



EXPLORE New Frontiers In Equine Practice

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EXPLORE New Frontiers

Venture beyond boundaries and discover unlimited possibilities at the AAEP's 71st Annual Convention, where innovation and expertise converge to shape modern approaches to patient care.

Acquire inventive solutions to common clinical issues from those breaking new ground across the medical spectrum. Expand your professional network through daily connection with colleagues during group discussions and social events. And don't forget to explore the newest practice offerings in the world's largest equine veterinary marketplace.

This December, join us on a journey to new frontiers and be inspired to push the limits of what's possible in equine practice.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Understanding Animal Behavior

Temple Grandin, MS, PhD



Animals live in a sensory-based world, so it is important for an animal's first encounter with something to be a good experience to prevent the formation of fear memories. During her keynote address, renowned animal behaviorist and welfare advocate Dr. Temple Grandin will explore the importance of habituating an animal to all orientations of a new object, which

can help prevent a normally calm horse from acting up out of fear, whether at a show or elsewhere. She will also discuss the seven Jaak Panksepp emotional systems in animal brains as well as genetic effects on behavior.

Dr. Grandin is a Distinguished Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. Facilities she has designed for

handling livestock are used by many companies around the world. She has also been instrumental in implementing animal welfare auditing programs used by McDonald's, Wendy's, Whole Foods, and other corporations.

Dr. Grandin has appeared on numerous TV shows, and her books include *Thinking in Pictures*, *Livestock Handling and Transport*, *The Autistic Brain*, and the *New York Times* bestsellers *Animals in Translation* and *Visual Thinking*. Among her accolades, Dr. Grandin was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2017 and the Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame in 2023, and she was named one of *USA Today's* 2025 Women of the Year.

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FRANK J. MILNE STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE:

A Lifetime of Research: A Rider-Researcher's Journey in Biomechanics, Performance, and Rehabilitation

Hilary M. Clayton, BVMS, PhD, DACVSMR, FRCVS



Understanding the interplay of ground reaction forces, conformation, and movement is indispensable for diagnosing and treating lameness, optimizing athletic performance, preventing injuries, and designing effective rehabilitation strategies.

During her lecture, renowned equine sports medicine and rehabilitation

expert Dr. Hilary Clayton will provide an evidence-based understanding of equine biomechanics that will enhance veterinarians' diagnostic, treatment, and rehabilitation protocols as well as advise on preventative measures related to conformation, training, and equipment.

For more than 40 years, Dr. Clayton has performed innovative research in the areas of locomotor biomechanics; lameness;

rehabilitation; conditioning programs for equine athletes; and the interaction between rider, tack, and horse. She has published seven books and over 250 peer-reviewed manuscripts. Dr. Clayton served as the Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine from 1997 until she retired from academia in 2014.

Dr. Clayton is a charter diplomate and past president of the ACVSMR; an honorary fellow of the International Society for Equitation Science; and an inductee of the International Equine Veterinarians Hall of Fame and Midwest Dressage Association Hall of Fame, among others. She shows dressage horses up to the Grand Prix level and has earned U.S. Dressage Federation's gold, silver, and bronze medals.

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Educational Program

(Speakers, times, and topics are subject to change.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Morning

8:00 a.m. Opening Session

Moderator: Sarah Reuss

9:00-10:00 a.m. **Keynote: Understanding Animal Behavior**

Temple Grandin (see page 3)

Sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

10:15 a.m. **Kester News Hour**

Sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

Enabled by a grant from the estate of Dr. Wayne O. Kester, the Kester News Hour highlights the latest scientific papers in specific areas of equine medicine. Presenters listed below and pictured from left.



Anchors: Carrie Finno and Laurie Goodrich

Forecaster: Karen Wolfsdorf

Sportscaster: Katie Seabaugh

Field Reporter: Bo Brock

Afternoon

1:30 p.m. **Foundation Scholarship Awards**

Moderator: Leslie Easterwood

2:00 p.m. **Foundation Research Spotlight**

Moderator: Anthony Blikslager

2:30-4:45 p.m. **Frank J. Milne State-of-the-Art Lecture: A Lifetime of Research: A Rider-Researcher's Journey in Biomechanics, Performance, and Rehabilitation**

Hilary M. Clayton (see page 3)

Moderator: Luke Bass

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Business, Balance, and Belonging: The People Side of Equine Practice

Moderator: Joe Bertone

Sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

2:00 p.m. Business News Hour – Shane Baird, Stacey Cordivano and Becky Ruemmler-Mederios

3:00 p.m. Managing Moral Distress – Barb Crabbe

3:20 p.m. How to Recognize and Manage Moral Distress in Equine Practice – Cara Wright

3:40 p.m. How to Create a "Unicorn Day" for Non-Profits at Your Practice – Mindy Smith

4:00 p.m. Building Your Dream Team: Strategic Recruitment for Equine Practice Success – Christine Staten

4:20 p.m. Recruiting Associates: What We're Doing Wrong and How to Fix It – Christine Staten

4:40-5:00 p.m. The Distributed Model of Veterinary Education: What Is It and How Can I Get Involved? – Nicki Wise

Session Descriptions



Burst

Acquire impactful knowledge on related subjects in a fast-paced, bite-sized format.



Business and Practice Life

Focus on the non-medical aspects that are essential to a healthy bottom line and to practitioner wellbeing.



Core Concept

Denotes a presentation or session containing foundational knowledge that is central to the veterinary care of equids.



HISA-approved

Denotes a presentation or session approved by HISA for attending and regulatory veterinarian CE.

How-to

Walk step-by-step through procedures successfully deployed by colleagues. You'll acquire the information to critically evaluate the technique and determine whether to implement.

In-Depth

Dig deeper into important medical topics. These sessions feature fewer but longer presentations, enabling a thorough exploration of key components of the topic.



Table Topics

Draw upon the collective expertise of colleagues to work through common challenges and identify solutions. These facilitated discussions are informal but highly informative.



Denotes a Table Topic being re-offered live post-convention via Zoom the week of Dec. 15-19.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Morning

In-Depth: Current Therapies in Lameness 🐾

Moderator: Beau Whitaker

Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products.

