From the president

The Theriogenology Foundation has experienced many milestones in its slightly over ten-year existence. A look back through the past issues of THERiver can be a huge source of pride for all of us involved in theriogenology in any way. From humble beginnings, our small foundation has grown to have a large impact both locally and globally. We have been able to fund research and students, educate dog breeders, give awards to recognize excellence, develop partnerships that allowed residencies to be established, and create research to better serve mankind through service animals. Not too bad! And none of this could have been accomplished without the hard work and support we have received from so many of you.

Now the Foundation is moving into a different phase. I am very proud of our accomplishments with the Working Dog Project. We will never be able to fully comprehend the multitudes that will benefit from this groundbreaking project. With the scope of the Working Dog Project increasing constantly, the Foundation Board make the difficult decision to pass this important project on to others who can support it as it continues to grow. Dr. Migday accurately described this as the Foundation giving birth to and nurturing the Working Dog Project, but now WDP needs to move on to more fully mature. In the future, we can know that we played a large part in helping all those who benefit from dogs that are trained for a specific, important task.

Our next project is the development of a scholarship program for veterinary students. Dr. Jim Floyd is in the process of putting together a committee and establishing guidelines and application processes as I write this. Our goal is to recognize excellence and interest in theriogenology amongst the students that will be our future. A survey of the membership of SFT and ACT indicated that scholarships are high on the list of goals that our membership has for TF. The TF board is very excited about this program and it is our desire to reflect the wishes of our sister organizations.

Along with the scholarship program, TF will continue to support research, fund student travel to the annual conference, educate our clients with events such as C-BEST, and continue our partnership with AKC and AKC-CHF to support residencies in theriogenology. Through these programs, along with the scholarship initiative, TF will continue to support SFT and ACT members, and be on the forefront of marketing theriogenology and its importance. There has been so much accomplished by TF in the past 10 plus years, but there is still so much to do and what we will accomplish in the future is thrilling.

As I take the Theriogenology Foundation’s president’s position, I want to thank Dr. Tom Riddle for the vision he had over a decade ago that was a large part of bringing this foundation into existence. So many of us have benefitted from Dr. Riddle’s wise counsel and his concern and wisdom were (and are) instrumental in making this foundation a reality.

I would also like to thank Dr. Anita Migday for her leadership of TF. There is certainly only one Anita Migday. I’m not sure if she is more inspiration or cattle prod. Maybe both, but I and many others have gained so much because of her energy, ideas, drive and involvement in our lives and the life of TF.

Drs. Riddle and Migday: Thanks for all you have and continue to do for our profession and our foundation.

As you can see, TF has a very exciting future. I have included a photo of a sunrise from my front porch to illustrate this being a new dawn for the Theriogenology Foundation. Please let us know how we can best take this foundation to the highest level of service. I would love to hear any and all ideas and can be reached at 662.252.5454. And please support our programs so we can continue to help so many others.

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Please mark Tuesday, December 1, 2020 on your calendar.

The Theriogenology Foundation is asking all SFT and ACT members to donate $25.00 on “Giving Tuesday”. By making a donation to the Theriogenology Foundation you can help a student learn and experience a world outside of the normal classroom as part of a Foundation sponsored externship. You can support SFT student chapters bring in a renowned speaker to strengthen their interest in theriogenology. You can help a student secure travel funds to the annual meeting. You can support research grants in multiple species related to reproduction. You can support special projects, such as the Nandi Scholars Program.

Please consider making a donation to the Theriogenology Foundation and join others around the world who will come together on December 1 for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and give.

To donate text one of the following codes to 44321:

**NANDI** - Nandi Scholars Program

**RES11** - Research grants selected on merit (food animal, equine, and companion animal)

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**WDP11** - The Working Dog Project– Research project to enhance scientific selection and production of working dogs (Military Working Dogs, assistance dogs, detector dogs, guide dogs, etc.)

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You will get a secure link texted back that will take you to the mobile donation page. From there, you can select your amount to donate.

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**Save the Date!**

Make plans to join us in Omaha, Nebraska, an urban oasis on the plains. Omaha exceeds expectations as a hub for technology, sporting events, culture, and entertainment. Known as a top-ranked foodie city and home to the largest indoor desert and rainforest in North America, there is something for everyone.

The Annual Conference will be held at the Hilton Omaha, July 21 – July 24. The conference will feature student case presentations and events, scientific abstracts, as well as small animal, equine, and production animal tracks. This year, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a pre-conference symposium in Reproductive Pathology or Zoological Species.

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The Theriogenology Foundation 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 American College of Theriogenologists, veterinarians who are Society for Theriogenology 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.

Three equine research grants were awarded in 2020:

- Dr. Mariana Diel de Amorim at Cornell University for “Prostaglandin E During Pregnancy Recognition in Mares” in the amount of $5,000.
- Dr. Viviane Cristine Leite Gomes at Louisiana State University for “Kisspeptins as Pro-apoptotic Mediators during Equine Endometrial Cup Demise” in the amount of $5,000.
- Dr. Maria Fernanda Lopez Rodriguez at the University of Saskatchewan for “Equine Thyroid Dysfunction and Thyroid Stimulating Hormone Levels in Horses” in the amount of $6,265.

