

# The Capper & Chris Save the Animals Fund

*Dedicated to providing valuable training to veterinary students and helping to save animals in need, The Capper & Chris Save the Animals Fund was one of the first such funds at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.*

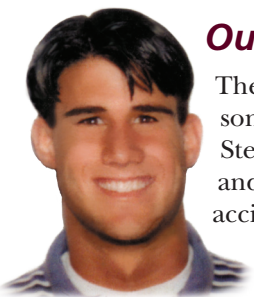
## The Initiative

Pets today are considered an integral part of the family. No one should have to put their beloved pet to sleep because of an inability to pay veterinary medical bills. The Capper & Chris Save the Animals Fund was established in 1997 to bridge the gap between a pet owner's ability to pay for lifesaving medical treatment and the costs of the procedure.



The College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences has some of the finest veterinarians in the world coupled with the most advanced diagnostic and lifesaving procedures available for the care of sick and injured animals. However, these state-of-the-art procedures can be very expensive.

The Capper & Chris Save the Animals Fund provides financial assistance to pet owners who could not otherwise afford a lifesaving procedure for their animal, especially those pets that might have to be euthanized due to prohibitive financial hardship to the family.



## Our Objectives

The fund, created by Mrs. Capper Thompson, was established as a memorial to Chris Stehouwer, a Texas A&M University student and animal lover who was killed in a tragic accident.

Mrs. Thompson envisioned the fund as the perfect way to both help sick animals in need and, at the same time, provide valuable training for veterinary students. She realized there was little educational

value in euthanizing pets that could otherwise be treated, so Mrs. Thompson established this remarkable tribute.

Some eligibility criteria have been established for the fund:

- The animal must have a treatable disease or injury.
- The fund may contribute up to 50% of the total cost, with a maximum of \$1,000 per case.
- The treatment must be performed at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital (VMTH).



## Your Support

Contributing to the Capper & Chris Save the Animals Fund at the Texas A&M College Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences not only gives you the opportunity to help families whose pets are in need of lifesaving medical treatment, but makes you a member of the team working to educate future veterinarians.

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# Mark Francis Fellows

*Private contributions provide the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences with the financial help required to maintain its vitality and to strengthen its national influence.*

## Giving

Although Texas A&M University is a state-assisted institution, it must rely on private contributions and support to maintain its excellence. When you have made one or more contributions totalling \$1,000 to any of the development initiatives at the college, you become a Mark Francis Fellow. Fellows help meet needs in several fundamental areas including student scholarships and financial aid, equipment, public outreach, academic programs, research, and animal treatment.

## Major Areas of Support

- Enroll the most talented students, regardless of their financial status
- Recruit and retain the very best scholars and teachers
- Provide environmental and technological resources conducive to learning and research
- Provide assistance to clients who may not otherwise be able to afford life-saving medical treatment for their pets
- Enhance innovative programs, such as practitioner involvement in clinical research, education, technology, basic research, new initiatives in patient care, and new thrusts in continuing education

## Membership Levels

As Fellows continue to give to the college, they are recognized at the following levels:

Basic .....	\$1,000–\$2,499
Maroon Level I.....	\$2,500–\$4,999
Maroon Level II .....	\$5,000–\$9,999
Maroon Level III.....	\$10,000–\$24,999
Diamond Level I .....	\$25,000–\$49,999
Diamond Level II.....	\$50,000–\$99,999
Diamond Level III.....	\$100,000 and over

## Being a Mark Francis Fellow

Fellows comprise a select group of College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences advocates who find satisfaction in close involvement with a college whose achievements are immediate, tangible, and significant.

Fellows are people who are concerned about Texas veterinary medicine—people who recognize that the college is in a unique position to make important advancements for animals and human beings through education, research, and service.

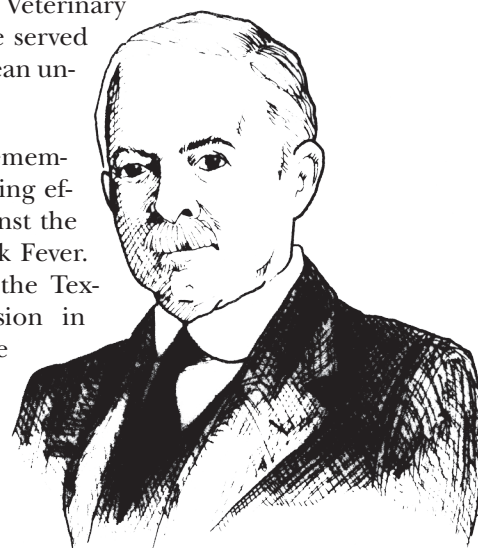
Fellows are the leaders for voluntary giving and set the pace for other donors to the college.

As a Mark Francis Fellow, your gifts will enable Texas A&M University to continue its long-standing tradition of making a difference in veterinary medicine.

## About Dr. Mark Francis

Dr. Mark Francis became the first professor of veterinary science at Texas A&M and was largely responsible for the establishment of the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1916. He served as the college's first dean until his death in 1936.

Francis is fondly remembered for his pioneering efforts in the fight against the devastating Texas Tick Fever. He helped organize the Texas veterinary profession in 1903 and became the first president of the newly formed state organization, which later became the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA).



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