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Bone & Joint Fund

The Bone & Joint Fund was established by the small animal surgeons at the Texas A&M University Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital (VMTH) to advance the understanding of common orthopedic disorders and to develop cutting-edge treatment options for our patients.

The Initiative

Our clients often pose questions about why their pet developed a certain orthopedic disease, or whether cutting-edge treatments used in humans would be effective for their pet's condition. Your support will help answer these important questions. The Bone & Joint Fund will also help orthopedic patients in need of advanced treatments whose owners have financial hardships that prevent them from providing essential care for their pet.

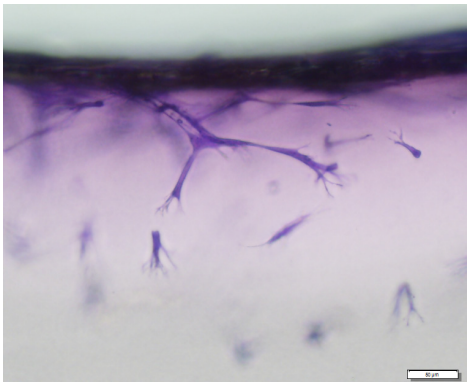
Our Objectives

- To advance the understanding of common orthopedic diseases
- To develop new cell-based or molecular treatments, such as adult stem cell therapy, for debilitating orthopedic conditions
- To design and perform clinical trials that will objectively determine the effectiveness of new surgical or cell-based therapies
- To honor special pets, animal enthusiasts, and animal health professionals

Milo suffered from severe hip dysplasia. After replacement of both hips at Texas A&M, he can run, jump, and play with his family again without experiencing weakness or pain.

Your Support

Bone, joint, and other musculoskeletal disorders are a major cause of debilitation and illness in companion animals. Texas A&M's small animal orthopedic surgeons are committed to advancing the field of veterinary orthopedics, and more importantly, treatment options for our veterinary patients. Your support will help us better understand common orthopedic diseases, fund clinical research, develop cutting-edge treatments, and carry out the clinical trials that are necessary to demonstrate the effectiveness of new treatments. Contributing to the Bone & Joint Fund at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences allows you to partner with us as we advance the field of small animal orthopedics locally, regionally, and globally.



In this new stem cell assay, cell invasiveness is evaluated as individual canine stem cells invade a three-dimensional collagen gel.

Pre-op (left) and post-op (right) x-rays showing Milo's total hip replacements.

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Making a Difference in Veterinary Medicine

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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.

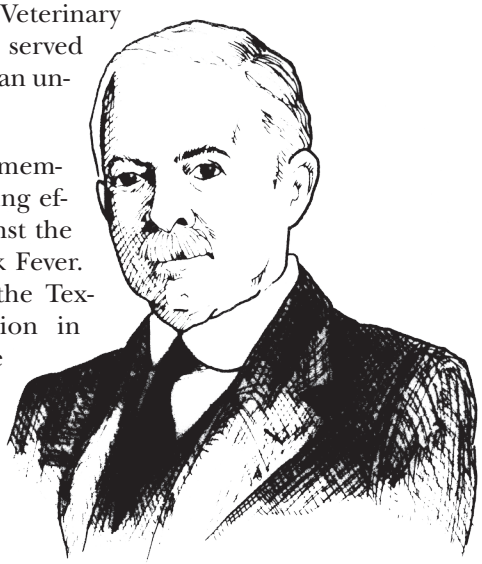
Fellows are people who are concerned about Texas veterinary medicine—people who recognize that the college is in a unique position to make important advancements for animals and human beings through education, research, and service.

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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