# DO YOUR QUAIL HAVE PARASITES?

# **FIND OUT NOW!**

### DONATE QUAIL TO NICOLE TRAUB'S Ph.D. PROJECT TO GET A *FREE REPORT* OF PARASITES IN YOUR QUAIL

We are seeking donations from hunters and ranches in <u>South Texas</u> to build a long-term dataset of quail parasites for the region.

# WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



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### **BENFITS**:

- FREE detailed report of parasites in your quail and quail in South Texas
- Increase our knowledge about parasites' impact on quail populations
- Your donations make this project possible!

### Donation Instructions ON BACK

#### PROCEDURE FOR POST-HARVEST HANDLING OF NORTHERN BOBWHITE AND/OR SCALED QUAIL FOR THE SURVEY OF QUAIL PARASITES IN SOUTH TEXAS BY THE CAESAR KLEBERG WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Thank you for your participation in our survey for quail parasites in South Texas. Without your help and donation of quail, our project would not be possible. This study will provide data on the current parasite status within quail in South Texas and will help us better understand the possible impact parasites may have on quail individuals and populations. We are collecting northern bobwhites and scaled quail, and we are optimistically hoping to obtain 5-20 quail per ranch with a combination of sex and age, but we will NOT turn down any donated quail. **The protocol for post-harvest handling is described below.** 

- Place <u>each</u> whole hunter-shot quail in its <u>own</u> labeled bag indicating <u>date of collection, ranch</u> <u>name, county, and if desired on your part, pasture where collection occurred</u>. Permanent marker may be used on the bag itself or the information may be included on a notecard placed in the bag.
- Place quail on ice in the field if feasible, <u>freeze the quail as soon as possible</u> and <u>store frozen</u>. If you decide to deliver carcasses to us instead of us picking them up, please maintain frozen carcasses on ice during transport.
- 3.) Nicole will contact you to arrange a meeting to pick up the frozen quail at the end of the hunting season unless you desire an earlier pick-up time, in which case feel free to contact us at any point during the hunting season.

Depending on your ranch policy, you may need to keep track of hunter-donated birds via Texas Parks and Wildlife's Wildlife Resource Document (contact Nicole for form if you don't already have it).

Thank you again for your help, generosity and support in this research. Each participant will be provided with a report of our findings on your quail and in South Texas overall. If you have any questions along the way do not hesitate to contact us!

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