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OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**Veterinary Teaching Hospital**  
Theriogenology Services Laboratory  
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## Welcome to the Theriogenology Service

### The Theriogenology Team

Veterinary Technicians: Danielle Jaszewski, LVT, Robyn Fox, LVT, Amanda Havens, LVT

Case Coordinator: Baylee Dillon

Veterinary Student(s)

Resident: Dr. Alyssa Helms

Board Certified Theriogenologists: Drs. Orsolya Balogh and Julie Cecere

### Documents we require prior to your appointment:

- Medical records from your regular veterinarian to include:
  - Proof of rabies vaccination, distemper/parvo combination vaccination or titer, and other life style related vaccinations
    - If not provided core vaccines (rabies and distemper combination) will be given at your first appointment
  - Current heartworm and tick-borne disease test (4DX) dates and results
    - If not provided ne will be performed at your first appointment
  - Proof of current *Brucella canis* testing (within the last 3 months), or one will be performed at your first breeding management appointment
  - Any medications your animal is currently taking (please include current dose/frequency)
    - This includes any heartworm preventatives, flea and tick preventatives, and deworming or herbal medications
- Registration papers, if applicable
- Any paperwork pertaining to previous health clearance tests (Cardiac, Eye, OFA, Penn Hip, etc.) or DNA testing
  - If no testing has been done we will do our best to provide these tests during your first appointment or recommend which tests should be done prior to any breeding of your animal



**\*\*please note, we will not proceed with your appointment without these documents. Please ensure we have received these documents 24 business hours prior to your appointment.**

**\*\*Due to the volume of appointment requests, cancelation fees will apply if scheduled appointments are not cancelled or rescheduled at least 48 business hours before your scheduled appointment.**

### **What to expect during your appointment:**

#### **Initial Appointment for Health Clearances, Breeding Management and/or reproductive related conditions**

After you check in, you will be greeted by a member of our team. We will review information sent by your veterinarian and find out your goals for the appointment. We will discuss your future breeding plans and any questions you may have regarding your visit. This process takes 20-30 minutes. A physical examination will also take place at this time. All history and examination findings will be reported to the senior faculty theriogenologist, and any points will be clarified prior to moving forward with any diagnostic tests. Prior to discharge, we will meet with you and your pet to review the diagnostic plan, breeding management scenarios, and/or diagnostic findings. All discharges and lab work will be summarized and e-mailed to you, the client, and your regular veterinarian within 48 hours of your visit. All animals will be screened for heritable diseases during their physical examination. If heritable diseases are suspected or diagnosed, treatment options will be discussed and genetic counseling will be available as needed.

#### **Subsequent appointments for breeding management**

One of our technicians will greet you after check-in and bring your animal back for their diagnostic test(s). One of our team will call and/or email you the results of the test(s) and an updated plan. Follow-up appointments can be made at that time.

#### **What happens to my pet while in the hospital?**

If your pet is admitted to the hospital for diagnosis or treatment, s/he will stay in the ICU or hospital ward depending on the level of care required. Our hospital is staffed 24/7 with a veterinarian on site at all times.

Students are required to perform patient care duties such as administering medications, walks, physical rehabilitation, etc. at 7 AM and 7 PM daily. They will update you on how your pet is doing around these times. You can expect a phone call from the student and/or veterinarian at least once a day.

Please contact us if you have any questions prior to your visit (540) 231-4621