- 8:00 a.m.** First Principles and The Joint: Cellular Communication – *Beau Whitaker*
- 🕒 **8:20 a.m.** Updates on Intra-Articular Therapies – *Erin Contino*
- 🕒 **9:05 a.m.** A Systematic Approach to Therapeutic Decision Making – *Christina Rusillo*
- 9:40 a.m.** PRP for Joint Therapy: Where We Are in Terms of Efficiency and Standardization – *Phillipe Benoit*
- 10:00-** Panel Discussion – *Erin Contino,*
- 11:00 a.m.** *Mark Revenaugh, Christina Rusillo, and Beau Whitaker*

Innovations in Lameness Evaluation, Foot Care, and Rehabilitation 🐾

Moderator: Andrew Smith

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- 8:00 a.m.** Comparison of Electroacupuncture Versus Laser Acupuncture in Horses with Thoracolumbar Back Pain – *Katherine Ellis*
- 8:20 a.m.** In-vivo Validation of an Instrumented Hoof Boot for Gait Analysis Equipped with Pressure Sensors and an Inertial Measurement Unit – *Florian Geburek*
- 8:40 a.m.** Agreement Between Three Objective Evaluation Systems and Two Subjective Evaluators in Horses with Naturally Occurring Lameness – *Jenna McPeck*
- 9:00 a.m.** The Effect of Botulinum Toxin Injection into the Deep Digital Flexor Muscle on Foot Biomechanics in Healthy Horses – *Kali Slavik*
- 9:20 a.m.** The Effect of Mesotherapy on Thoracolumbar Pain, Range of Motion and Postural Stability in Horses – *Mikala Vig*
- 🕒 **9:40 a.m.** How to Shoe the Laminitic Foot with a Rocker Shoe – *Ramon Batalla*
- 10:00 a.m.** How to Integrate Elastic Therapeutic Tape into Equine Practice – *Sybille Molle*
- 10:20 a.m.** How to Perform Digital Venography Including a Dorso60o Proximal-Palmarodistal View for Equine Foot Pathology – *Heather Roe*
- 10:40-** How to Improve Rehabilitation Outcome by
- 11:00 a.m.** Improving Adherence – *Rob van Wessum*

Practice the techniques discussed in the highlighted presentations during drop-in mini-labs using models on **Monday** between noon-2:00 p.m. in the Stable Education area of the trade show. See page 12 for more information.

How to Diagnose and Treat Common Dermatology Problems

Moderator: Emily H. Berryhill

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- 🕒 **8:00 a.m.** Updates on Treatments for Allergic Skin Conditions – *Stephen White* 🐾
- 8:30 a.m.** Updates on Treatments for Auto-Immune Skin Conditions – *Stephen White* 🐾
- 🕒 **9:00 a.m.** How to Maximize Diagnostics for Skin Conditions – *Julia Miller* 🐾
- 9:30 a.m.** Decision Making for Treating Cutaneous Skin Tumors in Horses – Review of Surgical Approach – *Sophie Bogers* 🐾
- 9:40 a.m.** Photodynamic Therapy for Treatment of Periocular Neoplasia in the Horse – *Lauren Charnock* 🐾
- 🕒 **9:50 a.m.** Skin Cancer Differential Diagnoses and Treatment Algorithm – *Krista Estell*
- 10:00 a.m.** Case Discussion Panel – *Sophie Bogers, Lauren Charnock, and Krista Estell* 🐾
- 🕒 **10:30-11:00 a.m.** Serum Allergy Panels: What They Can and Cannot Tell Us – *Julia Miller* 🐾



MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 *continued*



Leadership, Ethics, and Improving Practice Life

Moderator: Wes Sutter

Sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

- 8:00 a.m.** The Veterinary Client Patient Relationship: Legal and Ethical Implications – *Barb Crabbe* 🐾
- 8:20 a.m.** Alleviating the Burden: Establishing an Equine Emergency-Only Practice – *Meggan Graves and Katie Larson*
- 8:40 a.m.** How to Afford New Paradigms in Equine Practice – *Amy Grice* 🐾
- 9:00 a.m.** Creating a Meaningful Extern/Intern Experience in the Practice – *Ky Mortensen* 🐾
- 9:20 a.m.** Enhancing Equine Veterinary Practice through Clinical Investigator Opportunities – *Britany Nehring-Lappin* 🐾
- 9:40 a.m.** Simplify Your Life with a Strategic Plan for Your Practice: Charting a Course Beyond Day-to-Day Chaos – *Christine Staten*
- 10:00 a.m.** Simplify Raises and Promotions: Performance-Based Compensation for Equine Practice Teams – *Christine Staten*
- 10:20 a.m.** Clear Your Plate: What You Need to Delegate and Outsource Now – *Christine Staten*
- 10:40-** How To Create an Equine Welfare Program to
- 11:00 a.m.** Strengthen a Social License to Operate – *Albert Kane* 🐾



Table Topics

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8:30-10:00 a.m..

- ✓ Simplified Feeding: Uncomplicate Equine Nutrition for Clients – *Lydia Gray and Nerida McGilchrist* 🐾
- Problems with Metabolic/Endocrine Mares and Pregnancy – *C. Scott Bailey and Callum Donnelly*
- ✓ Mentoring Early Career Veterinarians/Vet Students – *Lauren Bookbinder and Tim Manzi* 🐾
- Geriatric Horse Dental Management – *Olivia James and Bo Rainbow*

10:30 a.m.-Noon

- ✓ Feeding and Management of the PPID Horse/Pony – *Pat Harris and Amy Polkes*
- Equine Insurance – *Reynolds Cowles, Barbara James, and Steve Reed*
- ✓ Poor Behavior: Regumate® and Ulcers for All? – *Ben Sykes and Emmanuelle van Erck*
- Strategies for Long-Term Calming for Stall Rest – *Lori Bidwell and Kyle Clark* 🐾

Afternoon

In-Depth: Non-Orthopedic Poor Performance

Moderator: Phoebe Smith

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- 2:00 p.m.** Intro to the Session – *Phoebe Smith*
- 2:15 p.m.** Western Sport Horse Medicine – *Ben Buchanan*
- 3:05 p.m.** English Sport Horse Medicine – *Emmanuelle van Erck*
- 3:55-** Panel Discussion with the Speakers
- 5:00 p.m.**

In-Depth: Smarter Horse Racing Through Technology and Imaging 🐾

Moderator: Sara Langsam

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- 2:00 p.m.** Enhancing Equine Performance and Welfare: The Role of Wearable Technology in Racehorses – *Chris Kawcak*
- 2:45 p.m.** AAEP's Wearable Biometric Sensor Request for Proposal and Subsequent Study – *Sara Langsam*
- 3:05 p.m.** Advanced Imaging – *Kyla Orved*
- 3:50 p.m.** Current Status of Equine Injuries in Racing and What Is on the Horizon – *Tim Parkin*
- 4:35-** Panel Discussion with the Speakers
- 5:00 p.m.**



Building Bridges: Online Reputation and Inclusive Practice

Moderator: Nimet Browne

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- 2:00 p.m.** Managing Your Online Reputation in Equine Practice – *Tim Scerba and Michelle Sinning*
- 3:30 p.m.** BREAK
- 3:45-** Neurodivergence, Ableism, and Inclusive
- 5:00 p.m.** Approaches in Veterinary Medicine – *Naomi Nishi*

Early Career Practitioners

If you like a challenge, gear up for the **Denver Dash** and win up to \$500!

See page 15 for more information.

