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Revel in neon lights and keen insights when the AAEP's 72nd Annual Convention returns to ***Fabulous*** Las Vegas for the first time in 11 years!

Play your convention hand from a CE deck stacked with clinical advances and how-tos—from head to hoof and field to hospital—along with practice management and sustainability strategies to enrich professional and personal vitality.

Forget the old cliché—what happens in Vegas this December won't stay there. Instead, you'll bring it home and put it to work, boosting the health of your patients and the pulse of your practice.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
Let's Go Wild! Wildlife as Inspiration for a Happy Life

Martine van Zijll Langhout, DVM, MSc (WAH), DECZM (Zoo Health Management)

Like wild animals, the lives of equine veterinarians require performing at a high level, facing constant challenges, and collaborating to thrive. But how do wild animals build strong, effective teams? How do they manage high-pressure situations? And what can we learn from this?

During her work in the African wilderness, wildlife veterinarian Dr. Martine van Zijll Langhout experienced life much like a wild animal herself—needing to trust her team, remain physically and mentally fit, and even run for her life on several occasions. Through these experiences, she discovered how profoundly nature can teach us about being human—and about developing resilience, adaptability, and mental strength.

After a career as a mixed-animal veterinarian, including equine medicine, Dr. van Zijll Langhout specialized in wildlife medicine in 2005. Since then, she has worked as a wildlife vet under free-roaming conditions with most African wildlife species, including gorillas, lions, elephants, giraffes, buffalo, and rhinos.

Dr. van Zijll Langhout is currently head of the Veterinary Department at Amsterdam Zoo. She is also a professional coach, public speaker, and leads wilderness trails in Botswana. Her book, *Lessons from the Wild: A Wildlife Vet's Journey into the African Wilderness – Rediscovering What Nature Teaches Us*, is a bestseller in the Netherlands and will be published in English this year.

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FRANK J. MILNE STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE:
Conquering Colic: State-of-the-Art Management of the Acute Abdomen and the Role of Next Generation Science

Anthony Blikslager, DVM, PhD, DACVS

Although no two colic cases are the same, they share one commonality: The time it takes to make decisions has the greatest effect on survival.

During his Milne Lecture, pioneering colic and gastrointestinal researcher Dr. Anthony Blikslager will provide the tools needed to conquer the "black box" of the equine abdomen. He will help you recognize the subtle causes of colic through use of pain scoring, delineate between common analgesics that hinder and help gut healing, advance understanding of intestinal repair, and investigate evolving science at the cellular level that is likely to drive new therapeutic targets.

A 1989 graduate from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Blikslager is a professor of equine surgery and the associate dean and director of Veterinary Medical Services at North Carolina State University (NCSU). His research is focused on equine colic and mechanisms of intestinal mucosa recovery following strangulating obstruction.

Dr. Blikslager received the AVMA Clinical Research Award in 2020 and the Applied Equine Research Award from the World Equestrian Veterinary Association in 2011. He was named an Alumni Distinguished Professor and awarded the Ned E. Huffman Leadership Award in 2017 from NCSU, from which he also received the Pfizer Award for Excellence in Research in 2006.

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Session Descriptions

RACE CE SESSIONS

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 well-being.

Collaborative Case Studies (NEW)
Test your clinical reasoning by solving real-world patient challenges in small groups during facilitator-led discussions. Completion of 60- to 90-minutes of pre-session materials is required. Limited to 50 pre-registered attendees.

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 address shared challenges during facilitated discussions valued for clinically actionable insights.

NON-RACE CE SESSIONS

The Mane Connection
Learn from others during casual 45-minute lunchtime conversations on specific topics in the AAEP Connect area of the trade show.

Stable Education
Discover new products, equipment, and research during 30-minute exhibitor presentations in the trade show Stable Education theaters.

Partner Sunrise Sessions
Explore a variety of medical topics during early morning sessions presented by AAEP Educational Partners.

SESSION KEYS

Core Concept
Denotes a presentation or session containing foundation 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.

Denotes a presentation or session devoted to the wellbeing of the veterinarian and/or their practice team.

Denotes a Table Topic being re-offered live post-convention via Zoom the week of Dec. 14-18.

2026 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo

To purchase general public tickets for the 2026 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, occurring Dec. 3-12 in Las Vegas, please visit https://fanaccount.axs.com/nfrexperience/login.

All tickets will be sold based on availability after season ticket purchases. Please be aware that ticket quantities are limited. Please visit https://www.nfrexperience.com/ticket_faqs for more information.

NFR tickets will not be available through AAEP registration.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Morning

6:30-7:30 a.m. **Partner Sunrise Sessions**
See session listing on page 16.
No RACE CE credit awarded.

8:00 a.m. **Opening Session**
Moderator: P.O. Eric Mueller

9:00-10:00 a.m. **Keynote: Let's Go Wild! Wildlife as Inspiration for a Happy Life**
Martine van Zijll Langhout (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: *Elizabeth J. Davidson*
Field Reporter: *Bernie Loomis Smith*

Afternoon

Noon-1:45 p.m. **The Mane Connection**
See page 15 for tentative conversation topics.
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1:30 p.m. **Foundation Scholarship Awards**
Moderator: Emma Adam

2:00 p.m. **Foundation Research Spotlight**
Moderator: Carrie Finno

2:30-4:45 p.m. **Frank J. Milne State-of-the-Art Lecture: Conquering Colic: State-of-the-Art Management of the Acute Abdomen and the Role of Next Generation Science** C
Anthony Blikslager (see page 3)
Moderator: Luke Bass
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Strategic Practice Management for Equine Veterinarians
Moderator: Becky Tees
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2:00 p.m. Business News Hour – *Shane Baird, Becky Ruemmuler-Mederios, Fred Nostrant*

3:00 p.m. Exit Strategies for Solo Practitioners – *Amy Grice*

3:20 p.m. Malpractice and State Board Risk in Veterinary Practice: Prevention, Response, and Risk Mitigation Strategies – *Charlotte Lacroix*

3:40 p.m. Ethical Navigation of Conflicts of Interest in Equine Practice – *Barb Crabbe*

4:00 p.m. Non-Compete Agreements in Veterinary Employment: Enforceability, Risk, and Strategic Considerations for Practitioners – *Charlotte Lacroix*

4:20 p.m. How To Prevent Barn Fires in Equine Veterinary and Client Facilities – *Rebecca Husted*

4:40 p.m. Review of the Use of Technology, Including Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools, to Produce Medical *Records – Cynthia MacKenzie*

5:00-5:20 p.m. Review of Spectrum of Care in Equine Medicine – *David Ramey*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Morning

6:30-7:30 a.m. **Partner Sunrise Sessions**
See session listing on page 16.
No RACE CE credit awarded.

