AAEP statement regarding Horseracing Integrity Act of 2017
The AAEP has taken a position to oppose the recently introduced Horseracing Integrity Act, H.R. 2651, principally due to the legislation’s proposed elimination of the race-day administration of furosemide. Read the complete statement [here](#).

Attend three FOCUS meetings this July for new insights into colic and dentistry
Grow your clinical skills at one, or all, of our three CE events this July: Focus on Dentistry, Focus on Colic, and Focus on Students. Register [here](#).

AAEP Past President Dr. Wayne McIlwraith earns status of namesake
Colorado State University broke ground last week on the C. Wayne McIlwraith Translational Medicine Institute, a state of the art facility that promises medical innovations by harnessing the body’s healing powers to help animals and people suffering from a wide range of disease. [Read more](#).
Are you a runner? Join the AAEP’s running group on Strava
The AAEP Horse Doctors running club invites all members to join us in pursuing a healthy lifestyle through exercise. The online club through Strava allows you to post times, issue challenges and stay in shape alongside your colleagues, no matter your location. Join today!

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Equine Veterinary Journal Articles of Interest

**Genetic basis for atrial fibrillation**
M. Kraus, P.W. Physick-Sheard, L.F. Brito and F.S. Schenkel
This retrospective study set out to investigate the heritability of atrial fibrillation in Standardbred racehorses. It found atrial fibrillation is moderately heritable in Standardbreds, with greater heritability in males and pacing horses.

**Injectable omeprazole for horses**
B. W. Sykes, K. Kathawala, Y. Song, S. Garg, S. W. Page, C. Underwood and P. C. Mills
Preliminary investigations into a novel, long-acting, injectable, intramuscular formulation of omeprazole in the horse. Intramuscular omeprazole results in good acid suppression over a 7-day period and high rates of treatment success in clinical cases, without significant adverse effects and avoiding any issues of bioavailability associated with the oral form of omeprazole.

INDUSTRY NEWS

**Update from Cargill regarding California product investigation**
You may have heard about the deaths recently of two horses in California. Our educational partner, Cargill, would like to share more information about this issue and why they are confident that the unfortunate deaths of these two horses was not caused by monensin contamination in Nutrena feed. This conclusion is a result of an inspection and investigation conducted by the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in addition to the testing of multiple feed samples and gut contents conducted by CDFA and independent laboratories. Learn more here.
Steady strides toward safety
By applying statistics that have seen the racing industry reduce its catastrophic breakdown rate 23% since 2009, it can be said that 146 catastrophic breakdowns in races were avoided in 2016 thanks to industry changes over the past eight years. Read the full article.

California officially approves third-party Lasix rules
The State of California has officially approved rules establishing that race-day medication must be administered by independent veterinary professionals – further aligning California with the national uniform medication program. Read more.

USDA releases second report from Equine 2015 study
The USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has released Changes in the U.S. Equine Industry, 1998-2015, the second report from its Equine 2015 study. Produced by APHIS’ National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS), this report examines trends in the equine industry during the last 18 years and provides Census of Agriculture data on demographic changes in the industry from 1850 to 2012. More here.

EQUINE DISEASE NEWS

EDCC releases alert request form to streamline disease outbreak submissions
The EDCC is encouraging submission of information from veterinarians about both non-reportable and reportable infectious diseases that could cause horse and economic loss. To assist with the submission of information, the EDCC created a fillable form in PDF format to assist in submitting outbreak alerts.

The form is currently provided by the EDCC and will soon be available for download on the EDCC website. Instructions for submission:

- Please provide as much information as possible, save the form, and email it to edcc@aaep.org.
- Additionally, if you have any questions about reporting equine disease cases or suggestions that would improve the process of reporting outbreaks, please don’t hesitate to email edcc@aaep.org or contact the EDCC at (859) 705-0360.

EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA
Weld County Colorado update
Currently there are 15 horses quarantined at the initial premises and six horses at the second premises pending retesting for EIA. More from the EDCC.

STRANGLES

Second case of strangles confirmed in Lake County, FL
On June 1, one premise in Lake County, Florida was placed under quarantine for clinical signs and positive PCR confirmation of strangles. The index case became clinical around May 25. None of the five horses on the premises have left the premises since clinical signs began. This the second case for Lake County and case 23 for Florida in 2017. Read more.

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- 5/26: Boise BLM wild horse adoptions on hold due to equine distemper
- 5/26: Premises in Osceola County, FL placed under quarantine