

The Ohio State University Theriogenology Club Constitution

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

Section 1- The name of this organization shall be Theriogenology Club. It will also be known as "Therio Club" informally.

Section 2 – Theriogenology Club is affiliated with the Society for Theriogenology (SFT) and will serve as the Ohio State University Student Chapter. The purpose and aim of this student organization is to provide unique learning opportunities and leadership in veterinary reproductive medicine in all species consonant with the Society for Theriogenology's professional mission statement.

Section 3 - This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with the guidelines.

Article II – Membership: Qualifications and Categories of Membership

Section 1- Membership is open to all students currently enrolled in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Section 2- An individual eligible for active membership under the provisions of Article 2, Section 1 shall automatically become a member upon payment of dues by the date assigned by the executive committee.

Section 3- Every person, on becoming a member, shall assume an obligation to accept this Constitution and Bylaws thereon based.

Section 4- Yearly dues for membership will be set each Autumn semester at the discretion of the executive committee.

Section 5- Active members shall be suspended until current and delinquent dues of the school year are paid.

Section 6- Members may leave the club at any time of their choosing. Should a member want to leave the club, they should email the secretary and president to be taken off the communication listserv.

Section 7- If a member conducts themselves in a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the Honor Code at The Ohio State University, they can be removed through a majority vote of the executive committee.

Article III –Organization Leadership: Officers and Faculty Advisors

Section 1: The Executive Committee of this club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Marketing Director, and Dystocia Team Coordinators (3). As applicable, Robert's Rules of Order Revised, not to conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws, shall govern all officers.

Section 2: The President shall preside at regular meetings, oversee club activities, and enforce the constitution and bylaws. The President will organize and plan lunch/dinner lectures by inviting speakers, securing meeting locations, and catering refreshments for the meetings. The President will also assist the Vice President to plan wet labs for the school year. The President will serve as the liaison between the club, faculty, and SFT. The president will work with the Treasurer to register club members for SFT.

Section 3: The Vice President shall plan and organize wet labs by securing lab leaders, booking lab locations, filling out respective IACUC formalities, and finding specimens. The Vice President shall manage potential SFT grants, awards, and attendance to annual conference. The Vice President shall take over the President role in the event that the president is unable to complete their term.

Section 4: The Secretary shall be responsible for informing the student body, faculty, and staff of Theriogenology Club events. The Secretary is responsible for creating an updated email listserv and GroupMe to send out weekly/monthly emails to dues-paying members. The Secretary will work with the Treasurer to maintain an updated club roster of dues-paying members.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Theriogenology Club. The Treasurer will coordinate and collect dues for both Theriogenology Club and SFT membership. The Treasurer shall create and maintain an organized yearly budget for the academic and financial year.

Section 6: The Marketing Director shall be responsible for creating, ordering, selling, and storing all club merchandise. The Marketing Director will attend events such as the Midwest Veterinary Conference on behalf of the club to sell merchandise. The Marketing Director shall be responsible for maintaining a club booth at the annual CVM Club Fair to recruit new members and sell merchandise. The Marketing Director shall be responsible for any fundraising endeavors and will manage any club social media accounts.

Section 7: Dystocia Team Coordinators (3) shall organize the yearly Dystocia Team and collaborate with both the small and large animal OSU CVM hospitals to accomplish this. and fetotomy lab; shall coordinate dystocia team volunteer schedules. They shall be responsible for creating and managing on-call volunteer schedules. Dystocia Team Coordinators shall lead and organize the annual dystocia and fetotomy wet labs with the Vice President.

Section 8: An officer may step down from his/her position at any time throughout their term. In case of a vacancy, the position shall be filled by appointment by the executive committee. If a majority agreement of the executive committee cannot be reached, the vacant position will be voted on by the membership.

Section 9: The Executive Board as a whole shall have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the Club, shall determine its policies or charges, and shall actively prosecute its purposes, and shall have discretion in the disbursement of its funds. It may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as it deems advisable and may in the execution of the powers granted appoint such agents as it may consider necessary.

Section 10: The advisor(s) shall assist club officers in arranging, planning, and conducting meetings and wet-labs when needed. They should remain accessible to serve as a resource to all officers and club members for education, instruction, and necessary guidance on club topics. The advisors will remain Dr. Marcos Da Silva, DVM, MS, PhD, Diplomate ACT and Dr. Erin Runcan, DVM, Diplomate ACT unless another advisor is requested or required by the organization. An advisor may step down from his/her position at any time throughout their term. In case of a vacancy, a new advisor will be selected and voted on by the executive committee. They must be a current faculty member of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and a board certified Theriogenologist. It is required that they serve as a member of the Society for Theriogenology in good standing.

Article V – Elections

Section 1: The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Marketing Director, and Dystocia Team Coordinators (3) shall be elected for a term of one year.

Section 2: All candidates shall be currently enrolled in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and have been active members of the club prior to the semester of the election.

Section 3: Nominations shall be accepted one week prior to elections via a Google Form to email to the President.

Section 4: Election of the officers shall be voted on by a majority vote of active Theriogenology Club members. Newly elected officers shall take office directly following their election, set at the discretion of the sitting President. New officers will be assisted by outgoing officers as necessary.

Section 5: If an officer conducts themselves in a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, is delinquent in performing their officer duties, or is in violation of the Honor Code at The Ohio State University, they can be removed through a majority vote of the executive committee with consultation of the advisors.

Article VI – Government and Meetings

Section 1: Theriogenology Club shall have at minimum one meeting and one wet lab per semester of classes in the active academic year. The Executive Board shall strive to provide a variety of meeting topics. Meeting times and dates shall be set up at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: This organization shall be governed by the Rules of Order and the Organization and Conduct of Business of Robert's Rules of Order Revised, not to conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws.

Article VI – Constitutional Amendments

Section 1: Proposed amendments to the Theriogenology Club's constitution should be submitted in writing to the President, who will send out the proposed amendments to the club one week before voting.

Section 2: The constitution shall be amended by a three-fourth majority vote of active club members.

Article VII– Method of Dissolution of Organization

Section 1: In the case in which no membership is attained and the officer positions can not be filled, The Ohio State University Theriogenology Club will be disbanded. All funds within the treasury will be disbursed in a manner voted on as per the current year's executive board.

(Formal constitution last edited by B. Jacobs on 2/23/2025 and voted into order by executive committee (B. Jacobs, M. Reynaud, M. McDonald, C. Nau, M. Fernandez, L. Samargo), with final approval executed by advisors (M. DaSilva and E. Runcan). All revisions henceforth will be conducted as per the written Constitution and By-Laws.