

Student Chapter Progress Report

Chapter Name: Wildlife Disease Association, University of Tennessee Student Chapter

Established in (if known): 2011/2012

Mission: As a student organization we would like to bring students into the world of wildlife health provide networking opportunities and experience in the field.

Number of chapter members: 35

Number of chapter members that are WDA members: 4

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Current board members

Please include country of the officers when your chapter represents multiple countries. Also, please include country representatives here (this only applies to regional, not university- based chapters).

President:

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How frequently does your chapter hold elections?

Once a year- April. The officers listed above are the new officers for the 2018-2019 school year. Their contact information is what the website should be updated with.

Description of Chapter Activities

PR & Fundraising

PR:

Online presence:

- Chapter website (if applicable): <https://utkwda.wordpress.com/>
- Chapter facebook page (if applicable): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/165973580272717/>

Member recruitment & Club outreach

- How does your chapter announce and advertises your events?
Send out new announcements to email list and on CASNR/Wildlife Department Newsletters

Collaboration:

- **Which other groups does your chapter collaborate with?**
CASNR Organizations: Wildlife Society Student Chapter
UTCVM Organizations: Avian, Wildlife, and Exotics Club; Food Animal Club, Pathology Club, One Health Club
- **If your chapter collaborates, what does the chapter do together with the other organization?**
Joint meeting involving guest speakers
Deer check stations at Oak Ridge
Necropsy Wet labs

WDA-representation:

- **How did your chapter promote the WDA?**
 - Announcements at chapter meetings
 - Advertising in each email and chapter minutes

Fundraising:

- **Does your chapter have a membership fee, if so what are the fees?**
 - Fees are \$5 per semester or \$10 for the year

- **Did your chapter host a fundraiser?**
 - Hosted a bake sale
 - Hot cocoa and apple cider sale
 - Gear sale of wine glasses, tumblers, and beer mugs
 - Percentage nights at local restaurants (our club gets a % of the establishments total sales for the sponsored night)
 - Percentage pint night at brewery that hosted our trivia night
- **Did your chapter apply for grants and awards?**
 - Applied for parent chapter grant
 - Applied for University student organization grant

EVENTS

September:

Trivia Night at Bearden Beer Market

Friday, September 29th, 6-11pm

Questions were primarily Wildlife Disease based

WDA receives \$1 from all pints sold –friends of members encouraged to join!

October:

Moe's Percentage Night on the strip

October 17th, 5-10pm

A percentage of all sales for the establishment from 5pm-10pm will go to the UTK WDA student chapter

Halloween Bake Sale

October 31st, 9-2PM

Members made baked goods to sell to students and faculty. All proceeds went to the student organization.

Chemical Immobilization Lab

October 22nd 12-3 PM

A faculty advisor went over basic instruction for chemical immobilization of various wildlife species and members practiced using a dart rifle.

November:

Moe's Percentage Night on the strip

November 14th, 5-10pm

A percentage of all sales for the establishment from 5pm-10pm will go to the UTK WDA student chapter

Necropsy Lab

November 17th 8am-11am

Members were assisted by pathologists to carry out full necropsies of various wildlife species.

Social Event at Fieldhouse Social

November 29th 6pm-8pm

Members gathered for food and drinks to socialize with graduate students and faculty in the field of wildlife interest.

February:

Hot chocolate and Apple Cider Sale

February 6th and 7th 8am-11am

Members sold hot chocolate and apple cider to students and faculty to raise money for the organization

Beer mug and wine glass fundraiser

Throughout the month beer mugs and wine glasses with the student chapter's logo were sold to members to raise money for the organization

Bi-Weekly or monthly events (if applicable):

- Bi-weekly professional guest speakers:
 - September 27th 2017
Dr. Patrick Cusaac: 'Amphibian Pathogens and Herbicides: Their Combined Impact on Eastern Hellbenders.'
 - October 10th 2017
Janetta Kelly and Dr. Hickling: 'Lyme's Disease Prevalence in East Tennessee and Surrounding States'
 - November 8th 2017
Dr. Donnell & Dr. Hickling: 'MCF: Ovine, Bovine, and Deer: Oh My!'; 'Deer: Not Really Alternative Livestock'.
 - January 23rd 2018
Dr. Dell and Dr. Wilcox: 'Bushmeat and the Risk of Disease: A Case in Northern Uganda.'
 - February 21st 2018
Dr. Courtney Thomason spoke about her research in wildlife and the amazing opportunities for students
 - March 6th 2018
Dr. Brad Miller: 'Important Disease of Deer and Elk'
 - April 17th
Elections held to appoint new officers and transfer information