Integrative Equine Reproduction: Therapies, Technologies, and Foal Care

Moderator: Sarah Eaton

- 2:00 p.m.** The Influence of Epidural Morphine on Pain and Inflammatory Markers in Mares During and After Transvaginal Aspiration of Follicles (TVA) – *Ghislaine Dujovne*
- 2:20 p.m.** Utilization of Hormonally-Prepared Non-Cycling Recipients Is Associated with Reduced Pregnancy Loss in Equine ICSI (Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection) Practice – *Ed Squires*
- 2:40 p.m.** Phenylbutazone Does Not Have an Effect on the *in vitro* Production of Equine Embryos – *Kristen Loncar*
- 3:00 p.m.** Can We Use the Table Established in Light Breed Horses to Predict Gestational Age in Warmblood, Standardbred, and Thoroughbred Mares? – *Catherine Renaudin*
- 3:20 p.m.** Autologous Mesenchymal Stem Cell Therapy May Change Endometrial Histological Morphology in Mares with Chronic Degenerative Endometritis – *Lorenzo Segabinnazi*
- 3:40 p.m.** Evaluation of Passive Transfer of Antibodies in Foals Utilizing a Novel Field Device Compared to Traditional Mechanisms – *Brody Klinglesmith*
- 4:00 p.m.** Transfusion of Hyperimmune Plasma to Newborn Foals Does Not Markedly Alter Serum Electrolyte or Protein Concentrations – *Devynn Volding*
- 4:20 p.m.** Clinical Safety of Intrauterine Infusion of a Commercial Uterine Cleaning Sanitizer in Mares – *Lorenzo Segabinnazi*
- 4:40 p.m.** How to Use Gram Stain Guided Point of Care Treatment for Endometritis in Mares – *Josefina Ghera*
- 5:00-5:20 p.m.** The Use of a Modified Biofilm Assay in Clinical Practice from 2018-2023: A Focus on Biofilm Disruptor Sensitivity – A Retrospective Study – *Stephanie Walbornn*

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1:30-3:00 p.m.

USEF: Drugs and Medications Update – *Kent Allen and Stephen Schumacher*

Nerve Blocks for Dental Extractions: Inter- vs. Peri-Ligament Approaches – *Travis Henry and Olivia James*

Building Culture in the Equine Practice – *Stacey Cordivano and Kelly Zeytoonian*

Debt Decisions: Managing Educational Loans from New Grad to Practice Owner – *Joe Pluhar*

3:30-5:00 p.m.

New Metabolic Medications: How Are They Being Used? – *François-René Bertin and Andrew van Eps*

Keeping Field Anesthesia Simple – *Lori Bidwell and Kristen Messenger*

V eNAM/EDM and Vitamin E Discussion – *Carrie Finno and Amy Johnson*

EPM: What's New? – *Monica Aleman and Sarah Colmer*

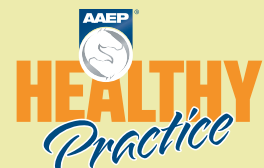


Denver Fun Run & Walk

Monday, Dec. 8, 6:30 a.m. \$35

Advance registration required at convention.aaep.org

Enjoy a 3- to 4- mile tour through one of America's most outdoorsy cities with stops along the way where local running guides will share a bit of history about the city. All paces, including walkers, are welcome. Participants will depart from the registration-area lobby of the convention center.



Morning

Practical Performance Horse Ethics: Guiding the Next Generation

Moderator: Barb Crabbe



Sponsored by Zoetis Equine: Long Live the Horse.

- 6:30-8:00 a.m.** Early career practitioners, veterinary students, and seasoned veterinarians are encouraged to join members of the Early Career, Performance Horse, and Professional Conduct & Ethics committees for a case-based panel discussion of ethical scenarios facing veterinarians within the performance horse industry.

In-Depth: Maximizing Breeding Success

Moderator: Ryan Ferris

Sponsored by Sidekick, The Future of Horse-Side Testing.

- 8:00 a.m.** Common Considerations in the Management of Stallions for Breeding – C. Scott Bailey
- 8:45 a.m.** Preparing the Stallion for Cooled and Frozen Semen Seasons – David Scofield
-  **9:30 a.m.** Preparing the Mare for the Breeding Season – Etta Bradecamp
-  **10:15-11:00 a.m.** Peri-Partum Management of the Mare to Maximize Reproductive Efficiency – Karen Wolfsdorf

How to Rehab at Home

Moderator: Sandro Colla

Sponsored by OptiWize 10-N-1: "Rebuilding Strength, Restoring Balance, Trusted by Veterinarians."

- 8:00 a.m.** How to Manage Pain During the Rehabilitation Period Using Non-Pharmacologic Interventions – Melissa King 
-  **8:20 a.m.** How to Use Therapeutic Modalities at Home – Katherine Ellis 
- 8:50 a.m.** How to: Therapeutic Exercises to Address Topline Dysfunction – Tena Ursini
- 9:10 a.m.** How to Rehab the Ataxic Horse on the Farm – Kara Brown
- 9:30 a.m.** How to Recommend Swimming Sessions: Practical Aspects, Indications and Contraindications – Claire Moiroud 
- 9:50 a.m.** How to Objectively Track the Rehabilitation Progress at Home – Sandro Colla 
-  **10:10 a.m.** How to Plan a Ridden Rehabilitation Program – Hilary M. Clayton 
- 10:40-11:00 a.m.** How to Use Rehabilitation Strategies in Competition Context – João Paulo Marques 

From Mouth to Gut: Tools, Techniques, and Therapeutics in Equine Practice

Moderator: Kate Kiger

Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health.






-  **8:00 a.m.** Noise Levels and Occupational Safety Concerns During Power-Tool Assisted Equine Odontoplasty – Michael Rash
- 8:20 a.m.** Evaluation of a 0.02mg/kg Dose of Midazolam as an Adjunct for Equine Standing Sedation Protocol for Routine Oral Examination – Amber Best
- 8:40 a.m.** Practical Approach to Improving Practice Profitability with Equine Dentistry – Olivia James
-  **9:00 a.m.** Retrospective Characterization of Clinical and Subclinical Complications Following Nasogastric Intubation Using Endoscopic Evaluation – Alexandra Fielding
- 9:20 a.m.** Characterization of a Novel Treatment for Gastric Ulcers in Horses – Camilo J. Morales 
- 9:40 a.m.** A Novel Water Additive Increases Voluntary Water Intake in Healthy Horses – Kylie Yancey
-  **10:00-10:20 a.m.** Review: Drug Selection for the Treatment of Equine Glandular Gastric Disease – Ben Sykes 





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8:30-10:00 a.m.

- What Happens When the Blocking Doesn't Match the Pathology – Kyla Ortved and Mathieu Spriet 
-  Physical Fitness of the Equine Veterinarian – Kristy Bauer and Tom Pryor
-  Foals in the Field – Lauren Holley and Phoebe Smith
- Equine Rx Diets: Practical Strategies for Equine Diseases – Lydia Gray and Nerida McGilchrist
- 10:30 a.m.-Noon**
- Joint Therapy Options for the Endocrine Horse – Kyla Ortved and Lauren Schnabel
- AI: How to Use in Practice and Concerns – Elin Hernlund and Laura Stokes-Green
-  Pain Management for the Ambulatory Practitioner – Lori Bidwell and Grace Buchanan
- What Imaging Modality Do I Need for Follow-Up? – Myra Barrett and Sherry Johnson 



Moderator: *Allen Page*

Sponsored by Zoetis Equine: Long Live the Horse.

C This session presents highly informative, 7-minute talks on related subjects of interest to the general practitioner. Practical knowledge is presented dynamically in a fast-paced, “bite-sized” format that allows the audience to come away with impactful, useable information they can add to their knowledge base and skills sets.