Practical Applications of Advanced Equine Imaging

Moderator: Kate Chope
Sponsored by Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. Enduring Passion. Unrivaled Expertise.

8:00 a.m. How to Use PET to Identify Suspensory Apparatus Injury in the English Sport Horse – *Alycia Crandall*

8:20 a.m. Ultrasonographic Diagnosis of Septic Temporomandibular Joint Arthritis in Horses – *Angela Fleming*

8:40 a.m. Narrative Review of Recent Developments in Myelo-CT Diagnostics, Findings, and Surgical Options – *Anja Kasparek*

9:00 a.m. Ultrasonographic Abnormalities of the Equine Eye and Orbit: 121 Horses – *Betsy Vaughan*

9:20 a.m. Ultrasonographic Evaluation of Limb Wounds: Feasibility and Findings in 96 Horses – *Gabriela Castellanos*

9:40 a.m. How to Perform Standing Medial Oblique Radiographs of the Equine Coxofemoral Joint – *Julie Wright*

10:00 a.m. Computed Tomographic Arthrography of the Equine Distal interphalangeal Joint Provides Valuable Information About Cartilage and Soft Tissue Pathology – *Linda Dillenbeck*

10:20 a.m. Computed Tomography of the Equine Caudal Spine and Pelvis – *Nadine Ogden*

10:40-11:00 a.m. How to Perform Transcutaneous Ultrasonography of the Equine Esophagus – *Zachary Blakeney*

Practice the techniques discussed in the highlighted presentations during drop-in mini labs using models on **Wednesday** between noon-2:00 p.m. in the Stable Education area of the trade show. See page 15 for more information.

Burst©

Moderator: Elizabeth Acutt and Allen Page
Sponsored by Zoetis Equine: Long Live the Horse.

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.

Blood, Sweat, and Fears: Emergency Transfusion Basics – *Garett Pearson*

Out in the Open (Even When They're Not): Managing Cryptorchid Castrations in the Field – *Luke Bass*

A Pain in the Neck (and How to Image It): Optimizing Cervical Spine Radiographs – *Will French*

Hit the Ground Running: The Newborn Foal Exam – *Piper Norton*

Don't Shoot the Messenger: Surviving the Equine Pre-Purchase Exam – *Cricket Russillo*

Precision Under Pressure: Temporary Tracheostomy Technique and Decision-Making – *Garett Pearson*

Panel Discussion with the Hour 1 Speakers

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Sound-ish: Interpreting Musculoskeletal Findings During the PPE – *Cricket Russillo*

Navel Intelligence: Ultrasonographic Assessment of the Foal Umbilicus – *Piper Norton*

Gut Feeling: A Practical Approach to Umbilical Hernia Repair in the Field – *Luke Bass*

How to Use the Equine Disease Communication Center as a Tool to Manage and Increase Awareness of Infectious Disease – *Krista Estell*

Buying Time or Buying Trouble? Antimicrobial Stewardship in the Pre-Referral Period – *Garett Pearson*

Knee-d to Know: Sonographic Evaluation of the Lateral Stifle – *Will French*

Panel Discussion with the Hour 2 Speakers

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Fetlock Forward: Positioning, Technique, and What Not to Miss – *Will French*

How To Splint Contracted Distal Limbs in Foals – *Craig Lesser*

Something Seems Off: Recognizing Neurological Red Flags During the PPE – *Cricket Russillo*

Flushing Out Trouble: Practical Lavage Techniques for Managing Septic Synovial Structures – *Garett Pearson*

Eye Can Do It: A Practical Guide to Field Enucleation – *Luke Bass*

Threading the Needle: Tips for Over-the-Wire Catheter Placement – *Piper Norton*

Panel Discussion with the Hour 3 Speakers

How to Navigate Modern Equine Reproduction: Diagnostics, Management, and Optimization

Moderator: Maria Schnobrich
Sponsored by EquineIVF, Building the Future, One Embryo at a Time.

8:00 a.m. How-To Collect Samples for Genetic Testing/ What to Test For – *Carrie Finno*

8:20 a.m. How Stallion Factors Can Affect Pregnancy Rate, Early Embryonic Loss – *Camilo Hernandez-Aviles*

8:40 a.m. Aspects of OPU, Oocyte Handling and Shipping to Optimize ICSI Embryo Production – *Hunter Ortis*

9:00 a.m. Clinical Application of Ultrasound in Gestational Age Estimation, Foaling Date Prediction, and Readiness for Birth – *Catherine Renaudin*

9:35 a.m. Transrectal Ultrasonographic Pregnancy Evaluation in Mares Beyond 100 Days of Gestation: Ambulatory Practice Applications – *Kristina Lu*

9:55 a.m. How to Understand Fescue and Ergovaline Toxicity in Equine Reproduction – *Krista Lea*

10:15-11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion with the Speakers

Soundness in Motion: Performance Issues in Western Performance

Moderator: Ty Corbiell
Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products.

8:00 a.m. Back Pain: More than Just Kissing Spine in Western Performance Horses – *Will French*

8:30 a.m. The Pastern: The Overlooked Joint in Poor Performance of the Reined Cowhorse and Reiner – *Joe Carter*

9:00 a.m. Common Lameness Issues Seen in Cutting Horses with a Focus on Stifle-Related Issues – *Jeff Folland*

9:30 a.m. Lameness Diagnostic and Treatment Strategies for Challenging Cases in Western Performance Horses – *Lane Easter*

10:00 a.m. PRCA: Vetting a Western Performance Event – *Ben Espy*

10:30-11:00 a.m. Arena Gate Issues in Barrel Racing Horses – *Ty Corbiell*

Table Topics

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8:30-10:00 a.m.

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

Discussion of the Interplay of Diagnostic Testing, Nutrition, and Clinical Outcomes in Endocrine Disease – *Pat Harris and Amy Polkes*

Medical Devices and/or Compounding – *Kenton Morgan and FDA Representative*

10:30 a.m.-Noon

Navigating the Evolving FEI Landscape for Veterinarians – *Christiana Ober and Jan-Hein Swagemakers*

Working Effectively with Equine Nutritionists to Support Client Outcomes – *Shannon Pratt-Phillips and Stephanie Valberg*

New World Screwworm: What We Know—and What We Don't Know – *USDA and FDA Representatives*

Navigating the Equine Pre-Purchase Exam: A Roundtable for New and Seasoned Practitioners – *TBD*

Afternoon

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How-to, Go-Do Mini Labs

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Noon-2:00 p.m. Creating and Applying Splints on Contracted Limbs in Foals

Hands-on Experience with Standing Coxofemoral Joint Radiograph Acquisition – with Discussion

Burst: Business Edition

Moderator: Joe Pluhar
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This session presents highly informative, 7-minute talks on practice management-related subjects. Practical knowledge is presented dynamically in a fast-paced, "bite-sized" format that allows the audience to come away with impactful, useable information for their practice.

