



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Veterinary Medicine
& Biomedical Sciences



Heart disease is a leading cause of illness and death in dogs and cats in the United States. Texas A&M Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (VMBS) cardiologists are dedicated to understanding, treating, and preventing all aspects of heart disease through the Heart Trust fund.

Heart Trust was established in 2008 as a means of acquiring the resources necessary to answer clinically important questions regarding heart disease in companion animals. Today, it both supports our mission to improve cardiovascular health through projects and clinical trials for companion animals and honors special pets, animal enthusiasts, veterinarians, and animal professionals.

Donations to Heart Trust support:

- Animals that require cardiac evaluations, advanced imaging, or procedures to manage their heart disease, so they can live better and longer;
- Owners who need financial assistance to pursue cardiac treatment for their pets; and
- Cardiology researchers who are working to answer important clinical questions to help improve care for our patients;
- The Cardiology Service's ability to
 - Purchase equipment that ensures Texas A&M veterinarians can maintain top-level care for our patients and clients as well as
 - Develop and expand our minimally invasive interventional procedure offerings.



MAKING A HEARTFELT DIFFERENCE

Since its inception, Heart Trust has had tremendous impact, allowing the Small Animal Teaching Hospital's (SATH) Cardiology Service to offer state-of-the-"heart" options for the diagnosis and treatment of companion animal heart disease. This includes minimally invasive procedures to address congenital heart disease in dogs and cats as well as interventional procedures to palliate dogs with advanced mitral valve disease, the most common cause of heart disease and heart failure in dogs. These types of procedures require advanced imaging, including an upgrade to our ultrasound equipment.

SATH patients benefitting from the generosity of Heart Trust donors include:

- Apollonia, a mixed breed puppy, who was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect called a patent ductus arteriosus (PDA). The Cardiology Service performed a minimally invasive procedure to close Apollonia's PDA, allowing the puppy to explore the world to her curious heart's content. Read more at tx.ag/Apollonia.
- A 5-month-old kitten named Whiskey, who was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. A talented team of veterinarians gave Whiskey a second chance at life with a surgery performed in a way never before attempted at Texas A&M. Read how at tx.ag/WhiskeyCat.
- Birdie, a 7-year-old Beagle, who was saved by team of specialists working through the night when the middle of her heart stopped functioning. After overcoming several complications during surgery, the clinicians successfully healed her heart with a pacemaker and advanced veterinary skills. Read the rest of Birdie's story at tx.ag/Birdie.



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