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Tying Up Loose Ends: Equine Myopathy Signs, Diagnosis and Management – *Sarah Colmer*

Treading Lightly: Managing the Thin-Soled Horse – *Jaret Pullen*

Mass Hysteria: What's Lurking in That Lump? – *Lindsay Deacon*

Hold My Twitch: Mastering Nerve Blocks in Reactive Horses – *Ty Corbiell*

Tips for Safe Helicopter Rescue and Transport of Horses – *Stéphane Montavon*

Old School, Still Cool: Low Tech, High-Value Anesthesia Assessment – *Alycia Frampton*

Panel Discussion with the Hour 1 Speakers

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Suspensory Sleuthing: Clinical and Dynamic Exam Tips to Aid Diagnosis – *Ty Corbiell*

E for Effort: Vitamin E-Associated Disorders and Supplementation – *Sarah Colmer*

You've Got Their Back(side): Practical Epidural Pain Management – *Alycia Frampton*

How to Manage Ventral Midline Surgical Site Infections in the Post-Operative Colic Patient – *Jesse Tyma*

Comet Tails, Consolidation, and Confusion: A Friendly Introduction to Thoracic Ultrasound – *Lindsay Deacon*

Acute Laminitis: When Minutes Matter and Millimeters Count – *Jaret Pullen*

Panel Discussion with the Hour 2 Speakers

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Sorting Out the Stumble: A Systematic Approach to the Unsteady Recovery – *Alycia Frampton*

How to Prepare Equine Orthobiologics: Best Practices to Maximize Efficacy – *Brenna Pugliese* 🐾

Neck-Flix: Interpreting Equine Cervical Vertebral Imaging – Basic Neck Radiology – *Sarah Colmer*

Solar Punctures: The Final Nail in the Coffin (Joint)? – *Jaret Pullen*

The Right Angle: Positioning Tips for Navicular Radiography – *Ty Corbiell*

Abdominal Ultrasound in a F.L.A.S.H. – *Lindsay Deacon*

Panel Discussion with the Hour 3 Speakers

Afternoon

AAEP/AAEVT Joint Roundtable: Improving Retention and Utilization

Sponsored by Standlee, Leaders in Premium Forage.

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Moderator: *Rebecca Moldonado*

Panelists: AAEP: *Bridget Heilsberg, Lia McCoy, Jennifer Quammen, and Mark Reilly*

AAEVT: *Sheena Kaleshian, Trinette Merrill, and Arie Wolff*

Explore the challenges and successes in retaining talent and leveraging the strengths of technicians and team members. Participants will share experiences, uncover common pain points, and highlight what's working. Open dialogue and peer-driven insights will yield practical strategies to improve retention and utilization of technicians and assistants while identifying actionable solutions tailored to real-world needs.

Infectious Disease Focus

Moderator: *Chris Sanchez*

Sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

2:00 p.m. Comparison of Radiographic Features, Serum Iodine and Thyroxine in Term and Hypothyroid Neonatal Foals – *Claire Card*

2:20 p.m. Multicenter, Prospective Evaluation of the Clinical Efficacy and Safety of F(ab')₂ Antivenom Administered to Snake Envenomated Horses in the United States – *Alessandro Miglioni*

2:40 p.m. A New Serological Test for Strangles – *Noah Cohen* 🐾

3:00 p.m. Detection of *Salmonella* spp. in Pooled Environmental Samples from an Equine Veterinary Hospital Using a Novel Point-of-Care PCR Assay – *Nicola Pusterla* 🐾

3:20 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m. Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of Antifibrinolytic Drugs in Healthy Horses – *Camilla Quattrini* 🐾

3:50 p.m. Impact of Hemoperfusion on Markers of Systemic Inflammation in Horses with LPS-Induced Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome – *Kallie Hobbs* 🐾

4:10 p.m. Investigation of the Role of Exercise in the Detection of Selected Respiratory Pathogens from Nose Wipes Collected from Healthy Horses – *Nicola Pusterla* 🐾

C 4:30 p.m. Non-Contact Infrared Temperature Measurement in Equine Ambulatory Practice – *Rebecca Bishop* 🐾

4:50 p.m. Equine Parvovirus-Hepatitis Infection in Horse Herds over Four Years – *Joy Tomlinson* 🐾

5:10-5:30 p.m. Investigation of Selected Prevalence Factors Associated with EHV-2 and/or EHV-5 Infection in Horses with Acute Onset of Fever and Respiratory Signs – *Nicola Pusterla* 🐾

Advances in Equine Imaging: From Cervical Spine to Sesamoids

Moderator: Kayla Le

Sponsored by VetRay Technology by Sedecal, Your Equine Imaging Company.

- 2:00 p.m.** Radiographic Assessment of the Kinematics of the Cervical Vertebral Column in Three Head/Neck Positions in Seven Normal Adult Warmblood Horses – *Lucy Woodward* 🐾
- 2:20 p.m.** How to Identify Phenotypic Features of Caudal Neck Pathology in Horses – *Sue Dyson* 🐾
- 2:40 p.m.** Review of Cervical Spine Imaging: How Computed Tomography Improves Our Understanding of Cervical Spine Abnormalities and Their Diagnosis Using Radiographs and Ultrasound – *Bianca Drumond* 🐾
- 3:00 p.m.** How to Use Ultrasound to Diagnose Parotid and Mandibular Salivary Obstructions in Horses – *Mary Beth Whitcomb* 🐾
- 3:20 p.m.** How to Use Ultrasound to Confirm Esophageal Placement of a Nasogastric Tube in Neonatal Foals – *Jordan Kiviniemi-Moore*
- 3:40 p.m.** BREAK
- 4:00 p.m.** Ultrasonographic Diagnosis of Scapular Fractures in Horses – *Betsy Vaughan* 🐾
- 4:20 p.m.** How to Optimize Diagnosis and Characterization of Tuber Ischiadicum Fractures in Horses Using a Novel “Skyline” Radiographic Projection – *Andrew Collins* 🐾
- 4:40-5:00 p.m.** Prevalence and Characterization of 18F-NaF PET Findings of the Proximal Sesamoid Bones in 296 Thoroughbred Racehorses – *Koppany Boros* 🐾

Emerging Issues: Technology In Practice

Moderator: Emmanuelle van Erck

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- 2:00 p.m.** AI For Pain Recognition – *Ludovica Chiavaccini* 🐾
- 2:30 p.m.** Use of Technology for Lameness Detection – *Elin Hernlund* 🐾
- 3:00 p.m.** The Effective Use of Social Media for Client Communication in Equine Veterinary Practice – *Mike Pownall*
- 3:30 p.m.** Prediction of Performance with Wearable Technology – *Emmanuelle van Erck* 🐾
- 4:00-4:15** AAEP Emerging Technologies Task Force Update – *Mike Pownall* 🐾
- 4:15-5:00 p.m.** Panel Discussion with the Speakers 🐾

Back to Basics: Nutrition

Moderator: Clair Thunes

Sponsored by Nutrena, “What’s Inside Counts.”

