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VERGE Clears Whole Herd with Diagnostic CWD LIVE TEST at 12 Months

SPRING Texas – VERGE Vet Services has completed the first successful whole herd test for CWD as a “one-and-done” test at 12 months post-exposure, using The VERGE Procedure to provide a diagnostic results for each individual animal.

“We’re excited to be able to provide both Industry and Regulators with this diagnostic test at the 12 month point”, said Dr Nathan Shotts of VERGE. “By using the VERGE Procedure to obtain lymph node biopsies at 12 months, we’re able to help regulators safely clear a herd much sooner, and without the need to put animals down or retest them over time. This obviously helps the breeders and their associated communities, but it also truly helps regulators to better and more aggressively manage CWD by knowing the status of herds as soon as possible.”

The testing was accomplished on a herd of White-Tailed Deer in Utopia Texas that had been involved in a CWD trace investigation. Rather than settle for the less accurate tests available, done months in the future, Dr. Skip Ondrovik of Seven Oaks Whitetails opted to have 100% of his herd tested immediately.

“As a deer breeder and a Veterinarian, I saw the value of having every one of my animals tested and kept alive. Testing took just over 2 days for a herd of well over 130 deer, with no surgical complications or post-operative issues. That’s impressive, considering the number of high risk bred does I have. I appreciate that VERGE was able to do this testing at roughly the same cost that a less accurate test would have cost me, but months and years sooner. This kept me in business.”

“With these results for 100% of my herd, I know that none of my animals have CWD – and my customers, my peers, and my community know they can buy Seven Oaks Whitetails and have that confidence too”, continued Ondrovik. “Since my herd plan states that Texas regulators will take this testing into consideration in the future, I can breathe a lot easier when it comes to CWD – and so can my customers and community.”

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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