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Know Your Sheets – *Joe Pluhar*

Can You Hear Me Now? The Remote Receptionist Revolution – *Chelsea Luedke*

Avoid Sticker Shock – *Kelly Zeytoonian*

Don't Wait Until It's Too Late: Encouraging Honest Conversations – *Melanie Barham* HEALTHY Practice

Practice Performance: The KPI Checkup – *Doug Anez*

Belonging Happens One Conversation at a Time – *Melanie Barham*

Panel Discussion with the Hour 1 Speakers

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Finding Your Herd – *Joe Pluhar*

One Foot Out the Barn Door? – *Melanie Barham* HEALTHY Practice

Beyond the Price Sheet: The Art of the Lab Deal – *Charlotte Lacroix*

Belonging and Culture: By Design, Not by Chance – *Melanie Barham*

Becoming a Better Ally: Lessons Learned Along the Way – *Melanie Barham*

Onboarding: Where Belonging Begins – *Melanie Barham* HEALTHY Practice

Panel Discussion with the Hour 2 Speakers

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Equine Practice: Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges – *Johnathan Yardley*

Opening Gates for the Next Generation – *Melanie Barham*

Sustainability in Equine Practice – *Kelly Zeytoonian*

Retire Right: A Fast Track to Retirement Plans – *Chelsea Luedke*

Planning Your Best Ride Into the Sunset – *Doug Anez*

Corporate Practice: What's Your Stake? – *Charlotte Lacroix*

Better Together: Harnessing the Power of Community – *Melanie Barham* HEALTHY Practice

Panel Discussion with the Hour 3 Speakers

In-Depth: Metabolic and Endocrine Diseases

Moderator: Dianne McFarlane
Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim.

2:00 p.m. Clinical Presentation and Pathophysiology of Equine Endocrine Disease – *Diane McFarlane* C

2:30 p.m. Diagnosis and Treatment of Insulin Dysregulation and the Equine Metabolic Syndrome – *Andrew van Eps* C

3:00 p.m. Diagnosis and Treatment of PPID with and without Insulin Dysregulation – *Kelsey Hart* C

3:30 p.m. Review of Endocrine Disorders with Implications for the Equine Athlete – *Jane Manfredi*

4:00-5:00 p.m. Panel: Session Summary and Practice Tips with the Speakers

Equine Performance, Biomechanics, and Rehabilitation

Moderator: Emma Adam
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2:00 p.m. Motion Analysis Differs Between Racing Thoroughbreds at Risk of Exercise-Associated Sudden Death and the General Population – *Denise Mc Sweeney*

2:20 p.m. Equine Digital Perfusion and Load Patterns at Various Capsular Palmar Angles as Evaluated with Venography and Force Plate Analysis – *Emily Hicks*

2:40 p.m. Intra-System and Inter-Operator Reliability of Commercially Available Objective Lameness Evaluation Systems in Horses – *Jenna McPeek*

3:00 p.m. Air Pollution Exposure During Training Impairs Performance in Thoroughbred Racehorses – *Danielle Scott*

3:20 p.m. Review of Equine Reproductive Conditions that Affect Behavior – *Sarah Eaton* C

3:40 p.m. The Impact of Dynamic Mobilization Exercises on the Cross-Sectional Area of the Equine Multifidus Cervicis and the Longus Colli Muscles – *Keana McCosh*

4:00 p.m. How to Perform Advanced Equine Physiotherapy Exercises – *Katie Ellis*

4:20-4:40 p.m. How to Retrain Proprioception and Motor Control in Equine Rehabilitation – *Sybille Molle*

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In-Depth: Advanced Imaging Techniques

Moderator: Charlène Pigé

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2:00 p.m. Subchondral Bone and Articular Cartilage Injuries: Bridging Science and Practice – *Annamaria Nagy*

2:30 p.m. Subchondral Bone and Articular Cartilage Damage: What Can We Get Out of Radiographs and Ultrasound? – *Myra Barrett*

3:00 p.m. Advanced Imaging of Subchondral Bone and Cartilage injury in Horses: MRI, CT and PET Across Multiple Disciplines – *Charlène Pigé and Mathieu Spriet*

3:20 p.m. Managing Subchondral Bone Injuries in Practice: Prognosis, Treatment and Monitoring – *Carter Judy*

3:50-4:35 p.m. Panel Discussion with the Speakers

Table Topics

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1:30-3:00 p.m.

Equine Insurance – *Reynolds Cowles, Ryland Edwards, and Steve Reed*

Vitamin E/Vitamin Deficiencies – *Carrie Finno and Stephanie Valberg*

In-Arena Emergencies at Equestrian Events – *Ben Espy and Madelyn Kalscheur*

Practical Pain Management in the Field – *Lori Bidwell and Kristen Messenger*

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Neuro vs Orthopedic Gait Abnormalities – *Caitlyn Horne and Amy Johnson*

Field Anesthesia – *Lori Bidwell and John Hubbell*

Outbreak Management – *Katie Flynn and Tabitha Moore*

Reproductive Microbiology in Clinical Practice: Mistakes, Successes, and Revenue – *Mariah Pearson and Sheila Spacek*

AAEP HEALTHY Practice

Las Vegas Fun Run & Walk

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30 a.m. $35

Advance registration required at convention.aaep.org.

Enjoy the rare, serene calm of the Las Vegas Strip under a desert sunrise during a 3- to 4-mile tour led by running guides who will share a bit of history at iconic stops along the way. All paces, including walkers, are welcome.
Participants will depart from the shark reef entrance at Mandalay Bay.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Morning

Bridling Bullying: Creating a Culture of Respect in Equine Practice

Moderator: Jim Zeliff
Sponsored by Zoetis Equine: Long Live the Horse.

6:30-8:00 a.m. Instead of just talking about the theory of workplace bullying, this panel dives straight into the messy, real-world situations that happen in the truck, clinic, university, breeding shed, and show or race barns. Through a series of realistic scenarios, the panelists will follow common workplace friction points from start to finish, examining the roles we play in practice and how to reinforce a culture of respect within equine practice.

Clinical Updates in Equine Non-Infectious Disease

Moderator: Jennifer Cassano
Sponsored by Nutrena, "What's Inside Counts."