- 2:00 p.m.** Is This Horse Fed Right? The Practical Guide to a Rapid Field Assessment of Nutrition – *Nerida McGilchrist*
- 2:25 p.m.** Comparative Nutrition of the Performance Horse: An Energetic Perspective – *Joe Pagan*
- 3:15 p.m.** Supplements: 10 Nutraceuticals for the Equine Practitioner – *Lydia Gray*
- 3:40 p.m.** Leaky Gut in Horses: A Relevant Syndrome or a Red Herring? – *Wendy Pearson*
- 4:05 p.m.** Choose Your Own Adventure: Working with an Equine Nutritionist – *Shannon Pratt-Phillips and Clair Thunes*
- 4:45-5:00 p.m.** Panel Discussion with the Speakers

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Seating is limited so please arrive early.

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Assessment of Newborn/Triage Injured Foal – *Lyndi Gilliam and Jordan Hammer*

- ✓ PPE: Radiograph Challenges and Prognostic Recording – *Kurt Selberg and Beau Whitaker*
- ✓ How Do We Say “No” When the Horse is Unsafe? – *Stephanie Whalen and Ingrid Wolfe*

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Establishing an ER-Only/Urgent Care Practice – *Meggan Graves and Katie Larson*

- ✓ Navigating FEI Regulations in Daily Equine Practice: Strategies for Success – *Yves Rossier and Emily Sandler*
 - ✓ Nerve/Joint of the Distal Limb Blocks: When They Don’t Go as Planned – *Caitlin Horne and Valerie Moorman*
- Dealing with Emergencies at Equine Events – *Anne Baskett and Lori Bidwell*



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Morning

Internal Medicine and Metabolic Overview

Moderator: Leah Hamilton

Sponsored by Purina Animal Nutrition, empowering veterinary professionals with nutrition resources at EquineVetNutrition.com.

- 8:00 a.m.** Evaluation of the Safety and Efficacy of 5% 1-Deoxynojirimycin in Horses with Insulin Dysregulation – *Michelle Coleman*
- 8:20 a.m.** Fish Oil Supplementation of Thoroughbred Racehorses Reduces Airway Inflammation and Improves Performance – *Laurent Couëtil* 🐾
- 8:40 a.m.** Validation of a Point-of-Care Assay for Simultaneous Quantification of Equine Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone (ACTH) and Corticotropin-Like Intermediate Peptide (CLIP) – *Kelsey Hart*
- 9:00 a.m.** Beneficial Effects of Essential Oil Supplementation on Insulin Dynamics and Metabolic Profiles in Hyperinsulinemic Horses – *Caroline Loos*
- 🕒 **9:20 a.m.** Use and Safety of Injectable Vitamin E-Selenium in Equine Practice – *John Madigan* 🐾
- 9:40 a.m.** Establishing Metabolic Parameters in Mules – *Amy McLean*
- 10:00 a.m.** Heart Rate and Heart Rate Variability in Mules Determined by 24-Hour Electrocardiogram – *Lauren T. Maas*
- 🕒 **10:20-10:40 a.m.** How to Utilize the BAL and TTW in Clinical Practice – *Sarah Humphreys* 🐾

Where Policy Meets Practice: Lay Dentistry, Mid-Level Practitioners, and the Power of Advocacy

Moderator: Ashley Morgan

Sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

- 8:00 a.m.** Intro to Advocacy: What Does it Really Mean? – *Ashley Morgan*
- 8:15 a.m.** Mid-Level Practitioner: What We Learned in Colorado that Can Help Other States and How Do We Move Forward – *Will French*
- 8:45 a.m.** Dentistry Carve Out: Keeping Dentistry in Veterinarians' Hands – *Leah Limone, Bo Rainbow, and Bruce Whittle*
- 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Advocacy in Action: Lessons Learned – *Will French, Grant Miller, Ashley Morgan, and Jim Zelff*

From Performance to Procedure: Innovations in Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery

Moderator: Bobby Cowles

Sponsored by Contura Vet – makers of Arthramid®.

- 8:00 a.m.** Evaluating the Influence of Breed on Performance at the 5*L Level of Eventing – *Carleigh Fedorka*
- 8:20 a.m.** Needle Bevel Orientation Does Not Affect Diffusion of Contrast Medium During Perineural Injection of the Lateral Palmar/Plantar Nerve and Lateral Palmar Metacarpal/Plantar Metacarpal Nerves – *Vanessa Knopp* 🐾
- 8:40 a.m.** Synovial Transcriptomic Response to Intra-Articular 2.5% Polyacrylamide Hydrogel Therapy in Experimentally Induced Equine Osteoarthritis – *Lynn Pezzanite* 🐾
- 9:00 a.m.** Evaluating the Symptom- and Disease-Modifying Effects of 2.5% Intra-Articular Polyacrylamide Hydrogel in the Equine Osteochondral Fragment Model for Osteoarthritis – *Erin Contino* 🐾
- 9:20 a.m.** Do Different Methods of Perfusate Administration Affect Synovial Concentrations of Amikacin Following Intravenous Regional Limb Perfusion? – *Stephanie Ortiz-Gutierrez* 🐾
- 9:40 a.m.** Surgical Placement of Distal Lateral 3rd Metacarpal/Tarsal Transphyseal Screws in 1,468 Foals: A Stall Side Field Procedure – *Matthew Coleridge*
- 10:00 a.m.** Treatment of Cervical Radiculopathy by Uniportal Full Endoscopic Surgery – *Jan-Hein Swagemakers* 🐾
- 🕒 **10:20 a.m.** Ocular Complications in a Non-Ophthalmic Population Following General Anesthesia – *Nicole Scherrer*
- 🕒 **10:40-11:00 a.m.** How to Manage Post-Operative Castration Complications – *Jesse Tyma*



HANDS-ON LEARNING

Bridge the gap between concept and execution with wet and dry labs training!

How-to, Go-Do Mini Labs

Monday, Dec. 8-Tuesday, Dec. 9, Noon-2:00 p.m.

Following an enthusiastic reception in 2024, the How-to, Go-Do Mini-Labs return in an expanded format for 2025!

Practice specific techniques discussed during selected presentations from Monday's Dermatology, Lameness Evaluation, and Integrative Equine Reproduction sessions at free drop-in mini-labs using models over the lunch break on Monday and Tuesday.

Simply stop by the Stable Education area near the food court in Hall B of the trade show anytime between noon-2:00 p.m. to refine techniques or expand hands-on skills in the following areas:

Monday, Dec. 8

Skin Cancer Differential Diagnoses and Treatment Algorithm
– Krista Estell

How to Shoe the Laminitic Foot with a Rocker Shoe
– Ramon Batalla

Tuesday, Dec. 9

The Influence of Epidural Morphine on Pain and Inflammatory Markers in Mares During and After Transvaginal Aspiration of Follicles (TVA) – Ghislaine Dujovne

How to Use Gram Stain Guided Point of Care Treatment for Endometritis in Mares – Josefina Ghersa



Equine Rehabilitation Techniques Wet Labs

Wednesday, Dec. 10, Noon-6:00 p.m.

CSU Spur (off-site—approximately 5 miles from the Colorado Convention Center; round-trip transportation provided and is required for all registrants; box lunch provided; buses depart the convention center at noon and return at 6:00 p.m.)

Cost: \$500 | Attendance cap: 60

Registration is on a first-come basis at convention.aaep.org or (859) 233-0147. Convention labs tend to fill quickly so early registration is encouraged.

