

Research Demonstration Day
Agenda
Texas Tech University Wildlife Toxicology Laboratory
Stonewall County Activity Center
516 S. Washington Avenue, Aspermont, TX 79502
Friday, October 2, 2026

The goal of our “Research Demonstration Day” is to provide background information on the registration and application of QuailGuard® as a quail management tool.

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| 8:30 a.m. | Registration/Donuts and Coffee |
| 9:00 a.m.–9:10 a.m. | Dr. Tosha Dupras
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University
Welcome
<i>“The Role of the College of Arts and Sciences in Wildlife Conservation in Texas”.</i> |
| 9:10 a.m.– 9:50 a.m. | Dr. Ronald J. Kendall
Head, Wildlife Toxicology Laboratory and Professor of Environmental Toxicology, Texas Tech University and Certified Wildlife Biologist
<i>“The Background and Discovery of the Parasite Issue in Wild Quail and the Foundation of Science Leading to the Ultimate Development and Registration of QuailGuard® with the United States Food and Drug Administration”</i> |
| 9:50 a.m. | Questions |
| 10:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m. | Ms. Catherine Bens
Former Quality Assurance Officer/Good Laboratory Practices Compliance Officer at Colorado State University
<i>“The Role of Good Laboratory Practices in the Wildlife Toxicology Laboratory That Lead to the Provision of Scientific Data That Was Considered by the United States Food and Drug Administration for Registration of a Drug Treatment”</i> |
| 10:20 a.m.–10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 a.m.–10:50 a.m. | Dr. Nicholas Dunham
Wildlife Toxicology Laboratory Alum and currently employed at BASF Corporation
<i>“The Early Days of the Discovery of the Eyeworm Parasite, Rapid Zoonotic Events for Widespread Quail Infection and the Role of Parasites in Quail Health”</i> |

10:50 a.m.	Questions
11:00 a.m.–11:20 a.m.	Dr. Cassie Henry Elizalde Wildlife Toxicology Laboratory Alum and currently employed at the United States Environmental Protection Agency <i>“The Efficacy and Safety of QuailGuard® as an Anthelmintic Treatment in Wild Quail”</i>
11:20	Questions
11:30 a.m.–11:50 am.	Dr. Jeremiah Leach Wildlife Toxicology Laboratory Alum and currently employed at FMC Corporation <i>“Field Response of Wild Quail to QuailGuard® and the Enhancement of Quail Survivorship”</i>
11:50 a.m.	Questions
12:00 p.m.	Catered Lunch General Discussion and Review Questions Related to Scientific Posters from Current Wildlife Toxicology Laboratory Members that are on display
1:00 p.m.	Question and Answer Session All presenters will be available for 1.5 hours of dialogue discussion for questions and answers related to the parasite issue in wild quail, the development and registration of QuailGuard®, the utilization of QuailGuard® on an annual basis, and response of wild quail to QuailGuard® treatment. QuailGuard Demonstration Ranch owners will be present to answer questions.
2:30 p.m.	Ribelin Ranch Hosted by Brad and Melissa Ribelin, interested attendees will depart to Ribelin Ranch located several miles from the Stonewall County Activity Center where we will discuss the effectiveness and role of QuailGuard® in sustaining wild quail at Ribelin Ranch.
4:00 p.m.	Snipes Ranch Interested attendees will depart for a tour of Snipes Ranch located approximately 20 minutes from Ribelin Ranch where we will discuss the use of QuailGuard® to enhance and sustain wild quail coveys .

In addition to the above itinerary, we will also have scientific poster presentations by the current Wildlife Toxicology Laboratory Graduate Research Assistants who will discuss field response of quail to QuailGuard® treatment and survivability.

We will also display the Wildlife Toxicology Laboratory's 56 peer-reviewed scientific papers published in the world scientific literature related to the parasite issue and the development of QuailGuard® and its registration through the United States Food and Drug Administration. Current and former members of the Wildlife Toxicology Laboratory will be available to discuss and interpret the scientific data from all papers to interested attendees. We will also have demonstrations of QuailGuard® field application techniques and our scientific team and QuailGuard® demonstration ranch managers/owners will discuss the ins and outs of strategies to incorporate QuailGuard® into your quail management plan. The event will be highly interactive and allow interested quail conservationists, hunters, scientists, landowners, and regulators to have a chance to engage with the expert team that identified the parasite issue and ultimately developed and registered QuailGuard® with the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Please RSVP by September 28, 2026, to Ashley Kaskocsak (akaskocs@ttu.edu) or use the below QR code:

