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VERGE Successfully Develops Protocols for Bred Does & High Risk Animals

SPRING Texas – VERGE Vet Services has developed specialized handling and anesthetic protocols for use with bred does and other animals considered at high risk for surgical procedures, including CWD testing using The VERGE Procedure as well as tonsil and rectal biopsy surveillance testing.

“Handling late-term bred does poses risks in itself. The need to anesthetize these animals for procedures, including CWD testing, raises that risk considerably”, said Dr Nathan Shotts of VERGE. “We realized that with the time limits and narrows window for completing testing of these animals, we needed to minimize that risk for the industry to avoid losses. The whole idea of a live test is to keep the animals alive. We also needed to provide a responsible solution for regulator that minimized the risks associated with testing prior to fawning.”

Working with leading experts in both the cervid industry and veterinary surgery, Dr. Shotts and the VERGE team developed a set of protocols that minimize the risks for these bred does – as well as other high risk or high value animals.

“We haven’t lost an animal on the table with the VERGE Procedure, and these protocols help us to maintain that record”, said Dr. Shotts. “We’ve also been able to avoid the problems that have occurred in some test scenarios with post-surgical complications and losses due to spontaneous abortions.”

The VERGE Protocols minimize the time that the animals are sedated and anesthetized, and use medications that have low rates of crossing the fetal membrane. These two factors make these protocols safer for the animals than normal industry protocols.

“We’re pleased with the results we’ve seen with the protocols” said Dr. Shotts, “and we’re happy to provide additional peace of mind and security for our clients”

VERGE Vet Services is a full-service, mobile Veterinary practice, specializing in Cervid healthcare and breeding. VERGE has pioneered advances in CWD prevention and testing, including The VERGE Procedure for live testing for CWD. Dr. Nathan Shotts of VERGE is recognized as one of the nation’s foremost experts on CWD, and routinely assist both industry and regulators with cervid health issues.

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