Take your equine rehabilitation knowledge and skills to new heights! After exploring non-invasive therapies to facilitate healing at Tuesday's How to Rehab at Home session, convert that knowledge from concept to command at Wednesday afternoon's Equine Rehabilitation Techniques Wet Labs.

Under the guidance of six international experts, you'll rotate in groups of 20 through the following 75-minute lab sessions structured to help integrate these therapies in your practice, improve outcomes for injured equine patients, and instill appropriate case selection criteria for each modality:

Aquatic Therapies – Melissa King and Claire Moiroud

Core Strengthening Exercises: Pilates, Balance Pads, Resistance Bands, Proprioceptive Devices – Kara Brown and Katherine Ellis

Pain Management Modalities: Bemer, PEMF, Tens – Sandro Colla and Tena Ursini

Whether you're fielding questions about PEMF therapy from curious owners, supporting a trainer investing in an underwater treadmill, or building a formal rehab service into your practice, this transformative, practice-ready wet labs experience delivers the immersive training to make it happen!





AAEP Trade Show

Sunday, Dec. 7: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Leave no stone unturned in your quest to improve patient care, practice efficiency, and client satisfaction by comparison shopping equine veterinary medicine's most extensive in-person marketplace. Discover the latest practice, technology, and service offerings; build important vendor relationships; and take home some free swag!

Stop by the **AAEP Connect** area, where you can chat with AAEP and Foundation staff, explore member benefits as well as take advantage of the following complimentary services:

Massage Service

Sponsored by CareCredit, A Synchrony Solution. Flexible financing for clients. Fast payment for you.

Sunday, Dec. 7: 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9: 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Let the stress melt and tension fade with a refreshing upper body massage from licensed, professional massage therapists with BodyWorks. Electronic foot massagers and a charging station for your devices are also available.

Portrait Hub

Monday, Dec. 8-Tuesday, Dec. 9, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

First impressions are formed in seconds so make yours count with a professional headshot for your practice website and socials.

Coffee Café

Indulge your sweet tooth and caffeine craving with savory treats and little eats each afternoon from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and coffee throughout the day. Coffee service is sponsored by Professional Embryo Transfer Supply (PETS) Inc. and MAI Animal Health.

Trade Show Reception

Sunday, Dec. 7, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Sip and shop casually with colleagues among 300 exhibitors while enjoying complimentary wine, beer, and snacks.

Stable Education

Sunday, Dec. 7-Monday, Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Acquire the scoop on exhibitors' new products, equipment, and research during 30-minute presentations in the Stable Education theaters near the food court in Hall B. No CE credit is given. The presentation lineup will be available in the on-site program and on the convention app and website.

Meeting Pods

Sponsored by EQUUS, EquiManagement, and The Horse: Your sources for horse health and veterinary business information.

Host a meeting on-site in one of four meeting pods located directly across from the sponsor's booth. Reserve your time at the Equine Network booth. A charging station for your devices is also available.

Trade Show B-I-N-G-O!

Grab a bingo card from the kiosk near the convention registration desk and embark on a trade show quest to collect stickers on every exhibitor's name. Submit your completed card at the AAEP booth for a \$10 AAEP General Store gift certificate and to be entered in daily prize drawings for Visa gift cards and more.

MEETINGS & SUNRISE SESSIONS

Council and Committee Meetings

This year, there are no council or committee meetings on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 6, which should curtail the need for an extra hotel night in order to attend meetings traditionally held on the morning of the first day. Meeting times subject to change.

Saturday, Dec. 6

1:00-2:30 p.m.	Educational Programs Committee
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Member Engagement Committee Racing Committee
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Early Career Committee Welfare & Public Policy Advisory Council

Sunday, Dec. 7

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Infectious Disease Committee
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Performance Horse Committee
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
1:00-2:30 p.m.	Professional Conduct & Ethic Committee

Monday, Dec. 8

Noon-1:30 p.m.	Horse Owner Education Committee
Noon-2:00 p.m.	Student Education & Outreach Committee
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Healthy Practice Committee



General Membership Meeting

Monday, Dec. 8, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Discover the AAEP's progress on important issues over the past year during this 45-minute annual business meeting.

PARTNER SUNRISE SESSIONS

Grab a plate before our partners elaborate!

Join AAEP Educational Partners for a complimentary breakfast (while supplies last) and exploration of varied equine healthcare and practice topics on Dec. 7-8 in the Colorado Convention Center.

Sunday, Dec. 7

6:30-7:30 a.m.

SAA-y Hello to Stablelab, SAA-y Goodbye to Disease: Discussion of New Studies of Interest with Expert Panelists – *Katie Flynn, David Levine, and Lynn Martin*; Moderator: *Holly Helbig*. Presented by *Zoetis*.

Revolutionizing Equine Speed Events: The Global Therapeutic Impact of 2.5% Polyacrylamide Hydrogel – *JD Conway, Leigh de Clifford, and Beau Whitaker*. Presented by *Contura Vet*.

Closing the Treatment Gap: Optimizing Early Intervention in Equine DJD – *Sherry A. Johnson and Kyla Ortvad*. Presented by *American Regent Animal Health*.

Fueling the Equine Athlete: Bioenergetics and Beyond – *Abby Pritchard*. Presented by *Cargill*.

Monday, Dec. 8

6:30-7:30 a.m.

A Research and Case-Based Panel Discussion of Pentosan Polysulfate's Effect on Degenerative Joint Disease – *Erin Contino and TBD*. Presented by *Dechra Veterinary Products*.

Stop Washing Tails: Nutritional and Management Strategies for Free Fecal Water Syndrome – *Masa Williams*. Presented by *Purina*.

Equine Endocrinology: Update on the 2025 Equine Endocrine Group PPID Recommendations and Open Q&A – *Kelsey Hart*. Presented by *Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health*.

New Research: Improved Insulin and Glucose Response with Targeted Nutritional Intervention – *Darci Agin, Michelle Coleman, and Matt Durham*. Presented by *Platinum Performance*.

The material presented is done so at the discretion of the Educational Partner; does not reflect the opinions or views of, or an endorsement by, the AAEP; and has not undergone review by the Educational Programs Committee. No CE credit is given for these sessions unless RACE approval has been previously obtained by the presenting company.

Member Roundtables

Saturday, Dec. 6

Engage with colleagues, share unique perspectives, and forge your path during 90-minute facilitated discussions on important topics led by subject matter experts. These sessions are not eligible for CE credit.

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Solo But Not Alone: Tips and Tricks for Thriving in Solo Practice

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Banish Emergency Coverage Burnout: New Solutions for Equine Practice



The Mane Connection

Sunday, Dec. 7-Tuesday, Dec. 9

Noon-12:45 p.m. & 1:00-1:45 p.m.

Venture into new frontiers of connection and collaboration at The Mane Connection conversations in the trade show during each day's lunch break. Each conversation is focused on a specific topic and provides valuable opportunities to learn from others, share your experiences, and elevate your practice and enjoyment of veterinary medicine. Likely topics may include tech tips/use of AI in practice, Decade One, and how to get involved with Equitarian Initiative.

When finalized, the complete list of topics and presenters will be published in the convention program and on the convention website and app. These sessions are not eligible for CE credit.



