CONTINUING EDUCATION

Register for Resort Symposium in Barbados by midnight tonight!
Don't wait to reserve your spot in paradise! The AAEP’s 18th Annual Resort Symposium heads to Barbados, Jan. 25-27. Registration will close at midnight (Eastern) tonight. Session topics are equine dentistry, performance horse lameness and foal medicine. Register now!

Thank you to IDEXX, Luitpold and Merial for their support of the 18th Annual Resort Symposium.
• **360° Pain in the Neck - What's the Story from Anatomy to Treatment**  
  June 19-22  
  Fort Collins, Colorado

• **Focus on the Breeding Shed**  
  July 25-27  
  New Orleans, Louisiana

• **Focus on Soft Tissue Lameness**  
  July 25-27  
  New Orleans, Louisiana

• **62nd Annual Convention**  
  December 3-7  
  Orlando, Florida

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!

**Did you attend the Annual Convention in Las Vegas? Your feedback is appreciated**

Your feedback about your convention experience and your suggestions for improvement help us continually improve our service and educational sessions. Please take a few minutes to complete the Convention Evaluation. Please note: This survey is open only to those who attended Convention.

**AAEP NEWS**

**Volunteer Opportunity: Lend your expertise to the Ask the Vet Forum in 2016**

The Ask the Vet online forum is seeking AAEP members to lend their expertise to horse owners in 2016. The AAEP's Ask the Vet forum allows horse owners to submit questions on various topics in veterinary medicine and overall horse health. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to emergency care, preparing for emergency disasters and internal parasites. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dana Kirkland at dkirkland@aaep.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](http://www.aaep.org). Complimentary vaccines provided by AAEP Educational Partner, Merck Animal Health. Please note that this program has gone to a one application deadline date per year. For more information about the UHVRC program visit, [www.UHVRC.org](http://www.UHVRC.org).

**Equine Veterinary Journal: Featured papers of interest**

*Anatomy of nasal conchal bullae* - T. Liuti, R. Reardon, S. Smith and P.M. Dixon
This study provides information on the anatomical features of dorsal and ventral conchal bullae and their relationship with adjacent structures and will help in identifying which structures are involved in sinus disease.

In Switzerland, risk factors exist in horse racing which are specific to each discipline (trot, flat and obstacle). Further study is required to determine how these factors influence rates of injury and how they can be reduced.

**EVE podcast debuts on iTunes**
AAEP members can now access *Equine Veterinary Education* via podcast following the December launch of the EVE podcast on iTunes. Search "Equine Veterinary Education" on iTunes to download the current episode or subscribe to future episodes.

**REGULATORY NEWS**

Kentucky attorney general's office says tracks cannot write Lasix-free races
The Kentucky attorney general’s office has issued an opinion stating that the state racing commission cannot delegate rule-making authority to private companies like racetracks, putting in jeopardy a plan by Keeneland to write races in which the race-day administration of the regulated medication Lasix would be prohibited. More.


EQUINE DISEASE NEWS

EHV-1: Pennsylvania horse farm put under quarantine
A Bucks County farm was recently placed under quarantine following the death of four horses, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Find out more.


Related:

- Equine Disease Communication Center: Providing up-to-date disease alerts and information

Texas WNV case count rises to 38
The total number of Texas horses testing positive for West Nile virus (WNV) has reached 38. Find out what counties are affected.

Colorado VS: Positive diagnoses in four counties
As of December 30, the Colorado Department of Agriculture’s State Veterinarian’s Office had nine locations in four counties under quarantine after horses, mules, and cattle herds tested positive for Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). More.

Related:

- USDA/APHIS/VS latest Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) Situation Report
Vaccine to protect horses against leptospirosis now available
Vaccination entails an initial shot, followed by a booster three to four weeks later, and annual revaccination thereafter. Safety studies showed no adverse reactions in 99.8 percent of nearly 2,000 vaccinated horses. Learn more.

Courtesy of equusmagazine.com.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Laminitis research grant pre-proposals due
The AAEP Foundation is accepting pre-proposals for research projects addressing Support Limb Laminitis until January 15. Accepted one- and multi-year projects will share in total grant funding of up to $170,000. More.

It's not too late to purchase 2016 Calendars
Provide a New Year's gift for your clients while helping the Foundation. The 2016 AAEP Horse Sense calendars are on sale here.

New Year's Resolution: Sign up to be a Foundation Ambassador
Ambassadors help form a strong network of volunteers for the Foundation. By integrating an active core group of ambassadors into Foundation efforts, the organization can move forward into more opportunities for meaningful dialogue with donors or potential donors. This helps enhance awareness for the Foundation, maximizes funding, increases the size and scope of gifts and builds significant relationships. To learn more, or request a tool kit, click here and select Ambassador Program.

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.