8:00 a.m. A Review of Photodynamic Dye Therapy for Equine Squamous Cell Carcinoma: A Retrospective of 274 Cases – *Leslie Easterwood*

8:20 a.m. Vitamin E and Vitamin A Serum Profiles in 629 Horses Imported from Europe – *Mathilde Fournier*

8:40 a.m. Comparison of Analytical Methods for Measuring Vitamin E in Horses – *Carrie Finno*

9:00 a.m. Review of Equine Endocrinopathies in Critical Illness: Moving Beyond the Basic Endocrine Care – *Katarzyna Dembek*

9:20 a.m. ACTH Suppression and Adverse Effects of Cabergoline in Horses with Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction (PPID) – *Anna Bracken*

9:40 a.m. How to Treat Periocular Sarcoids in Horses with Injectable Mitomycin-C – *Leslie Easterwood*

10:00 a.m. Association Between Blood Lactate Concentration and the Incidence of Exercise-Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage in Barrel Racing Horses – *Maria Tula*

10:20 a.m. Efficacy of Injectable Omeprazole in Horses with Gastric Ulcers (ESGD, EGGD) – *Frank Andrews*

10:40-11:00 a.m. How to Diagnose Hindgut Inflammation: Out of Sight, Not Out of Mind – *Rebecca Bishop* C

Back to Basics: Ophthalmology C

Moderator: Nicole Scherrer
Sponsored by SmartPak, Your Trusted Partner for Equine Supplements.

8:00 a.m. When to Refer Ophthalmic Cases – *Nicole Scherrer*

8:25 a.m. Ocular Neoplasia – *Kathryn Wotman*

8:50 a.m. Uveitis and Glaucoma of the Horse: An Update – *Dennis Brooks*

9:10 a.m. Break

9:20 a.m. Infected Ulcers – *Erica Tolar*

9:45 a.m. Ophthalmic Field Surgery – *Catherine Nunnery*

10:10-11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion with the Speakers

How to Optimize Outcomes of Emergency Case Referrals C

Moderator: Kira Epstein
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8:00 a.m. How to Optimize Outcomes Through Early Referral: Recognition of Key Clinical Features – *Jesse Tyma*

8:30 a.m. How and When to Start Treatment in Emergency Cases in the Field Prior to Referral – *Kira Epstein*

9:00 a.m. How to Establish and Maintain Relationships Between Referring and Receiving Veterinarians – *Katharine Christie and Emily Spengler*

9:20 a.m. How to Identify and Address Barriers to Referral – *Kira Epstein and Lily Haywood*

9:40 a.m. How to Prepare Clients for What to Expect When They Go to a Referral Hospital – *Katharine Christie and Jesse Tyma*

10:00 a.m. How to Keep the Success Going After Discharge – *Lily Haywood and Emily Spengler*

10:20-11:00 a.m. Case-Based Panel Discussion with the Speakers

Double Down on AAEP Merch at the General Store

Display your AAEP affiliation proudly with association-branded apparel and products available at the General Store, located near the food court in the trade show.

Shop an assortment of fleece-wear, jackets, shirts, and more emblazoned with the AAEP logo. Most merchandise is available for purchase on-site or can be ordered and delivered to your home.

Remember, AAEP logo wear makes a great gift and can help you and your staff present a professional look to clients.

Current Concepts in Equine Lameness Diagnosis

Moderator: Amy Armentrout
Sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

8:00 a.m. Effect of Heel or Toe Elevation on Fore- and Hindlimb Joint Angles in 7 Standing Warmblood Horses: Preliminary Results – *Johanna Wilm*

8:20 a.m. How to Manage Lameness and Optimize Hoof Balance: The Role of Acrylic Repair in Hoof Compression Rehabilitation – *Mariah Kerr*

8:40 a.m. Comparison of 18F-Sodium Fluoride Positron Emission Tomography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging for Assessment of the Fetlock in 61 Sport Horses – *Charlène Pigé*

9:00 a.m. How to Use a Non-Articulating Borescope as a Rudimentary Overground Dynamic Endoscope – *Chloe Bening*

9:20 a.m. Catastrophic Pelvic Fractures in California Thoroughbred Racehorses – *Jeanette Espil*

9:40 a.m. Diagnostic Considerations for the General Practitioner when Referring Horses for Advanced Imaging of Distal Limb Musculoskeletal Injury – *Alexandra Scharf and Natashy Werpy*

10:00 a.m. A Review of Serial Monitoring of Distal Limb Musculoskeletal Injury in Horses: An Advanced Imaging Guide for the Equine Practitioner – *Alexandra Scharf and Natasha Werpy*

10:20 a.m. Imaging Diagnosis of a Plantarolateral Osseous Projection of the Third Metatarsal Bone in Lame Horses: A Novel Finding – *Bianca Drumond and Natasha Werpy*

10:40-11:00 a.m. Cannabidiol Treatment in Horses with Chronic Thoracolumbar Pain – *Camila Guidi*

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Collaborative Case Studies

Limited to 50 participants; advance registration required at no additional cost at convention.aaep.org.
See page 15 for more information.

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Frustrating Respiratory Cases – *Cossette Faivre and Kayla Le*

10:30 a.m.-Noon

Equine Dystocia – *Sarah Eaton and Ahmed Tibary*

Table Topics

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8:30-10:00 a.m.

Estrus Suppression: Are the Ovaries Really to Blame? – *Justin McNaughten and Lauren Pasch*

Mentorship Architecture: Factors Shaping Mentorship from the Mentor Perspective – *Meggan Graves and Ashley Whitehead*

Navigating the Veterinarian/Farrier Relationship – *Craig Lesser and Betsy Lordan*

10:30 a.m.-Noon

How to Navigate When You Suddenly Find Yourself Bought by Corporate – *Amy Grice and Rachael Levine*

Practical Cardiology for the General Practitioner – *Ben Buchanan and Cris Navas de Solis*

Foals in the Field – *Piper Norton and Karen Wolfsdorf*

AAEP is my 'go-to' conference for a wide breadth of equine-specific continuing education. The multi-disciplined perspective is so unique compared to other conferences and so important.

—2025 attendee

Afternoon

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Noon-2:00 p.m. Equine Physiotherapy Exercises

How to Manage Hoof Compression and Restore Hoof Balance Using Acrylic Repair

Top of License: A Community Discussion on Technician Utilization, Retention, and the Future of Equine Practice

Sponsored by Standlee, Built on a Forage Foundation.

1:00-2:30 p.m.
Moderator: Rebecca Maldonado

Six voices. One stage. One conversation. Join three equine veterinarians and three equine veterinary technicians for an interactive discussion exploring how practices can maximize technician utilization, improve retention, create career pathways, and strengthen the veterinary team. Bring your questions, share your perspective, and be part of the conversation.

Modern Approaches to Equine Reproductive Medicine

Moderator: Ahmed Tibary
Sponsored by Platinum Performance, "Good Nutrition is Good Medicine."