CLIMB TO THE TOP

Are you a practitioner with less than 10 years' experience in the field?

Gear up for the *Denver Dash*!

Look for the markers placed throughout the Convention center, scan them using the Convention app, and complete as many challenges as possible to uncover precious educational gems, reveal insights that will help you level up your practice, and spark connections that will set you on the path to success and career satisfaction.

Embrace some healthy competition and the chance to win cash prizes totaling \$1,000! The top three finishers will receive \$500 (1st place), \$300 (2nd place), and \$200 (3rd place).

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RECEPTIONS & SOCIAL EVENTS



Welcome Reception

Saturday, Dec. 6, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Before embarking on days of medical discovery, kick off your journey with drinks and hors d'oeuvres among friends old and new. You never know who you'll meet or where conversations might lead.

Student Faculty Advisors' Breakfast

Sunday, Dec. 7, 6:30-7:30 a.m.

Faculty advisors from participating veterinary schools are invited to a casual breakfast and discussion of issues relevant to AAEP student programming.

Internship/Externship Career Night

Sunday, Dec. 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

AAEP Internship/Externship Program practices: Uncover young talent to strengthen your practice pipeline from among hundreds of ambitious students seeking to launch their careers by advancing their clinical and client interaction skills.

Early Career Practitioners' Reception

Sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

Sunday, Dec. 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Harness the power of social relationships among a supportive community of peers in their first five years of practice at this casual gathering offering free food and beverages. During the reception, obtain a professional headshot at no charge for your practice website and social media.

Christian Veterinary Mission Fellowship Breakfast

Monday, Dec. 8, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Start your morning with breakfast and encouragement among CVM friends. Open to all and registration is not required.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Social Hour

Sponsored by VMRD, Where Animal Health Meets Science.

Monday, Dec. 8, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Gather with colleagues who are passionate about DEI in this safe space for connection.

Alumni Receptions

Monday, Dec. 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Swap stories with former classmates and share experiences with other graduates of your alma mater. A list of schools hosting receptions will appear in the on-site program and on the convention app and website. For more information, contact your school's alumni office.



Vet Story Night



Benefiting The Foundation for The Horse

Hosted by Merck Animal Health & Zoetis.

Sunday, Dec. 7, 8:00-10:30 p.m.

Hyatt Regency

\$65 – General Admission

\$35 – Students, Residents, Interns, and Technicians

Ticket purchase includes theater seating and one drink.

Purchase ticket(s) when completing your convention registration.

Celebrate the stories, poems, and more from veterinary and industry colleagues during this one-of-a-kind evening. Proceeds from the event support the mission of The Foundation: Transforming the lives of horses!

Table Sponsorships are available and include a one-hour pre-event reception.

For more information, including table sponsorship, visit convention.aaep.org/events



International Events

Sponsored by Sound. For 30 years, Sound (powered by Antech) has been your trusted source for diagnostic imaging equipment and services — partnering with SCIL to provide a global solution for you, the equine practitioner. Visit Booth 1521 for more information.

These special events are exclusively for AAEP's members outside of the U.S. and Canada.

International Members' Breakfast

Monday, Dec. 8, 6:30-7:30 a.m.

Begin the day with a light breakfast and discussion of pertinent issues affecting the profession on a global level.

International Members' Reception

Monday, Dec. 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Enjoy camaraderie across borders when socializing with your fellow members from around the world. Refreshments provided.

The President's Luncheon

Tuesday, Dec. 9

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$60


Join AAEP leadership for lunch and a salute to service! During this annual banquet, outgoing and incoming officers and board members are recognized, and exceptional colleagues are celebrated for their volunteerism, service, and accomplishment during our expanded awards program.

The After Party

Sponsored by Zoetis Equine: Long Live the Horse.

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 8:00-10:30 p.m.

Hyatt Regency

 Free for all registered attendees and exhibitors. **Ticket required.**
RSVP when completing your convention registration.

Grab your '80s gear and get ready to party!

Join us for an unforgettable evening of fun, friendship, and flashback hits with *That Eighties Band*—one of America's most popular '80s tribute bands!

Dress the part, hit the dance floor, and relive the iconic decade with colleagues and friends. You won't want to miss this totally tubular night!

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Make a Career Connection

Land a fresh start through Convention Career Fair

Looking for more purpose and flexibility in the workplace? Seeking greater compensation? No matter your reason, find a new opportunity among dozens of practices looking to hire during convention. Here's how.

Beginning Oct. 16:

1. Create or log in to your AAEP Career Center account at jobs.aaep.org.
2. Upload your résumé if you haven't already done so.
3. Indicate your Career Fair attendance on your account page, which will flag your résumé for participating employers to review and contact you (confidentially if preferred) about meeting while in Denver.

You'll also be able to view a list of participating employers and create email job alerts to be notified of new Career Fair listings. For more information, contact Megan Gray at mgray@aaep.org.



Thanks to Convention Organizers

This meeting's educational program is brought to you by the combined efforts of the program chair, the Educational Programs Committee (EPC) and the Scientific Review & Editorial Committee (SREC).



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Luke Bass, DVM, MS, DABVP – EPC & SREC Chair

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– EPC & SREC Vice Chair

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Hotel Accommodations


The AAEP has secured room blocks at 14 convenient hotels. The daily rate listed is for single/double occupancy and excludes 15.75% local taxes and any applicable parking fees. The deadline to reserve a room at the AAEP rate, cancel a reservation or make changes is Nov. 17. Please book your hotel room online at convention.aaep.org. You must be registered for the convention to book a hotel room at the AAEP rate.



- 1 Hyatt Regency**
(Headquarters Hotel)
\$219/night
- 2 AC Hotel**
\$189/night
- 3 Aloft Hotel**
\$189/night
- 4 Embassy Suites**
\$207/night
- 5 Hampton Inn & Suites**
\$195/night

- 6 Hilton Garden Inn**
\$185/night
- 7 Home2 Suites**
\$189/night
- 8 Homewood Suites**
\$195/night
- 9 Hyatt House**
\$159/night
- 10 Hyatt Place**
\$159/night

- 11 Le Meridien**
\$209/night
- 12 Sonesta**
\$169/night
- 13 The Slate Hotel**
\$149/night
- 14 Tru by Hilton**
\$179/night

 Includes complimentary breakfast

Choose Your Preferred Registration Option

The 2025 Convention offers two registration options: in-person and virtual. Please read the following to determine which option is right for you!

In-Person Registration includes four days of educational sessions offering over 100 CE hours from which to choose; access to the three-day Trade Show with nearly 300 exhibitors plus lunch each day; the *Proceedings* book; and free social events like the Welcome Reception and The After Party. The in-person event takes place Dec. 6-10. All in-person attendees also receive on-demand access to video recordings of all educational sessions and can participate in the live post-Convention Table Topics to be held virtually Dec. 15-19.

Virtual Registration includes on-demand access to all educational sessions plus live post-Convention Table Topics to be held virtually Dec. 15-19. On-demand viewing will be available by Dec. 19, with all sessions available for viewing by Dec. 31. The *Proceedings* book will be mailed to all virtual registrants who do not opt out of receiving a print copy.

Both in-person and virtual registration can be completed at convention.aaep.org.

