

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – 2012

The Scientific Abstract Committee on behalf of the American College of Theriogenologists (ACT) issues a call for research and case abstracts to be presented at the 2012 Annual Theriogenology Conference & Symposia to be held August 20-25, 2012 in Baltimore, MD. Abstracts will be considered in three categories:

**1. Competitive Category: Abstracts submitted for this category must have a graduate student, resident, veterinary student, or undergraduate student as the first author (only one submission per first author will be accepted in this category).** These abstracts will be judged on the basis of scientific merit (written). The 8 abstracts with the highest written scores will be selected for presentation during the abstract competition. First authors chosen to present in the abstract competition will receive one complimentary registration for the meeting. The abstracts will be presented during a plenary session and judged for presentation quality (oral). Financial awards will be given to the four presenters with the highest total score (written plus oral).

**The first author (graduate student, resident, veterinary student, or undergraduate student) will be required to present the abstract during the abstract competition at the SFT Annual Conference.** Oral presentations will be 10 minutes in length; an additional 2 to 3 minutes will be allowed for questions only. Time limits will be strictly enforced for the abstract competition; **exceeding the 10-minute time limit will result in disqualification from the competition.**

Other high scoring abstracts not selected for the abstract competition will be chosen for presentation during a noncompetitive session, and one of the authors will be required to present the abstract at the SFT Annual Conference during a general session or educational session. Presenters of these abstracts will not receive complimentary registration for the meeting.

If the appropriate author is not available to present the abstract at the SFT Annual Meeting, you may petition the Chair of the Scientific Abstract Committee to request permission for an alternative author to present the information. In the case of a competitive abstract for which the submitting graduate student/resident is not available to present the abstract but for which a suitable substitute presenter can be found, the abstract may still be included for presentation during the competitive session but it *will not* be scored and *will not* be eligible for awards.

**2. Non-Competitive Category:** All individuals, including practitioners, faculty, graduate students, residents, and veterinary students, are encouraged to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation during a general session or an educational session (there may be more than 1 submission per first author in this category). Presenters in this category will not receive a complimentary registration to the conference. Oral presentations will be 10 minutes in length; an additional 2 to 3 minutes will be allowed for questions only.

**3. Case Abstract Category:** All individuals, including practitioners, faculty, graduate students, residents, are encouraged to submit note-worthy case reports for consideration for presentation during a poster session. There may be more than one submission per first author in this category. Presenters in this category will not receive a complimentary registration to the conference. Presenters are expected to be present during the poster session to answer questions.

**General:** Presenters of research abstracts, posters, and case abstracts will not be reimbursed for travel or other expenses incurred in presenting an abstract, nor will they receive an honorarium. Submission of an abstract for consideration in any of the sessions is considered a commitment that, should the abstract be accepted in either category, the appropriate author (as detailed above) will

be present at the SFT annual meeting to present the abstract in a formal oral or poster session.  
***Accepted abstracts will be printed in the Annual Conference Proceedings.***

Submission of an abstract for consideration in either the competitive or noncompetitive sessions is considered a commitment that, should the abstract be accepted in any of the categories, the appropriate author (as described in the Call for Abstracts) will be present at the SFT Annual Meeting to present the abstract in a formal oral or poster session.

In the event that no suitable person is available to present an accepted abstract or poster at the Annual Meeting, *the submitting/presenting author* will be barred from submission of Scientific Abstracts for consideration for presentation at the Annual Meeting and will be barred from speaking at the Annual Meeting for a period of five (5) years. *All other authors* will be barred from submission of Scientific Abstracts for consideration for presentation at the Annual Meeting and will be banned from speaking at the Annual Meeting for one (1) year.

Penalized authors have the right to petition the Executive Board of the American College of Theriogenologists for a reduction or waiver of the penalty. A written petition that includes the reason for the absence from the meeting should be submitted to the Chair of the Scientific Abstract Committee no later than 1 week before the Annual Meeting. The Chair and other members of the Abstract Committee will review the petition and present the case to the EB at the August business meeting. Authors will be notified of the decision of the Board by email after the conclusion of the annual meeting.

#### **GUIDELINES: WHAT TO SEND AND HOW TO SEND IT**

Electronically: Submit via e-mail (address on top of Submission Form) or on a CD (compatible with Word)

General: Authors should read the Guide for Authors for the journal *Clinical Theriogenology*.

Specific instructions for submission of abstracts can be found on the ACT website

([www.theriogenology.org](http://www.theriogenology.org)) under “call for abstracts”.

Font: 12 point Times New Roman

Length: No longer than one page

Paper: 8.5” x 11”

Margins: 1.5” top and bottom – 1” left and right

Header: The title, authors, and their affiliations must be centered at the top of the page.

Content: Abstracts should state clearly the hypothesis and aims of the project, describe the methods used, and summarize the findings. Keywords (up to 5) should be listed at the bottom of the page. Authors are encouraged to consider the criteria for judging provided on the website.

Form: You must complete and submit the following submission form for your abstract.

**Abstracts not adhering to these guidelines will not be considered for presentation.**

***DEADLINE: Abstracts must be received no later than  
Wednesday, February 15, 2012 for consideration.***

**Those submitting abstracts for consideration will be notified by March 15, 2012 if their abstract(s) were accepted or declined.**

## SUBMISSION FORM

Send Abstracts by Wednesday, **February 15**, 2012 to:

SFT Headquarters  
Attn: Charles Franz, DVM  
P.O. Box 3007  
Montgomery, AL 36109  
charles@franzmgt.com

***Please type the following information:***

Yes, I am submitting an abstract to be considered for presentation at the 2006 Annual Conference and if chosen will present it in the session designated by the Abstract Committee.

Competitive Category  Non-competitive Category  Case Abstract Category   
(Check one)

Name and Degree(s):

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Title of Submission(s):

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**If there are any questions, contact:**

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