2:00 p.m. Prevalence, Origins, and Risk Factors for Aneuploidy Associated with Pregnancy Loss – *Amanda de Mestre*

2:20 p.m. Oral Resveratrol Improves Clinical and Molecular Markers of Post-Breeding Inflammation in Mares Susceptible to Persistent Breeding-Induced Endometritis – *Carleigh Fedorka*

2:40 p.m. Pregnancy Efficiency and Live Foal Rates from OPU-ICSI-Derived Embryos – *Claudia Fernandes*

3:00 p.m. Review of Extracellular Vesicles and Their Future Applications in Equine Reproduction – *Josefina Ghersa*

3:20 p.m. Clinical Safety and Reproductive Outcomes Following Intrauterine Administration of Allogeneic Platelet Lysate in Mares – *Lorenzo Segabinazzi*

3:40-4:00 p.m. Stranger Things: Managing Equine Twins That Enter the Post-Fixation Abyss – *Margo Macpherson* C

Advances in Equine Sports Medicine Therapeutics

Moderator: David Wilson
Sponsored by Contura Vet. Start with the Synovium, Start with Arthramid.

2:00 p.m. Review of the Production Methods, Compositions, and Clinical Applications of Blood-Based Therapies in Equine Practice – *Mark Revenaugh*

2:20 p.m. Straight Sesamoidean Ligament Desmopathy Commonly Occurs with Proximal Interphalangeal Joint Osteoarthritis – *Charlotte Barton*

2:40 p.m. A Prospective Longitudinal Study of Orthobiologics and Regenerative Medicine for the Treatment of Sport Injuries in Horses – *Mark Revenaugh*

3:00 p.m. Investigation of the Validity of Commercially Offered Genetic Tests for Type 2 Polysaccharide Storage Myopathy and Myofibrillar Myopathy – *Stephanie Valberg*

3:20 p.m. Effects of Phytogenic Supplementation on Cardiovascular Fitness and Post-Exercise Recovery in Steeplechasers Under Field Conditions – *Adeline Tischmacher*

3:40 p.m. Equine Umbilical Tissue (equicenta® CTM) had Greater Effectiveness and Safety Compared to Standard of Care in Performance Horses: A Prospective, Controlled, Randomized Clinical Study – *Alicia Bertone*

4:00 p.m. Endocrine Effects of Intra-Articular Methylprednisolone Acetate in Metabolically Normal Horses – *Allen Page*

4:20 p.m. Effects of Common Horse Show Medications (Phenylbutazone, Dexamethasone, and Esomeprazole) on Gastric pH and Ulcer Development Under Show-Like Conditions – *Natalie Azzolini*

4:40-5:00 p.m. Intra-Articular 2.5% Cross-Linked iPAAG in Sport Horses: Safety in 1,000 Cases and Longitudinal Outcomes in 252 Horses – *Sandra Kurras*

Emerging Issues: Toward Safer Racing: Pathology, Prevention, and Future Directions

Moderator: Sara Langsam
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2:00 p.m. Atrial Fibrillation and Equine Sudden Death – *Cris Navas de Solis*

2:45 p.m. Prevention of Humeral, Scapular, Tibial, Pelvis, and Lumbar Fracture (Proximal Limb and Spine) Fatalities – *Susan Stover*

3:30 p.m. Common Necropsy Findings and Pathology Associated with Thoroughbred Racehorses – *Julie Engiles*

4:15 p.m. Panel Discussion with the Speakers

In-Depth: Miniature and Draft Horses

Moderator: Jarred Williams

2:00 p.m. Metabolic Diseases and Their Potential Complications in Miniatures – *Allison Palmer*

2:30 p.m. General Anesthesia in Draft and Miniature Horses: Physiologic Challenges and Clinical Management – *Michelle Barletta*

3:00 p.m. Reproductive Management of the Miniature Horse: From Conception to Delivery and Beyond – *Robyn Ellerbrock*

3:30 p.m. Lameness in Draft Horses – *Travis Tull*

4:00 p.m. Upper Airway Abnormalities of Draft Horses – *Keith Brown*

4:30 p.m. Review of Hoof Morphology and Adaptive Scaling in Draft Horses and Miniature Horses – *Brian Beasley*

Collaborative Case Studies

Limited to 50 participants; advance registration required at no additional cost at convention.aaep.org.
See page 15 for more information.

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Internal Medicine – *Joe Bertone and Kesley Hart*

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Wounds – *Rebecca Bishop and Annette McCoy*

Table Topics

Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products.
Seating is limited so please arrive early.

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Starting Your Own Practice – *Sarah Cohen-Festerman and Kelly Zeytoonian*

Nutraceuticals: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly – *Shannon Pratt-Phillips and Sarah White-Springer*

3:30-5:00 p.m.

How to Decide When Advanced Imaging Referral is Appropriate – *Elizabeth Acutt and Alexandra Scharf*

Telemedicine in Equine Veterinary Practice – *Mike Pownall and Laura Stokes-Greene*

Tune in to Post-Convention Virtual Table Topics

Both in-person and virtual convention registrants can participate in the live post-convention Table Topics held via Zoom the week of Dec. 14-18. Following is the tentative schedule. All times are ET. *Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products.*

Monday, Dec. 14
Noon Vitamin E/Vitamin Deficiencies
4:00 p.m. Outbreak Management
8:00 p.m. Foals in the Field

Tuesday, Dec. 15
Noon Practical Cardiology for the General Practitioner
4:00 p.m. Practical Pain Management in the Field
8:00 p.m. Reproductive Microbiology in Clinical Practice: Mistakes, Successes, and Revenue

Wednesday, Dec. 16
Noon Medical Devices and Compounding
8:00 p.m. Navigating the Veterinarian/Farrier Relationship

Thursday, Dec. 17
Noon Neuro vs Orthopedic Gait Abnormalities
4:00 p.m. Nutraceuticals: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
8:00 p.m. Starting Your Own Practice

Friday, Dec. 18
4:00 p.m. How to Navigate When You Suddenly Find Yourself Bought by Corporate

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Morning

Equine Infectious Disease: From Detection to Disease Control

Moderator: Kate Echeverria

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

8:00 a.m. An Intensive Cattle Exposure is Associated with Increased Subclinical Salmonella Shedding in Horses – *Carolyn Arnold*

8:20 a.m. Evaluation of Two Immunochromatographic Point-of-Care Tests for Detection of Coccidioides spp. Antibodies in Horses – *Ernesto Rojas-Sanchez*

8:40 a.m. How to Monitor and Reduce the Spread of EHV-1 at Equestrian Events – *Nicola Pusterla* C

9:00 a.m. Review of Equine Botulism: A Practical Guide for a Rapid Response During an Outbreak – *Nathan Slovis*

9:20 a.m. The Effects of Clostridioides Difficile Toxin B on Equine Colonic Monolayers – *Keeley Copper*

