Editorial

Associate Editor's note

Dear Theriogenology Friends,

Clinical Theriogenology journal is grateful to the ongoing strong support from the leadership and membership of our organizations (Society for Theriogenology, American College of Theriogenologists, Theriogenology Foundation) and Hannah Street Consulting, Inc. This year, a special issue on Advances and Clinical Applications of Embryo Transfer and Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Domestic and Exotic Animals is being published, coming after the 2 previous special issues published in 2025 on Andrology and Therapeutics in Theriogenology. The Editorial Team greatly appreciates the Guest Editors, Authors, and Reviewers of these Special Issues.

Same as last year, the ACT and SFT abstracts were submitted on the Catalyst platform and 86 abstracts were accepted for presentation and formatted for publication in the 2026 conference proceedings. These abstracts are also published (in alphabetical order by first author's last name) in this issue. New this year, conference attendees voted on their favorite poster presentations. The top 3 "fan favorites" were:

- Cystic endometrial hyperplasia in a Vietnamese potbellied pig presented by Brooke Colvin
- Abdominal distension caused by a uterine mass in a pygmy doe presented by Ryane Cronk
- Congenital megaesophagus in a 3-week miniature Dachshund neonate presented by Dani Ingalls

In addition, 8 abstracts presented at the conference as posters were selected for Honorable Mention. These included:

- Management of chronic balanoposthitis in a 6-year neutered male dog presented by Barbara Follett
- Symmetrical parapagus dicephalus in an equine fetus after twin reduction presented by Taylor Smith
- Epididymal adenomatous hyperplasia: is there a relationship with testicular disease? presented by Bonnie Howard
- Cystic endometrial hyperplasia in a Vietnamese potbellied pig presented by Brooke Colvin
- A transcriptomic approach of the placenta during parturition in the dog: preliminary results presented by Gabriela Sousa
- Use of fluorescein sodium dye to diagnose rectovaginal fistula in a barren Thoroughbred presented by Ainslee Garrett
- Intraabdominal cervical tear resulting in peritonitis in a mare presented by Brittany Middlebrooks
- Equine uterine fluid extracellular vesicles contain arachidonic acid and phospholipase A^2 presented by Carolina Emparanza

We sincerely hope that the authors of these abstracts will consider submitting manuscripts of their case reports and original research to Clinical Theriogenology for publication.

I wanted to express my profound appreciation to Ms. Beth Gibson in the SFT management office (Hannah Street Consulting, Inc.), as the main 'point person' for the conference abstracts. I am also grateful to the American College of Theriogenologists Scientific Abstract Committee (Drs. Callum Donnelly [chair], Karen Wolfsdorf [past chair], Jessica Klabnik, Jose Len, Katelyn Waters, and Riley Thompson) and to the Society for Theriogenology Student Abstract Committee (Drs. David Christiansen [chair], Todd Anderson, Cari Chisholm, Jessica Cowley, David Hidalgo, and Margo Macpherson) for their dedication and due diligence in abstract selection. The Editorial Team was impressed with the broad range of topics, techniques, and application of 'cutting edge' science reported in the abstracts. Also, the enthusiasm for theriogenology reflected in the student abstracts illustrates the dedication our mentoring colleagues have in our discipline. Abstracts are truly an outcome of enormous amount of time commitment and effort and resources invested by the investigators and their institutions.

Finally, I am grateful to the Clinical Theriogenology Editorial Team (Editor [Dr. Augustine Peter], Copy Editor [Dr. John Kastelic], Production Editor [Ms. Emma Csemiczky]) for their ongoing support to me as the Associate Editor.

I look forward to getting your feedback.

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