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TRANS OVA GENETICS ACHIEVES ISO 9001 CERTIFICATION

Sioux Center, Iowa – Trans Ova Genetics recently achieved ISO 9001 certification. ISO 9001 is an international standard to certify that a qualified company is capable of meeting client requirements. Designed by the International Organization of Standardization, the ISO 9001 standard covers all of the activities that a company does to meet the requirements of its clients. As part of the process to achieve ISO 9001 certification, Trans Ova Genetics was audited by an independent auditor, known as a Registrar, and passed.

In addition to being audited every six months by the Registrar, Trans Ova Genetics also has a team of internal auditors that checks all areas of the company at scheduled intervals. Trans Ova Genetics' internal auditors look for evidence that staff members are capable of performing their assigned tasks, the correct tools and resources are available, work is done according to instructions, and jobs previously done have been completed correctly. If the internal auditor's findings do not match what is said to be, this is reported. When evaluated as appropriate, these findings are turned into corrective action requests for follow up and corrective action by the area that was audited. Trans Ova Genetics' management team reviews the progress of corrective actions during regularly scheduled meetings.

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Companies can become ISO 9001 certified to do business with other companies. For example, companies that provide automotive parts to Ford Motor Company must be ISO 9001 certified. In contrast, Trans Ova Genetics became certified “in order to continually improve our ability to meet client requirements,” says John Metzger, Quality Leader at Trans Ova Genetics

“We have been listening to our clients and striving to meet their needs with our reproductive tool box for 30 years,” says Jared Knock, Trans Ova Genetics’ Director of Marketing. “Our ISO 9001 certification is another tool to assist us in providing excellent service to our clients.”

Founded in 1980, Trans Ova Genetics offers advanced reproductive technologies to help breeders multiply the success of their elite cattle. These technologies include embryo transfer, in vitro fertilization, sex-sorted semen, genetic preservation and cloning. Trans Ova Genetics also offers several recipient options, including health-certified recipients, Multiplier Herd Program and a Live Calf Program. Headquartered in Sioux Center, Iowa, Trans Ova Genetics has regional centers in Missouri and Texas and several satellite stations throughout the United States.

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