Note: Sessions are available on-demand indefinitely for both virtual and in-person convention registrants. CE hours from on-demand sessions can be earned through Dec. 31, 2026.

Register for In-Person by Sept. 15 and Save Over \$225

Register Online

Register online at convention.aaep.org. Annual dues must be current to register at the member rate. Your convention registration confirmation will be automatically emailed. Hotel reservations can also be made through the site. You must be registered for the convention to book a hotel room at the AAEP rate.

Register by Mail or Fax

Photocopy the registration form and send with your payment by Nov. 10. Your canceled check will serve as your receipt. By including your credit card number on the form, you may fax us your registration at (859) 233-1968. You may make extra photocopies to register additional people. Confirmation will be emailed when your registration is processed.

Register On-Site

Register at the Colorado Convention Center beginning Dec. 5 at 3:00 p.m. Attendees registering at the student or resident/intern rate must present verification of enrollment in a veterinary school or a letter from an internship practice. New member registrants must present their DVM license or diploma.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Kristin Walker at kwalker@aaep.org. Cancellations by Nov. 5 are entitled to a full refund, less a \$75 cancellation fee. Exceptions possible, please contact Lori Rawls at (859) 705-0425.

Special Needs

If you require special accommodations to fully participate, please check the disabilities box on the registration form and an AAEP staff member will contact you.

Consent to Use Photos

Registration and attendance at, or participation in, AAEP meetings and related activities constitutes an agreement by the registrant to AAEP's use and distribution of the registrant or attendee's image or voice in photographs, video recordings, audio recordings and electronic reproductions of such events and activities.

We Promise

We're so proud of the quality program that we promise to refund your registration fee if, for any reason, you are not satisfied with your convention education experience.

Contact Us

For more information, email Kristin Walker at kwalker@aaep.org; or call (800) 443-0177 (U.S. and Canada) or (859) 233-0147.

Disclosure

I understand that my participation in the event involves a certain degree of risk of loss, harm or injury to my person or property, including, but not limited to, harm from contracting COVID-19 or other viruses, acts of God, theft, fire or accident. I also understand that participation in this event is entirely voluntary and that the AAEP requires attendees to abide by any applicable rules of conduct or local or state laws that may be announced at any time during the event, which may include wearing personal protective gear and engaging in social distancing. While AAEP is the sponsor of this event and takes commercially reasonable steps to require the event facility to maintain the venue in a safe and healthy condition, I understand and acknowledge that AAEP has no direct control over and is not responsible for the acts or omissions of the facility or others involved in producing this event. I have carefully considered the risk involved and waive and release AAEP and all its officers, directors, employees, staff, volunteers, faculty and affiliates from any and all claims, damages, injuries, or expenses that I may incur from my participation in this event.

AAEP 71st Annual Convention Advance Registration Form

After Nov. 10, please register online or on-site at the convention.

Full name: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Credential (DVM,VMD, etc.): _____ Preferred first name on badge: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Postal Code or Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ ☐ Please remove me from all exhibitor mailing lists

Vet License # and State (U.S. registrants only): _____

Do you want to receive a copy of the *Proceedings* book on-site? ☐ Yes ☐ No, I will access online.

☐ Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, I require special accommodations at the event location and/or hotel.
An AAEP staff member will follow up with you.

Emergency contact name (required): _____ Phone: _____

Full name of guest (limit 2 per member): _____

Preferred first name on guest badge: _____

Address/City/State/Zip Code (guest): _____

Phone (guest): _____ Email (guest): _____

☐ First-time convention attendee

	Thru Sept. 15	Thru Nov. 30	After Nov. 30	Total
A. <input type="checkbox"/> AAEP Member	\$649	\$775	\$875	_____
B. <input type="checkbox"/> AAEP Honor Roll Member	350	350	450	_____
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Attending Sessions*	649	775	875	_____
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Pass**	30	30	50	_____
E. <input type="checkbox"/> AAEP New Member Applicant	950	1,030	1,130	_____
F. <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	1,145	1,145	1,245	_____
G. <input type="checkbox"/> Current Resident or Intern	400	400	500	_____
H. <input type="checkbox"/> Vet Story Night (per person) Qty ____ Dec. 7	65	65	65	_____
I. <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Fun Run & Walk (Dec. 8)	35	35	35	_____
J. <input type="checkbox"/> President's Luncheon (per person) Qty ____ Dec. 9	60	60	60	_____
K. <input type="checkbox"/> The After Party (Dec. 9; ticket required)				<u>Free</u>
L. <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Voluntary Donation				_____
M. <input type="checkbox"/> Equine Rehabilitation Techniques Wet Labs				(Register online or by phone; see page 12)
N. <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Convention Option				(Register online; see page 20)
			Total:	_____

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☐ I have read and agree to the disclosure statement on page 20

Payment Method: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover Card ☐ Check enclosed _____

Card #: _____ Expiration: _____ CVV Code: _____

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Return your registration and payment (if applicable) to AAEP, 4033 Iron Works Pkwy, Lexington, KY 40511;
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Adventure with Tenacity



All AAEVT Sessions & Events will be held in the Colorado Convention Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Conference registration 2:00-5:00 p.m.

- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Member/Board Roundtable
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. AAEVT Advisory Committee Reception
- 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. AAEP Welcome Reception

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. Registration open
- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. First Time Attendee Welcome Reception
- 10:00 a.m. - Noon Keynote: Beth Z
- Noon - 1:30 p.m. AAEVT Membership Meeting, Members Choice Award & Luncheon
- 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Lecture & Scientific Sessions
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. AAEVT Welcome Social, Scholarship Raffle
- 8:00-10:30 p.m. AAEP Vet Story Night

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 7:00 a.m. Bus Pickup for Wet Labs
- 7:00 a.m. Registration open
- 8:00 a.m. - Noon Lecture Sessions
- Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch N Learn
- 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Lecture Sessions

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Anesthesia Society Roundtable
- 8:00 a.m. - Noon Lecture Sessions
- Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch N Learn
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. AAEP/AAEVT Roundtable
- 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Lecture Sessions & Case Studies
- 8:00-10:30 p.m. The AAEP After Party



We welcome ALL veterinary technicians, assistants, students, practice managers and support staff!

FEATURED SPEAKERS & TOPICS

KEYNOTE:

Beth Ziesenis,
"Your Nerdy Best Friend"
AI Myths and Mysteries

Kelly Zeytoonian, DVM, MBA, CERP
Inventory Management

Katharyn Mitchell, BVSc, DVCS,
DVM-PhD, DACVIM (LAIM)
The Technician's Role in Exercise Testing Horses with Poor Performance

Bridget Heilsburg, DVM
Reproduction

Sara Brazier, LVT
Positive Psychology & Building a Positive Environment as a New Leader

Charlotte Lacroix, DVM, JD
Negotiations I & II & Managing Difficult Clients

Kerri Pride, DVM, MPH,
CVA, DACVPM
Qi Performance, Integrative Veterinary Care

Andrea Whittle, LVT, VTS-EVN
Contrast Studies in Neonates

Lindsey Schoelen, LVMT
Mule and Donkey Anesthesia

Aurora Sochan, LVT, VTS-EVN
Managing Chronic Pain

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