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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Register for Resort Symposium in Hawaii by midnight tonight!
Join us for the 17th Annual Resort Symposium, Jan. 28 – 30 on the Big Island of Hawaii. Registration will close at midnight (Eastern) tonight, so don't wait to book your winter CE getaway with the AAEP! Thank you to Bayer to their ongoing sponsorship of this one-of-a-kind meeting.

Save the date for other 2015 CE opportunities:

- **360° Diagnosing, Imaging and Treating from the Foot to the Fetlock**
  June 28-July 1
  Fort Collins, Colorado
  *Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products and Sound.*

- **360° Ophthalmology**
  July 8-11
  Gainesville, Florida
  *Sponsored by Akorn Animal Health.*

- **Focus on Ambulatory and Focus on Students**
  July 26-28
  Minneapolis, Minnesota
Focus on Poor Performance  
September 10-12  
Lexington, Kentucky

61st Annual AAEP Convention  
December 5-9  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Specific details for each of these opportunities are being finalized and will be added to the AAEP website when available. Check back often for updates!

AAEP NEWS

Encourage new horse enthusiasts in your practice area with Time to Ride campaign  
Dr. Chuck Maker of Alpine Animal Hospital in Carbondale, Colo., was one of the first AAEP members to partner with a local riding stable to offer free rides on a horse as part of the equine industry’s innovative marketing campaign, Time to Ride. Designed to encourage involvement with horses at an early age, Time to Ride asks veterinarians to help sow the seeds of horse ownership by taking part in the 2015 100-Day Horse Challenge. Learn how your practice can get involved by visiting www.timetoride.com or by contacting Christie Schulte at christie@timetoride.org.

Important Deadline:

February 1: Unwanted Horse Veterinary Relief Campaign spring application deadline  
- Qualified applicants must be a 501©3 rescue/retirement facility and follow the AAEP Rescue Retirement Guidelines. Complimentary vaccines provided by AAEP Educational Partner, Merck Animal Health. For more information about the UHVRC program visit, www.UHVRC.org.

Equine Veterinary Journal: Featured papers of interest

The effect of passively acquired antibodies on *Lawsonia intracellularis* infection and
This study shows that passively acquired antibodies to Lawsonia intracellularis do not have an effect on the development of clinical or subclinical equine proliferative enteropathy, therefore additional factors associated with the weaning period, such as stress, may be the underlying reason for weanling predisposition to the disease.

Although there is some variation in ACTH concentration over time this has not been shown to be clinically relevant and may only be of significance in horses which had borderline ACTH concentrations at the time of sampling. Method of separation and the addition of protease inhibitors had no effect on ACTH concentration.

USDA/APHIS, in conjunction with State Departments of Agriculture, now consider the 2014 vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) event to be closed. The final report indicates that no new cases of VSV have been reported since early December 2014 and most quarantines have been released. Read the final report here.

New York horse racing regulators have preliminarily adopted a new system of minimum penalties for multiple equine drug violations, similar to a point-type system that states have in place for motor vehicle drivers. Learn more.

USDA/APHIS/VS seeking feedback on Reportable Diseases and Response
Framework by January 16
Veterinary Services is seeking any feedback by January 16 on the following related documents that address the reporting of, and response to, animal diseases:

• The National List of Reportable Animal Diseases (NLRAD) proposes a single, standardized list of reportable animal diseases.

• Veterinary Services developed the “Proposed Framework for Response to Emerging Animal Diseases in the United States” as a complement to the NLRAD. The framework will help VS identify and evaluate emerging disease events and define appropriate responses.

Click here to see these documents. Send your comments to VS.SPRS.Feedback@aphis.usda.gov.

Three South Carolina horses dead, lab finds horse feed contaminated
Camelot Farms in South Carolina sent a sample of the horse feed they had been using to the Michigan State University Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health after three of their horses died and a fourth fell critically ill. The tests came back positive for monensin, which is poisonous to horses. More.


