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AAEP NEWS

The AAEP is moving!
Starting tomorrow, the AAEP staff will be moving into the newly built headquarters building. The building is located just a few hundred yards from the current building at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky. There may be brief delays in reaching staff as phone and internet lines are switched. Thank you in advance for your patience as we make the transition.

Review your contact information in the 2015 Membership Directory by Feb. 6
The AAEP is preparing to publish its 2015 Resource Guide and Membership Directory. To ensure that your contact information is accurate, we ask that you review and finalize your membership record by end of business on Feb. 6. Updates received after this date may not be included in the publication. To view your current information, click here. The PDF files are listed in alphabetical order. To be sure any changes or corrections you have appear in the publication, please send them directly to Nick Altwies, director of membership, at naltwies@aaep.org.

Featured Resort Symposium Paper: Treatment of Equine Allergies, Anthony A. Yu, DVM, MS, DACVD
Over 100 of your colleagues were immersed in joint therapies, reproduction challenges and dermatology during last week’s Resort Symposium in Hawaii. Enjoy this featured paper from presenter Dr. Anthony Yu.
On Call program to support weekend racing telecast on FOX Sports
Drs. Luis Castro and Jeff Blea will serve as the AAEP On Call spokespersons for this Saturday’s Jockey Club Tour on Fox telecast. Dr. Castro will cover the Donn Handicap at Gulfstream Park and Dr. Blea will cover the San Antonio Stakes at Santa Anita. Telecast time is 5:30-7:30 p.m. (EST).

Member benefit spotlight: AAEP Publications App
As an AAEP member, you can now read Equine Veterinary Education and the Annual Convention Proceedings on your smartphone or tablet with the new AAEP Pubs app. You use your AAEP website login to access the publications on the app. Download it from your app store today!

Important Deadlines:
- March 16: Paper submissions for the 2015 AAEP Annual Convention due - To submit a paper or review the Instructions for Authors, go to the AAEP website. All papers must be submitted online by March 16, 2015, 3 p.m. (ET) and should adhere to the Instructions for Authors. If you have any questions, contact Carey Ross at cross@aaep.org.
- June 1: Nominations Annual AAEP Awards due. The annual awards which honor individuals and groups serving their profession and the welfare of the horse in extraordinary ways. You can access the award nomination form along with full descriptions of each award here, or by contacting Sue Stivers, executive assistant, at (859) 233-0147; sstivers@aaep.org.

INDUSTRY NEWS
Cox voluntarily recalls equine ulcer drug
Cox Veterinary Laboratory, Inc. is voluntarily recalling Gastroade Xtra down to the consumer level distributed nationwide. Gastroade Xtra was previously marketed by Cox Veterinary Laboratory as an OTC drug for use in horses, and contains Omeprazole. This recall has been initiated due to information from the FDA that Gastroade Xtra must have an approved new animal drug application to be legally marketed in the United States. More.

Horse racing model rules see gradual adoption
It’s been almost two years since the Association of Racing Commissioners International voted to adopt the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium's National Uniform Medication Program, but not all has gone smoothly in the process, and a rising chorus of racing industry representatives are calling for a new way of doing things with regard to rule making. More.

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Horse roundup lawsuit focuses on contraceptive drug
A federal judge has agreed to let wild-horse advocates make their case for a court order blocking another mustang roundup in Nevada in a legal battle underscoring divisions among protection groups over the use of a fertility control drug to slow herd growth. Learn more.

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- BLM seeks input on Wild Horse Fertility Control Proposal
Time to Ride stables receive grants to welcome newcomers
Twenty “host” stables that submitted plans to produce events reaching out to newcomers from January to April 1, 2015, will receive grants from Time to Ride. The 20 hosts representing 15 states submitted plans that included events at elementary schools, equine veterinary clinics, rodeos. Learn more.

EQUINE DISEASE NEWS

Final Vesicular Stomatitis quarantines released in Colorado
The Colorado Department of Agriculture’s State Veterinarian’s Office has released all quarantines related to the 2014 Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) outbreak in Colorado. In all, there were 556 livestock investigations in the state resulting in 370 quarantines. Learn more.

EIA outbreak in California's racing quarter horses
Recently, the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s (CDFA) Animal Health Branch has been investigating the largest EIA outbreak in that state in years. Since 2012 diagnostic testing confirmed 34 racing Quarter Horses, ranging in age from three to eight years, as positive for EIA. More.


Australian veterinary body backs safety of Hendra vaccine
The Australian Veterinary Association says it is concerned that recent commentary about the safety of the vaccine is not based on fact and may be misleading horse owners in high-risk areas. They say the vaccine is effective and reported side-effects have been mild. To date, more than 300,000 doses have been administered to horses. More.

Courtesy of horsetalk.co.nz.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS
The American Veterinary Medical Association, a national not-for-profit association representing over 85,000 veterinarians nationwide, is seeking an Assistant Director for their Governmental Relations Division (GRD) located in Washington, D.C. The GRD advocates the Association’s policies and positions on federal legislative and regulatory issues that affect animal and human health and the veterinary profession. Reporting to the GRD Director, the Assistant Director will be responsible for advocating on behalf of the veterinary profession in Washington, D.C. As a registered federal lobbyist, the assistant director will spend approximately 60-80% of their time on Capitol Hill and in the Executive Branch advancing the policies of the AVMA. In addition, the Assistant Director will establish & maintain communication networks between AVMA members & Congressional staff, pertinent regulatory agencies, state veterinary medical associations/societies, allied veterinary groups, & advocacy groups to advance the AVMA’s Legislative Agenda. The Assistant Director will be primarily responsible for issues in the following areas: animal welfare; human-animal bond; ownership/guardianship; aquaculture; environment; use of pesticides; and zoos and wildlife. A bachelor’s degree in animal science or a related field is required. Advanced degrees (PhD related to animal welfare or a DVM/ VMD) preferred. Must also demonstrate knowledge of, or experience with, the federal legislative/regulatory process and have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Some travel. Deadline for application is February 15. Send resume with salary requirements to: apply@avma.org.