



WILDLIFE HEALTH

RESEARCHERS VIEW CHEETAH FERTILITY IN NAMIBIA

Veterinarian Autumn Davidson and ultrasonographer Tomás Baker from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine joined researchers from the Smithsonian Institution last summer at the Cheetah Conservation Fund International Research and Education Centre in Namibia.

The world's largest cheetah reserve is dedicated to ensuring long-term survival of the cheetah. A small gene pool makes the species vulnerable to being wiped out by disease or other environmental threats.

Davidson and Baker examined the reserve's female cheetahs using ultrasound and endoscopy. "We hope to identify the best time to harvest eggs from female cheetahs for *in vitro* fertilization and eventual transplant, and to better understand why females' fertility declines after 8 years of age," says Dr. Davidson.

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2007

Behavior Medicine Club Symposium
January 14, 2007—UC Davis

Wildlife & Aquatic Medicine Club Symposium
January 27, 2007—UC Davis

Second Annual UC Davis Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging Symposium
March 24–25, 2007—Napa, CA

Avian and Exotic Medicine Club Symposium
April 21–22, 2007—UC Davis

Holistic Veterinary Medicine Club Symposium
May 6, 2007—UC Davis

Fourth Annual Veterinary Neurology Symposium
July 21–22, 2007—UC Davis

20th Annual Fall Symposium on Recent Advances in Clinical Veterinary Medicine
September 16, 2007—UC Davis

23rd Annual George H. Muller Veterinary Dermatology Seminar in Hawaii
October 31–November 7, 2007—Maui, Hawaii

Ninth Annual Veterinary Endocrinology & Internal Medicine Seminar
November 27–December 4, 2007—Kauai, Hawaii

2008

Biennial Adventure Series
July 31–August 10, 2008—Galapagos Islands



Professor Erik Wisner carries out imaging research. He will lead the Second Annual UC Davis Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging Symposium March 24–25. The symposium will focus on diagnosis of abdominal disorders using radiography, ultrasonography and computed tomography.

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