9:40 a.m. Immunological Analysis of Antibody Responses to an Experimental Equine Lyme Disease Vaccine – *Richard Marconi*

10:00 a.m. Equine Coronavirus: From Emerging to Endemic Virus – *Nicola Pusterla*

10:20 a.m. Safety, Immunogenicity, and Protective Efficacy of a Recombinant Equine Rotavirus B Vaccine – *Olivia Jacob*

10:40-11:00 a.m. Validation of a Point-of-Care Polymerase Chain Reaction Assay for the Detection of Selected Respiratory Pathogens from Horses with Acute Onset of Fever and Respiratory Signs – *Nicola Pusterla*

In-Depth: Podiatry/Laminitis C

Moderator: Andrew Van Eps

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8:00 a.m. Recent Advances in Diagnosing and Treating Laminitis – *Andrew Van Eps*

8:30 a.m. Nutritional Management Strategies for Prevention and Treatment of Hyperinsulinemia-Associated Laminitis – *Pat Harris*

9:00 a.m. Medical Management for Prevention and Treatment of Hyperinsulinemia-Associated Laminitis in Practice – *François-René Bertin*

9:30 a.m. Diagnostic Imaging for Different Stages of Laminitis – *Mathieu Spriet*

10:00 a.m. Podiatry Approaches for Chronic Laminitis – *Sammy Pittman*

10:30-11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion with the Speakers

Equine Surgery and Dentistry: Practical Approaches for Clinicians

Moderator: Joe Bertone

8:00 a.m. The Effect of Arthroscopic Lavage Volume on Bacterial Culture of Egress Fluid in Horses with Experimentally Induced Septic Arthritis and Synovitis – *Alannah Friedlund*

8:20 a.m. Review of the Anatomic Basis for Dental Extraction in the Horse – *Bruce Whittle* C

8:40 a.m. How to Decide When and How to Perform Whole Blood Transfusion in Horses with Acute Hemorrhage – *Camilla Quattrini* C

9:00 a.m. How to Decide Whether a Palmar/Plantar Digital Neurectomy is Indicated in Horses with Chronic Refractory Caudal Heel Pain – *Grant Myhre*

9:20 a.m. Centrifugation of Peritoneal Fluid Improves the Diagnostic Utility of Visual Assessment to Distinguish Strangulating and Non-Strangulating Gastrointestinal Lesions in Horses Presenting with Colic – *Isabelle Kilcoyne*

9:40 a.m. How to Formulate a Treatment Plan After EOTRH Diagnosis: A Practical Clinical Framework – *Olivia James*

10:00 a.m. How to Manage the Difficult Equine Dental Patient Using a Five-Domain Clinical Framework – *Olivia James* C

10:20 a.m. How to Respond When Every Drop Counts: Practical Strategies for Managing Hemorrhage – *Rebecca Bishop* C

10:40-11:00 a.m. Thermal and Mechanical Antinociceptive Effects of Subcutaneous Butorphanol in Horses – *Taylor Masters*

USDA Accreditation Training

The USDA's National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP) **will not** be offering convention sessions applicable to the mandatory training requirements for accreditation renewal for equine veterinarians. Those assigned accreditation renewal dates should visit the USDA-APHIS NVAP website at www.aphis.usda.gov/nvap for more information.

Member Roundtables

Monday, Dec. 7, 1:00-2:30 p.m. & 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Engage, exchange, and elevate your practice by joining colleagues for a pair of facilitated discussions on topics essential to career success and satisfaction for many practitioners. Share your perspective, gain actionable ideas, and bring fresh approaches back to your practice. *No RACE CE credit awarded.*

1:00-2:30 p.m.
Solo but Not Alone: Tips and Tricks for Thriving in Solo Practice

3:00-4:30 p.m.
Emergency Coverage: New Solutions for Equine Practice

The Mane Connection

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Tuesday, Dec. 8-Thursday, Dec. 10
Noon-12:45 p.m. & 1:00-1:45 p.m.

Keep the learning going during each day's lunch break by joining colleagues for casual peer-led conversations that add authentic value to your daily practice. Two consecutive 45-minute discussions will occur each day in the AAEP Connect area of the trade show. While the final schedule and presenters are being finalized, the tentative topics are:

Mentorship that Matters: Strategies for Supporting Young Practitioners

Challenges Facing the Early Career Equine Practitioner

Confessions of a Seasoned Vet: Mistakes Made and Wisdom Gained

Your AAEP: A Conversation with Leadership

Working with Law Enforcement on Equine Abuse & Neglect Cases

Ambulatory Practice: Tips for Road Warriors

These sessions are not eligible for RACE CE credit.

How-to, Go-Do Mini Labs

Wednesday, Dec. 9-Thursday, Dec. 10, Noon-2:00 p.m.

Go from concept to confidence by practicing techniques discussed during selected presentations from Wednesday and Thursday educational sessions at free drop-in mini labs using models. Simply stop by the Stable Education area in the trade show during the lunch break both days to refine techniques or expand your skill sets in the following areas.
No RACE CE credit awarded.

Wednesday, Dec. 9
Creating and Applying Splints on Contracted Limbs in Foals

Hands-on Experience with Standing Coxofemoral Joint Radiograph Acquisition—with Discussion

Thursday, Dec. 10
Advanced Equine Physiotherapy Exercises

How to Manage Hoof Compression and Restore Hoof Balance Using Acrylic Repair

NEW!

Collaborative Case Studies

Thursday, Dec. 10 FREE

Each session is limited to 50 participants; advance registration required at no additional fee. Register at convention.aaep.org.

Put your clinical reasoning to the test by solving real-world patient challenges during new case-based learning opportunities. These highly engaging, "reverse classroom" sessions skip the traditional lecture to focus entirely on interactive case management and decision-making in the following areas:

8:30-10:00 a.m.
Frustrating Respiratory Cases – *Cassette Faivre and Kayle Le*

10:30 a.m.-Noon
Equine Dystocia – *Sarah Eaton and Ahmed Tibary*

1:30-3:00 p.m.
Internal Medicine – *Joe Bertone and Kelsey Hart*

3:30-5:00 p.m.
Wounds – *Rebecca Bishop and Annette McCoy*

You'll complete 60- to 90-minutes of required pre-session materials before attending the 90-minute facilitated session. During the session, you'll work in small groups of 8–10 to analyze challenging cases, develop solutions, and compare approaches before reconvening for facilitator-led discussion.

RACE CE credit is awarded for both the required pre-session work and the in-person session. Please note that these sessions will **not be** offered through the Virtual Convention.

MEETINGS & SUNRISE SESSIONS

Council and Committee Meetings

These meetings are open to all AAEP members unless specified otherwise and will conclude with a brief "closed" business session for council/committee members only.

