receives and considers requests for funding of student chapter grants intended to provide educational advancement of students interested in theriogenology. Furthermore, primary consideration is given to funding requests which provide an educational experience in theriogenology that is beyond the scope of the basic curriculum. The TF may consider all or partial funding of a request based on the annual budget and the merit of the educational experience to students. Funding to cover a speaker’s travel expense is also available. Two student chapter grants have been awarded this year.

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The 2015 grants were awarded to:
  • Auburn University
  • Kansas State University

ACT Student Outreach
The ACT seeks to promote awareness of the College and to encourage veterinary students to aspire to Diplomate status after graduation. The purpose of this fund is to facilitate travel and related expenses for non-local ACT Diplomates invited by student groups to visit and teach at veterinary schools. The ACT and TF hope that these visits will stimulate student enthusiasm and interest in the College by broadening students’ awareness of the many opportunities open to our Diplomates. This opportunity is open to all student groups. It is not required that the school has an active SFT Student Chapter.

The 2015 grants were awarded to:
  • Purdue University to host speaker David Pugh DVM, MS, MAg, DACT, DACVN, DACVM

Travel Grants
In 2015 the TF also awarded $4,200 in Student Travel Grants to assist veterinary students who were travelling to attend the 2015 Therio Conference in San Antonio, TX. These students were presenting abstracts, posters, student case presentations or taking part as a Merck Student Quiz Bowl team member at the conference. $2,250 was awarded in Resident/Intern Travel Grants this year and $2,000 was awarded as part of the American Kennel Club/Theriogenology Foundation Companion Animal Residency in Theriogenology program.

Student Externship Grants
Student Externship Grants are grants intended to support experiential educational advancement of students interested in theriogenology. So far in 2015, $250 in Student Externship Grants has been awarded.

Canine Breeder Excellence Seminars
At the University of California Davis SVM, the SFT Student Chapter organized a Canine Breeder Excellence Seminar which was held on March 29, 2015. Two hundred twenty-five breeders, veterinarians and dog owners took part in this event, eighty of them attended by webinar from all around the US. UC Davis hosted another seminar and webinar on Nov. 14, 2015, with 151 attendees.

The TF is also partnering with the AKC to host a Canine Breeders Excellence Seminar as a part of the AKC Eukanuba National Dog Show in Orlando, FL on Dec. 11, 2015.

Several other schools will partner with TF to host their own Canine Breeder Excellence Seminar coming up in 2016. Check the calendar on the TF website to see what may be in your area. If you or your school is interested in partnering with TF for one of these worthwhile events, please contact Roberta Norris, either by email, Roberta@franzmgmt.com or by phone 334.395.4666.

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2015 TF Grants Awarded as of 12/10/15

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Student Case Presentation winners L to R: Alyssa Thomas, UMO; Corinna Esdorn, UCD; Amélie Rivaleau, AUB; Grady Bailin, LSU; Kelsey Tanner, UCD and Christine Garrett, AUB.

SCOTY Award winners, Washington State University team L to R: Rachel Shutter, Seth Bynum, Stephanie White and Aubry Gray.
In January, 2014, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine announced the addition of a new residency in reproductive medicine for companion animals. The novel two-year Theriogenology Residency Program provides specialty training in all aspects of reproductive medicine and surgery, as well as all features of clinical practice related to male and female reproduction, obstetrics and neonatology in companion animals.

Not only does the resident receive specialty instruction in all aspects of reproductive medicine, the resident rotates through the Surgery Service and is jointly supervised by board-certified specialists in the Internal Medicine Service and/or Surgery Service, as well as the Small Animal Theriogenology Service. Such training qualifies the resident to perform surgery when necessary.

The resident receives on-site and off-site training with enthusiastic collaborators in private practice, gaining all necessary experience and skills. The resident spends two months of the two-year program working with farm animals in the VMTH’s Livestock Herd Health and Reproduction Service; another two months is spent with the VMTH’s Equine Reproduction Service.

