

**Canine Breeder Symposium**  
**Hyatt Regency-Union Station, St. Louis, MO**  
**Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**Presented by The Society for Theriogenology**  
**(Veterinarians Dedicated to Animal Reproduction)**



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VETERINARIANS WHO ARE RECOGNIZED IN CANINE BREEDING**

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**8:00am-8:15am - Welcome** - *Dr. Cheryl Lopate*

**8:15am-8:45am - Considerations for Use of Chilled Semen-**

*Dr. George Seier-* Advantages, disadvantages, and practical considerations for the use of **chilled semen** in your kennel; learn what questions to ask both from the breeder and your veterinarian.

**8:45am-9:15am - Considerations in the Use of Frozen Semen-**

*Dr. George Seier-* Advantages, disadvantages, and practical considerations for the use of **frozen semen** in your kennel; learn what questions to ask both from the breeder and your veterinarian.

**9:15am-10:15am - Breeding Options in the Bitch-**

*Dr. Rebecca Kestle-* Focuses on assisting breeders in obtaining maximum conception in the bitch, including pre-breeding screens, ovulation timing, and different methods of insemination.

**10:15am-10:30am - Break**

**10:30am-11:30am - Mastitis and Common Mammary Disorders of the Pregnant and Non-Pregnant Bitch-**

*Dr. Anne Traas-* The common disorders of the mammary glands of the female dogs will be addressed including mastitis, false pregnancy, mammary cysts and mammary cancer. Prevention and treatment will also be discussed.

**11:30am-12:30pm - Postpartum Disorders-**

*Dr. Kirk Esmond-* Our discussion here is about some of the most commonly seen problems occurring after whelping in the bitch.

**12:30pm-1:30pm - Lunch**

**1:30pm-2:00pm - Misconceptions about Nutrition-**

*Dr. Deb Greco-* This lecture will cover some of the misconceptions about food ingredients, raw food, and commercial food for puppies and adult dogs.

**2:00pm-2:30pm - How to Read and Understand a Dog Food Label-**

*Dr. Deb Greco-* Interactive lecture on reading pet food labels and understanding ingredients and recipes used in today's commercial dog food.

**2:30pm-3:15pm - Regulatory Issues Regarding Canine Reproduction-**

*Dr. Jerry Eber-* Important information you need to know about breeding laws

**3:15pm-3:30pm - Break**

**3:30pm-4:30pm - OFA vs. PennHip-**

*Dr. Ray Calkins-* The OFA and PennHip are two nonprofit organizations dedicated to reducing the incidence of canine hip dysplasia. Both organizations agree that hip laxity is the most important risk factor for the development of dysplasia. A combination of both programs is useful to breeders in reducing this genetic based problem in breeding stock.

**4:30pm-5:30pm - Abnormalities of the Estrous Cycle-**

*Dr. Scott Pretzer-* The normal estrous cycle of the canine is reviewed, including the ranges of what is considered "normal". Abnormalities of the estrous cycle are discussed, including clinical findings and diagnostics.

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