Pre-proposals must be submitted prior to February 15. Deadline for full proposals is April 15. Instructions to apply can be found here: https://www.theriofoundation.org/page/ResearchGrantsgen

The Theriogenology Foundation
Honor a Mentor Program

Have you had mentors in your early years as a part of the veterinary profession and throughout your career who have influenced your theriogenology interest? Would you like to honor them with the recognition they deserve? You can nominate these mentors for recognition through the Theriogenology Foundation.

Once donations reach $1000 (you and your colleagues can pool donations to reach this level) your mentor’s name will be listed as a nominee for recognition. When donations total $5000, your mentor, along with a brief biography, photograph and select comments from nominators, will be highlighted on the website, in THERiver, at the Therio Conference and in other ways.

Recognize your mentor by visiting: https://www.theriofoundation.org/donations/donate.asp?id=7103
Nandi Scholars Program

Nandi
Ancient Symbol of Fertility

The Theriogenology Foundation announces the NANDI SCHOLARS PROGRAM beginning in 2021.

In 2019 the members of the Society for Theriogenology (SFT) and the American College of Theriogenologists (ACT) ranked two top priorities for support by the Theriogenology Foundation (TF): veterinary education and veterinary students. Subsequently, the TF Board, with support of the SFT and ACT Boards named an organizing committee to establish the NANDI SCHOLARS PROGRAM for the TF to recognize and reward veterinary students who have demonstrated superior potential for clinical and scholarly excellence in Theriogenology and to promote the teaching of Theriogenology at veterinary schools. Donations are now being accepted by the TF in support of the NANDI SCHOLARS PROGRAM as well as the other programs currently in place under the TF Granting Committee.

4th Year Veterinary students who are members of SFT will be able to apply for recognition as NANDI SCHOLARS beginning January 1, 2021. TF anticipates that two to three NANDI SCHOLARS will be selected in April, 2021 and awarded $10,000 scholarships in person at the 2021 Theriogenology Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska on July 23, 2021. Aspiring NANDI SCHOLARS will submit applications online consisting of a biography and history of relevant experience and academic achievement, a statement of professional career goals, an essay written on a specified topic, a nominating letter from a faculty member at the student's institution, and two additional letters of support, with at least one of those three letters from a member of SFT and/or ACT.

The TF hopes to add Theriogenology Residents and new veterinary graduates as additional categories of NANDI SCHOLARS in the future, expanding the program’s ability to provide financial support and recognition for promising veterinarians who will lead the future of veterinary clinical reproduction. Additional details for applying for the NANDI SCHOLARS PROGRAM will be announced on the Theriogenology Foundation website https://www.theriofoundation.org/, on email listserves for SFT, ACT and TF, and on social media platforms in November, 2020.

Did you know you can support veterinary students by helping them attend the Therio Annual Conference? The TF Student Annual Conference Opportunity is a perfect way to do this. This program provides a way for you to support veterinary students from a school of your choice. These students compete in the student case presentations, present abstracts, participate in the Quiz Bowl competition and are able to interact with you as your future colleagues each year at the Annual Conference.

Your donations are needed to provide this support. Won’t you show your competitive spirit by supporting students from your school today? If you prefer to make a general-SACO donation, these funds will be used to support students where the need is greatest.

This link provides additional information about SACO and provides a direct link to donate: https://www.theriofoundation.org/page/SACOAlumni

The students would appreciate your support today!
TF Donor Recognition

Contributions to the Theriogenology Foundation increase educational opportunities, support research and enhance the field of theriogenology.

Supporting our Future: Levels of Annual Individual Giving

**Genesis Society**: $5,000 or more

**Visionary**: $1,000-$4,999

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Donors will be recognized in the Foundation publication THERiver.

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 year level is known as the Dr. S. J. Roberts Circle of the Rocky Mountain Society.

The 20 year level is known as the Dr. David Bartlett Circle of the Rocky Mountain Society.

First-time Rocky Mountain Society members, or those reaching new milestones, will receive by mail a RMS welcome letter and lapel pin denoting the milestone period of consecutive year giving.

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.

An appropriate plaque and lapel pin will be presented for each level of recognition. Members of the 1954 Society will be invited to attend a private stakeholders reception at the Annual Conference and will receive updates on Foundation giving news.

Planned Giving Donors

Thank you to the following supporters for their generous designated gifts to support theriogenology and the Theriogenology Foundation. Have you been thinking about this but just not finished setting it up? Please give us a call for more information or to let us know when you have included TF in your will. Your planning now will support theriogenology in the future and insure that your wishes are fulfilled.

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Tom Riddle, DVM

This book will be of interest to a variety of readers, including veterinarians who are considering a group practice, veterinarians who are interested in equine reproduction, and horsemen and women who want to learn more about breeding mares.

"This book is amazing—almost as amazing as Dr. Riddle’s generosity in donating the profits from its sale to the Foundation for the Horse (AAEP) and the Theriogenology Foundation."

—Dr. Mike Thompson, Board-certified in theriogenology, president of the Society for Theriogenology in 2016, current president of the Theriogenology Foundation.

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Consult your tax professional for more information or give us a call with any questions.

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