In February, 2014, the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine announced a new residency in veterinary reproductive medicine for companion animals. The program enhances
Auburn's national reputation in theriogenology, or reproductive medicine, in both large and small animal medicine. The initial philanthropic investment of $100,000, made through the Auburn University Foundation, supports one resident for three years and provides specialty training in all aspects of veterinary reproductive medicine and surgery, as well as all features of clinical practice related to male and female reproduction, obstetrics and neonatology in companion animals. The resident works closely with Dr. Natalie S. Fraser.

Robyn Wilborn, Dr. Aime Johnson and Dr. Julie Gard, as well as Dr. Craig Angle and Dr. Paul Waggoner, co-directors of the Canine Performance Sciences Program.

Congratulations to the AKC-TF companion animal residents completing their programs in 2016

**UC Davis resident**
**Dr. Andrea Hesser**

Dr. Andrea Hesser is the Companion Animal Theriogenology resident at the University of California at Davis. A proud Oklahoma native, she received her DVM at Oklahoma State University in 2013. Following graduation, she worked in a small animal private practice in Overland Park, Kansas. Her special interest in theriogenology is in canine breeder medicine, stemming from her extensive background in conformation and performance competitions with AKC shows. She is still actively involved with the AKC, and hopes to bring the experiences and information learned in California back to Oklahoma in a private practice setting to serve the breeder community. Andrea really enjoys teaching her clients and growing the appreciation for proper canine breeding management, and in the future she hopes to teach students at a university or in a private practice setting. Andrea also enjoys travelling, baking, hunting, leisure horseback riding, and theater.

**Auburn University resident**
**Dr. Natalie S. Fraser**

Dr. Natalie S. Fraser was named the first veterinarian to participate in the AKC/Theriogenology Foundation Companion Animal Residency at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. Natalie completed her veterinary degree at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in 2009, and completed an internship at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 2009, and completed an internship at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine before entering into small animal private practice in Topeka, Kansas. During the residency, she has focused on all aspects of small animal reproduction from clinical case management to gathering valuable data for research endeavors. In addition, Natalie and other faculty theriogenologists provide expertise to the college’s Canine Performance Sciences Program. Natalie is an avid competitor in AKC events including conformation dog shows, obedience/rally trials, and retriever hunt tests.

**Penn Vet resident**
**Dr. Carol Margolis**

Dr. Carol Margolis graduated from Ross University and began the Companion Animal Theriogenology residency in July, 2014. She was in private practice for the two years prior to beginning the residency and has a keen interest in small animal reproduction and conservation biology. Her interest and training with breeding programs, including those that focus on genetic preservation of endangered species, make her a unique candidate for future board certification in the American College of Theriogenologists. Carol works closely with Dr. Grayson Wallace, UPenn's Medical Genetics resident, who also has a keen interest in small animal reproduction. Margolis and Wallace work to improve the welfare and health of purebred dogs by offering not only reproductive services but also genetic counseling and pediatric care in health and disease.

The $100,000 gift supports one resident for two years under the guidance of Dr. Margret Casal, Associate Professor of Medical Genetics. The program provides specialty training in all aspects of reproductive medicine and surgery, as well as all features of clinical practice related to male and female reproduction, obstetrics, and neonatology in companion animals.

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Donating to the Theriogenology Foundation

Did you know that there are several ways that you can make a donation to the Theriogenology Foundation that will not affect your current lifestyle, or will even pay you an income? You can leave benefits from a Retirement Account, Life Insurance policy, real estate or personal property (collectibles, art, books). Take advantage of the many creative ways to benefit yourself, your beneficiaries and the Theriogenology Foundation while saving tax dollars in the process. Please take a moment to explore the Planned Giving page out on the Theriogenology Foundation's website, http://therio.plannedgiving.org. There are worksheets available and additional information to help you consider all of the options.

Gifts that pay you income

Which life-income gift best fits your needs?

Charitable Gift Annuity
Deferred Gift Annuity
Charitable Remainder Unitrust
Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust

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Popular giving arrangements

Gifts from Your Will or Trust
Gifts from a Retirement Plan
Gifts from your Donor-Advised Funds
Gifts of Stock and Appreciated Assets
Gifts of Life Insurance
Gifts of Real Estate
Gifts of Personal Property

Gifts that protect your assets

Popular giving arrangements

Retained Life Estate
Charitable Lead Trust