Monday, Dec. 7

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

Tuesday, Dec. 8

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Performance Horse Committee
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Infectious Disease Committee
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Healthy Practice Committee
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Belonging, Opportunity & Access Committee
1:00-2:30 p.m.	Professional Conduct & Ethics Committee*
4:00-5:30 p.m.	President's Advisory Council*

Wednesday, Dec. 9

1:00-3:00 p.m.	Horse Owner Education Committee
	Student Education & Outreach Committee

General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Discover the AAEP's progress on important issues over the past year. Then, join the conversation during an open town hall to discuss the issues impacting the profession and your practice.

PARTNER SUNRISE SESSIONS

Join AAEP Educational Partners for complimentary breakfast (while supplies last) and exploration of equine healthcare and practice topics on Dec. 8-9 in the Mandalay Bay Convention Center.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

6:30-7:30 a.m.

Equine Lyme Disease in Practice: Expert Panel on Comprehensive Management
– Tom Divers, Toby-Pinn Woodcock, and Eric Swinebroad; Moderator: Abby Sage. Presented by Zoetis.

Outsmarting OA: A Vet-Driven Framework
– Sherry Johnson. Presented by American Regent.

The Forage Factor: What Every Equine Veterinarian Should Know – *Lizz Share. Presented by Purina Animal Nutrition.*

From PPID to the Bigger Picture: Long-Term Endocrine Insights – *Harold Schott. Presented by Dechra Veterinary Products.*

Wedesday, Dec. 9

6:30-7:30 a.m.

Updates from the Equine Endocrinology Groups (PPID & EMS/ID) and Open Q&A – *Kelsey Hart and Francois-Rene Berin. Presented by Boehringer Ingelheim.*

Defining the Clinical and Structural Impact of 2.5% iPAAG® for Synovial Joint Health – *Erin Contino, Lynn Pezzanite, and Markus Wimmer. Presented by Contura Vet.*

What's Inside Counts: A Veterinarian's Guide to Smarter Nutrition Choices from Feed to Forage – *Abby Pritchard. Presented by Cargill.*

From Bench to Barn: Translational Evidence for Nutritional Joint Support in the Horse – *Canaan Whitfield-Cargile, Wendy Pearson, Darci Agin, 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.

Optimize Your Practice

Tuesday, Dec. 8: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 9: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 10: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Enhance patient care and practice efficiency inside the ultimate equine marketplace. With over 300 exhibitors, this is your chance to get hands-on with the latest imaging equipment, surgical tools, service offerings, and more. Comparison-shop leading vendors to ensure your next investment is the right one!

Be sure to stop by the **AAEP Connect** area to chat with AAEP and Foundation staff, attend a Mane Connection conversation, and take a breather with these complimentary perks:

Massage Service

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Tuesday, Dec. 8: 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 9: 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 10: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Let the tension fade with a complimentary upper-body massage from the licensed pros at BodyWorks; or revive your feet with electronic foot massagers. A device charging station is also available. Get your free massage ticket at the CareCredit booth (5106).

Portrait Hub

Wednesday, Dec. 9-Thursday, Dec. 10
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Make a winning first impression with a complimentary professional headshot for your practice website and socials.

Coffee Café

Satisfy your caffeine craving all day and stop by from 3:00-4:00 p.m. daily for savory treats and little eats to help power through your afternoon. *Convention coffee is sponsored by MAI Animal Health and Professional Embryo Transfer Supply Inc. (PETS).*

Trade Show Reception

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 4:30-6:00 p.m

Sip, shop, and socialize! Browse the exhibit hall with friends while enjoying complimentary wine, beer, and snacks along the way.

Stable Education

Tuesday, Dec. 8–Thursday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Fast-track your product knowledge before you buy with the inside scoop on new equipment and research during focused, exhibitor-sponsored 30-minute presentations. No CE credit is given, and 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.

Need a quiet spot for a private meeting? Conduct business on the fly by reserving one of four meeting pods at the Equine Network booth (3126) and stay powered up with a device charging station.

Happy Tails Play Space

Sponsored by Chewy Health.
Tuesday, Dec. 8-Wednesday, Dec. 9
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Unwind after a busy morning of learning with adorable, adoptable puppies! Stop by to decompress with a daily dose of puppy therapy, and maybe even meet your new best friend. It's the perfect prescription for a midday reset.

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

Turn your floor walk into a win! Grab a bingo card from the kiosk near the convention registration desk, collect stickers on every exhibitor's square as you go, and turn in your completed card at the AAEP booth. You'll instantly receive a $10 AAEP General Store gift certificate and be entered in daily prize drawings for Visa gift cards and more.

RECEPTIONS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Internship/Externship Career Night
Monday, Dec. 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
AAEP Internship/Externship Program practices: Find future team members from among hundreds of ambitious students seeking to ignite their careers by advancing their clinical and client interaction skills.

Welcome Reception
Monday, Dec. 7, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Kick off days of discovery with drinks and hors d'oeuvres among friends old and new. This is the perfect casual environment to find your footing before educational sessions begin.

Student Faculty Advisors' Breakfast
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:30-7:30 a.m.
AAEP student chapter advisors are invited to a casual breakfast forum to discuss issues relevant to student programming.

Early Career Practitioners' Reception
Sponsored by Merck Animal Health.
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Expand your community of peers in their first five years of practice in this supportive gathering offering free food and beverages. As a bonus, obtain a professional headshot at no charge for your practice website or LinkedIn profile.

American Board of Veterinary Practitioners' Breakfast
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Christian Veterinary Mission Fellowship Breakfast
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Start your morning with breakfast and encouragement among CVM friends. No registration required..

Community Social Hour
Sponsored by VMRD – Celebrating 45 Years of Commitment to One Health and Personalized Service.
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Hosted by the Belonging, Opportunity and Access Committee.
Join colleagues for a relaxed, welcoming social hour focused on building connections and community.

Alumni Receptions
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 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.
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 8:00-10:30 p.m.
Mandalay Bay Convention Center

$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.

Join us for new and seasoned veterinary storytellers, including a surprise storyteller who will provide a little magic, during this one-of-a-kind evening. Proceeds 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, visit **convention.aaep.org/events**

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Enjoy cross-border camaraderie at these exclusive events for AAEP members from outside of the U.S. and Canada.

International Members' Breakfast
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30-7:30 a.m.
Begin the day with complimentary breakfast and discussion of issues affecting the profession on a global level.

International Members' Reception
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Unwind after a day or learning by enjoying the company of members from around the world during this casual social gathering. Refreshments provided.

The President's Luncheon
Thursday, Dec. 10
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. $60

Enjoy lunch and a salute to service during our annual banquet at which we'll honor our incoming and outgoing leadership as well as celebrate exceptional colleagues during an inspiring awards ceremony spotlighting service, accomplishment, and voluteerism.

