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ANNUAL CONVENTION

#AAEPVEGAS - Second largest Convention in AAEP history
Thank to everyone who went "All In" with us for the 61st Annual Convention. Please plan to join us again in 2016 when the Annual Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida, December 3-7!

Convention Proceedings books to be mailed in early January
Proceedings will be mailed after the holidays to all members who couldn’t attend the 2015 Convention.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance grants $2.48 million to accredited organizations
The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance announced today that $2.48 million in grants will be awarded to its 56 accredited aftercare organizations. The financial grants are provided to support the
ongoing care of the Thoroughbreds that the organizations work to retire, retrain, and rehome. Find out more.

Veterinary profession's economic health coming into focus
Starting veterinary salaries are up, veterinary unemployment is lower than the 5 percent national average, and the debt-to-income ratio for veterinary graduates is holding steady. Overall, the U.S. veterinary profession continues to see economic growth along with the rest of the economy. More.

Second call for nominations for the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board
Public nominations for three positions on the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board are open. The Board provides advice concerning the management, protection, and control of wild free-roaming horses and burros on public lands administered by the Department of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management, and the Department of Agriculture through the U.S. Forest Service. Nominations must be submitted no later than December 28, 2015. Click here for more information.

National Equine Veterinary Economic Study results – Five Areas of Focus
The National Equine Veterinary Economic Study result series' sixth and final topic, "Five Areas to Focus", is now available. The study was conducted by AAEP Educational Partner Merck Animal Health and Henry Schein Animal Health, with support from the AAEP. Create a free account on the site to access the results in the document library. Results and updates can be found here.

Annual Therio Conference call for abstracts
The Society for Theriogenology and American College of Theriogenologists is seeking research and case abstracts to be presented at the annual Therio Conference, July 27 - 30, 2016, in Asheville, N.C. Abstracts will be considered in four categories. Click here for instructions and submission guidelines.
NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance updates Code of Standards
The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) has announced that an updated set of racetrack safety and integrity standards has been approved by members of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance Advisory Board and the full NTRA board. The compliance standards will serve as the basis for future racetrack alliance accreditation. More.

AQHA executive committee modifies lip chain rule
The AQHA Executive Committee recently approved a modification to Rule SHW355, allowing lip cords in amateur and open halter classes for stallions, ages 1-year-old and older only, effective January 1, 2016. Read the modified rule here.

Texas veterinarian can’t treat Fido online, high court says
Texas veterinarians do not have a free-speech right to give online advice to pet owners about how to care for a sick animal, according to a decision that the U.S. Supreme Court let stand last month. The justices turned down a First Amendment challenge to a Texas law that requires vets to examine an animal before offering advice or suggesting treatment. Learn more.

EQUINE DISEASE NEWS

Colorado VS Update: Positive diagnoses in 10 counties
The Colorado Department of Agriculture’s State Veterinarian’s Office has 17 locations in 10 counties under quarantine after horses, mules, and cattle herds tested positive for Vesicular Stomatitis. More.

Related:

- USDA/APHIS/VS - Vesicular Stomatitis Situation Report

Comments on Equine Infectious Anemia by January 22
APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) recently hosted a discussion group seeking input on approaches for equine infectious anemia (EIA) control. The summary document from the
EIA Discussion Group is posted here. VS is soliciting additional public comment about EIA through January 22, 2016. The input received from these comments and from the discussion group will be used to formulate recommendations for EIA control. Submit comments via email to vs.sprs.equine.health@aphis.usda.gov.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Resort Symposium is on the horizon!
The January 4 registration deadline is just a few short weeks away. Don’t wait to reserve your spot in paradise! The AAEP’s 8th Annual Resort Symposium heads to Barbados, Jan. 25-27, 2016. Register now for your little slice of heaven.

Thank you to IDEXX, Luitpold and Merial for their support of the 18th Annual Resort Symposium.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Laminitis research grant pre-proposals being accepted
The AAEP Foundation is accepting pre-proposals for research projects addressing Support Limb Laminitis until Jan. 15, 2016. Accepted one- and multi-year projects will share in total grant funding of up to $170,000, thanks in part to funds generated from an initial challenge grant from Starlight Racing partners in 2014 in memory of their Grade II winner Intense Holiday. More.

2016 Calendars on sale; Great New Year gifts!
Provide a New Year gift for your clients and at the same time help the Foundation. The 2016 AAEP Horse Sense calendars are on sale here.
Season of Giving: Year-end donations being accepted – Deadline Dec. 31
During this season of giving, please remember the Foundation and how we are helping to improve the welfare of horses through education, scholarships, research, benevolence and more. You may visit online here today and make a donation. Thank you for your support!

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

- A five-doctor mixed animal practice in Uvalde, Texas that is looking for another team player with excellent communication skills to add as a sixth DVM. The practice is well-equipped with both large and small animal digital radiography, ultrasound, a high-speed dental unit with dental digital radiography, a large array of in-house diagnostics, an endoscope and surgical capabilities that include orthopedics and bone plating. We believe in and encourage participation in organized veterinary medicine and community events. The hospital is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Clients are seen by appointment and as walk-ins. The position would include being on call one night per week until 9 p.m. and one weekend a month until 9 p.m. each evening. Our preference is for an experienced DVM but new graduates are welcome and encouraged to apply. They are looking for “that great fit” and willing to invest in you! Excellent benefits and compensation commiserate with experience. Uvalde County is designated as a shortage area for large animal veterinarians, and qualified applicants may apply for loan repayment through the Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Program. Check us out on Facebook: “Southwest Texas Veterinary Medical Center” or at www.swtvmc.com. Email resume to Dr Jenny Russell at drrussell@swtvmc.com or Dr Tracy Colvin at drcolvin@swtvmc.com. Licensed veterinarian, graduate of an AVMA-accredited veterinary school and eligible for Texas State Board at must.