Related:
• Feed company hasn’t pulled food linked to horse deaths - Courtesy www.scnow.com.
• Settlement reached in Florida horse deaths caused by tainted feed - Courtesy of www.news-sentinel.com.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS
• Aaron Ranch is searching for a full-time equine reproductive veterinarian to join our rapidly expanding equine program. The practice is based in Commerce, Texas, and the position requires a motivated individual that has the confidence and ability to operate independently and would be a dedicated team member. Ideally the successful applicant would be competent in all aspects of equine reproduction. A
generous salary package with experience will be offered to the successful applicant including housing. If you are passionate about providing a high standard of equine medicine and would like to work in a highly respected and evolving program, please forward a cover letter, resumé and references to Aaron Ranch at info@aaronranch.com.

- The United States Equestrian Federation needs testing veterinarians for its Equine Drugs and Medications Program in many parts of the United States. Intermittent work as an independent contractor. Scheduled four-six weeks in advance, when you are available. Hourly pay and expenses. Please respond to medequestrian@aol.com or call (800) 633-2472.

- Texas-based equine clinic hiring full-time and part-time associate veterinarians for busy practice located east of Dallas. Equine Veterinary Services (Terrell, Texas), currently a two-doctor equine practice, treats a wide-variety of Western and English horses including family pets to world class performance horses. Digital radiography, ultrasound, endoscopy, emergency duty, etc. - in a busy clinic with solid clientele. Currently, the work week is approximately 40% in clinic and 60% out calls. One year, or more, experienced veterinarians preferred although knowledgeable, motivated new graduates considered. Extensive equine experience such as showing or breeding highly desired with a special interest in the English world. Practice promotes a family oriented, quality-of-life practice offering top salary, performance-based bonuses, multi-week PTO, cell phone, continuing education, malpractice insurance vet truck, and much more. Excellent support staff available. Ownership potential is a possibility for the qualified candidate. Interested applicants with a current license in the state of Texas, please email your cover letter, resume and two references to Dr. Kent Arnold at drarnold@equineveterinaryservices.com.

- Katy Equine Clinic has an immediate opening for an experienced equine veterinarian. Candidates must have completed a minimum of one year in practice, and meet all Texas licensure requirements. The position is available immediately. Interested candidates should reply to Scott J. Swerdlin, DVM, MRCVS at scott.swerdlin@equineclinic.com. Ownership potential.

- Experienced equine practitioner sought for LOCUM in Spruce, Grove Alberta. General equine practice with focus on sports medicine and podiatry (no reproductive work). Clinic and field service with New Lameness Diagnostis Centre. Position to facilitate customer care in a traditionally slow time of year from Feb. 16 through March 6, 2015. Eklin Radiography, ultraonography, electrohydraulic shock wave, fiber optics etc. Consideration to part-time person and position has
potential transition to permanent position. Interested candidates should send an email to sean.aevc@gmail.com.

- Palm Beach Equine Clinic has an immediate opening for a veterinarian. Candidates must have completed a minimum of two years in practice with sport horse experience and meet all Florida licensure. Interested candidates should send an email to scott.swerdlin@equineclinic.com.

- Fully equipped ambulatory practice with an emphasis on thoroughbred racetrack medicine, 60 miles west of Washington, DC is seeking a full-time associate veterinarian. Routine surgery, ultrasound, radiography, lameness and reproductive medicine. Vehicle, equipment and inventory are provided. Benefits include health and life insurance, 401k, license fees after first year, continuing education, professional liability insurance, vacation. Associates rotate on-call and racetrack duties. Looking for responsible, self-motivated, energetic and compassionate applicants with great communication skills and ability to be part of a team. Minimum of three years experience required; salary commensurate with experience. Part-time position may be available. Minimum of three years experience as an equine veterinarian. Ability to become licensed in West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland needed. Please apply through AAEP job board or email to valleyequine@frontinernet.net.