The After Party

Sponsored by Zoetis Equine: Long Live the Horse.
Thursday, Dec. 10, 8:00-10:30 p.m.
Mandalay Bay Convention Center

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

Dust off your boots for an unforgettable night!

Enjoy live country music from the Rustyn Vaughn Lee band, show off your two-step moves on the dance floor, and attempt to outlast the mechanical bull—all while celebrating with colleagues and friends.

Whether you're sporting your favorite cowboy hat, boots, or denim, this is one celebration you won't want to miss!

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Bet on Yourself Through Virtual Career Fair

Hit the career jackpot by securing a new opportunity with one of the dozens of practices looking to hire during the convention. Beginning Oct. 16:

1. Create or log into 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 practices to review and contact you (confidentially if preferred) about meeting while in Las Vegas.

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

Balance Family and Learning: On-Site Childcare Offered in Vegas

Sponsored by Professional Embryo Transfer Supply Inc. (PETS).

As a service to our members with young children, AAEP has contracted with Las Vegas-based Nannies & Housekeepers USA to offer a children's program on-site at Mandalay Bay Convention Center for ages 6 months to 12 years. The children's program is available each day of the educational program, Tuesday, Dec. 8—Friday, Dec. 11.

Care will be provided by nannies who are CPR and first aid certified, possess a minimum of two years of experience, and have undergone thorough background checks. Activity stations will be set up to keep children engaged. Snacks and beverages will be provided, but meals must be furnished by parents.

Parents who utilize the childcare service will pay the rate of $18 per hour in cash directly to the nanny at the end of daily services. Pre-registration is not required.

Thanks to Convention Organizers

This meeting's educational program is brought to you by the combined efforts of the program chair, the CE Steering Committee (CESC), and the Educational Programs Committee (EPC).

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Allen Page, DVM, PhD – CESC & EPC Vice Chair

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Elevate your convention experience by locking in a winning rate at one of three distinct properties. Whether you prefer the vibrant elegance of **Mandalay Bay**, the all-suite luxury of **W Las Vegas**, or the budget-friendly convenience of the iconic **Luxor**, save hundreds on your stay by booking your hotel room early.

The daily rates listed exclude 13.38% hotel tax, $25 daily resort fee*, and any applicable parking fees. The deadline to reserve a room at the AAEP rate or to amend or cancel a reservation 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.

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(Headquarters Hotel)
Beginning at $108/night thru Sept. 17
Beginning at $158/night after Sept. 17

W Las Vegas
(Connected to Mandalay Bay via climate-controlled, indoor walkway)
Beginning at $138/night thru Sept. 17
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(Connected to Mandalay Bay via climate-controlled skybridge or free tram)
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Four Seasons
(Adjacent to Mandalay Bay)
Dec. 4-6: $399/night
Dec. 7-11: $299/night

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Choose Your Preferred Registration Option

The 2026 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. 7-11. 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. 14-18.

Virtual Registration includes on-demand access to all educational sessions plus live post-Convention Table Topics to be held virtually Dec. 14-18. On-demand viewing will be available by Dec. 14, 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, 2027.

Register for In-Person by Sept. 17 and Save $180

Register Online
Register at convention.aaep.org. Annual dues must be current to register at the member rate. Your 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. 9. 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 Mandalay Bay Convention Center beginning Dec. 6 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 Lori Rawls at lrawls@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.

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 Lori Rawls at lrawls@aaep.org; or call (800) 443-0177 (U.S. and Canada) or (859) 233-0147.

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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.

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AAEP 72nd Annual Convention Advance Registration Form

After Nov. 9, 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. 17	Thru Dec. 2	After Dec. 2	Total
A. ❒ AAEP Member	$695	$775	$875	_____
B. ❒ AAEP Honor Roll Member	350	350	450	_____
C. ❒ Guest Attending Sessions*	695	775	875	_____
D. ❒ Guest Trade Show Pass**	30	30	50	_____
E. ❒ AAEP New Member Applicant	1,000	1,080	1,180	_____
F. ❒ Non-Member	1,195	1,195	1,295	_____
G. ❒ Current Resident or Intern	400	400	500	_____
H. ❒ Vet Story Night (per person) Qty ____ Dec. 8	65	65	65	_____
I. ❒ Las Vegas Fun Run & Walk (Dec. 9)	35	35	35	_____
J. ❒ President's Luncheon (per person) Qty ____ Dec. 10	60	60	60	_____
K. ❒ The After Party (Dec. 10; ticket required)				Free
L. ❒ Foundation Voluntary Donation				_____
M. ❒ Collaborative Case Studies				**(Register online; see page 15)**
N. ❒ Virtual Convention Option				**(Register online; see page 22)**
			Total:	_____

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❒ I have read and agree to the disclosure statement on page 22

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

Card #: _____ Expiration: _____ CVV Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return your registration and payment (if applicable) to AAEP, 4033 Iron Works Pkwy, Lexington, KY 40511; or via fax with credit card information to (859) 233-1968. Last day to register by mail or fax is Monday, Nov. 9.

Join us for four packed days of lectures, labs, networking and social events at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	AAEVT Members' Choice Industry Challenge Exhibits
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Breaking the Mold: Exploring Opportunities as A Relief Equine Technician
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Anesthesia Discussion
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	AAEP Welcome Reception

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00 a.m.	*Registration open*
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	First Time Attendee Welcome Reception
10:30 a.m. - Noon	Keynote: Andi Davison
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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:15 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 *CareCredit*
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Lecture Sessions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 a.m.	*Registration open*
8:00 a.m. - Noon	Lecture Sessions
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch N Learn *Merck*
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.	AAEP After Party

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Registration Opens August 15—visit aaevt.org/ce-events

FEATURED SPEAKERS & TOPICS

KEYNOTE:
Andi Davison, LVT, CAPP, APPC
A Positive Change Agent with Flourish Veterinary Consulting

With over 20 years of experience from all facets of the profession—nursing, management, and leadership—Andi believes that veterinary professionals can THRIVE in their work and she is dedicated to being a part of their success.

Alessandro Migliorisi, DVM, DACVIM-LA, DACVECC
Management of the Ruptured Bladder

Philip Van Harreveld, DVM, DACVS
4 Cases: When Referral Is Not an Option

Bess Slicer, CVT
Joint Injections, The Role of a Technician—sponsored by Altano

Sharon Schieltz, RVT
Field Anesthesia for Technicians

Christopher Rizzo, CVT, VTS-LAIM
The Role of Technicians in Complex and Critical Cases

Jesse Tyma, DVM, DACVS-LA
The Power of Perfectionism

Andrea Whittle, LVT, VTS-EVN
Bonding Techniques for Mares & Foals

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