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IN THE NEWS



Welcome our newest cardiologist! **Dr. Sonya Wesselowski** comes to Texas A&M from Maryland with research experience in mitral valve disease! We are so happy to have her join us!

The EPIC study results are published! This study was the largest in veterinary cardiology to date and involved 36 sites globally and 360 dogs. The results show pimobendan is effective in delaying the onset of clinical signs for an average of 15 months in dogs with increased heart size secondary to preclinical myxomatous mitral valve disease. Texas A&M Cardiology participated in this study, and **Dr. Gordon** was a lead investigator.



Dr. Gordon presenting EPIC results in Croatia this fall



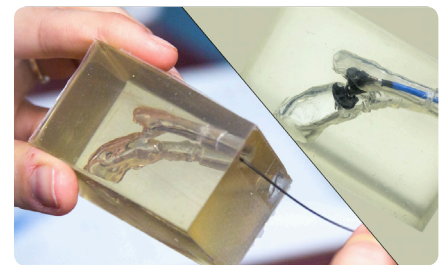
Dr. Saunders was awarded a Texas A&M Association of Former Students University-Level Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching in the spring and was designated a One Health Scholar as a lead author for "*Chagas Disease: Connections Between Humans, Animal and the Ecosystem.*" This case study was a collaborative work co-authored by health professional experts in Chagas disease and published online as a new teaching initiative by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges.

HOW HAVE DONATIONS IMPACTED OUR PATIENTS AND THE CARDIOLOGY PROGRAM AT TEXAS A&M THIS YEAR?

- Your donations continue to allow us to support patients that require advanced imaging and procedures for complex heart problems.
- A recent donation to cardiology allowed us to upgrade our catheterization lab with the purchase of a new c-arm fluoroscopic unit and monitors. This was essential for our program! The donation includes recurring funds to support development and procedures for clinical patients.



- We continue to lead the field in 3D modeling of the heart. Support for this initiative has allowed us to acquire state of the art images and fund projects exploring True 3D applications for our patients including 3D printed models for procedural training.



- Dr. Boutet's** resident project evaluating the clinical utility of intracardiac echo in horses. Intracardiac echo is a new way to image the heart and has not been fully explored in veterinary medicine.



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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR TEXAS A&M CARDIOLOGY

Equipment Goals

A 3D echocardiographic imaging probe for the GE Vivid E95 ultrasound machine. This will help us as we move forward with mitral valve disease and congenital defect research. (approximately \$31,000 for transthoracic 4D volume phased array imaging probe)

A portable laptop echocardiographic machine to enable intracardiac imaging and mobile research projects. (approximately \$80,000)

Endowed and Resident Positions

Three Year Cardiology Residency (approximately \$100,000 for 3 years)

Cardiology Faculty Chair position (minimum of \$500,000)

Other Donations

Donations in support of individual pets, clinical trials, and projects including 3D modeling of the heart: **Any amount helps!**



THE TEXAS A&M CARDIOLOGY TEAM

Cardiology Faculty



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Dr. Ashley Saunders



Dr. Sonya Wesselowski

Cardiology Residents

Dr. Kelley Doocy

Dr. Bruno Boutet

Dr. Derek Matthews

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Kathy Glaze

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We are so grateful to you, the generous donors who support us as we move forward with advancements in veterinary cardiology.

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