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HIGHLIGHTS

AAEP to offer tuition assistance for DecadeOne and MentorVet programs

The AAEP, in conjunction with The Foundation for the Horse, is offering a limited number of scholarships to AAEP members in the U.S. and Canada who graduated within the past 10 years. These funds apply towards 50% of the cost to join a Decade One group or enroll in the MentorVet program. This initiative is part of the AAEP's Commission on Equine Veterinary Sustainability and seeks to increase mentorship and peer group support in equine practice,

[Learn More](#)

AAEP adopts AVMA resolution condemning unregulated horse racing

The AAEP board of directors voted at its January meeting to adopt the AVMA

Position on Unregulated Horse Racing (Bush Tracks). The policy condemns the unregulated racing of equids. Click the button to read the full policy.

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AAEP NEWS

***Lawsonia intracellularis* (Equine Proliferative Enteropathy) Guidelines published**

Comprehensive guidelines developed by the AAEP Infectious Disease Committee are now available to assist veterinarians with clinical signs, risk factors, treatment and other considerations associated with *Lawsonia intracellularis* (equine proliferative enteropathy), an enteric disease typically seen in weanling and yearling horses during the fall and early winter in North America.

[View Guidelines](#)

Congressional offices consider making xylazine a controlled substance

With illicit xylazine increasingly showing up in street drugs that pose grave risks to human users, government policymakers are discussing making xylazine a controlled substance. The AAEP is working with the AVMA, who is closely engaged with the relevant congressional offices and committees, to maintain veterinary access to this important drug.

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Submit your research for the 2023 AAEP Convention

AAEP members and others are invited to submit papers for consideration for presentation during the 69th AAEP Annual Convention in San Diego, Calif., Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2023. All papers must be submitted online by March 15 and adhere to the General Guidelines for Authors.

[Submit Papers](#)

Apply to be a Business News Hour presenter by Feb. 28

If you have an interest in the business aspect of veterinary practice, apply to join the Business News Hour team as a presenter during the 69th AAEP Annual Convention in San Diego, Calif., Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2023. The Business News Hour is a popular session with a fast-paced delivery and discussion of business news topics by three presenters. For consideration, please complete the Speaker Interest Form before Feb. 28.

[Apply Now](#)

Log in changes to the Digitell Platform

Exciting news—Soon you'll have one fewer password to remember! Beginning March 1, you won't need a separate account to access all the resources on the Digitell platform, where the 2022 AAEP Virtual Convention and other

educational resources reside. Instead, you will simply use your usual aaep.org email address and password! If you experience difficulties accessing your account, please contact Karen Pautz at kpautz@aaep.org for assistance.

Member Benefit: Equipment Marketplace – the Amazon.com for AAEP members

Whether you're a new practitioner looking for pre-owned veterinary equipment to grow your practice or you've recently upgraded and are looking to sell your used equipment, the Equipment Marketplace is the resource for you. Creating listings is easy, and search capabilities allow you to narrow results to specific categories of equipment. For any questions, contact Megan Gray, member concierge, at mgray@aaep.org.

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***Equine Veterinary Journal* articles of interest**

- [Sales and race performance of juvenile Thoroughbreds with surgically corrected large colon displacements](#)

Veronica Lynn Edwards, Shavahn Loux, Rolf Embertson

Bottom Line: Overall, the results of this study suggest that if the juvenile Thoroughbred requires surgery for a large colon displacement, there is minimal association with sales price or race performance compared to their siblings.

- [Identifying possible thresholds for nonstructural carbohydrates in the insulin dysregulated horse](#)

Erica Lyn Macon, Patricia Harris, Simon Bailey, Ashley Caldwell Barker, Amanda Adams

Bottom Line: Based on this study, using supplemental pure starch and sugar sources, ID horses seem to have an apparent threshold for NSC of around 0.1 g/kg bwt/meal, above which significantly increased insulin responses are seen compared to NID horses.

AAEP STUDENT NEWS

Upcoming webinar: Finding the Right Fit—How to Get the Most Out of an Equine Internship

Join us March 22 at 8:00 p.m. ET to discuss best practice recommendations and tips to assess program suitability for both students and practices. The session will be moderated by AAEP Internship Subcommittee co-chairs Drs. Jackie Christakos and Sarah Reuss, accompanied by committee members Drs. Zach Lappnow, Rachel Liepman, Jesse Tyma, and Michelle Barton.

Special thanks to our sponsor, Boehringer Ingelheim.

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Submissions are being accepted for the 2023 Case Study Competition

Students and first-year graduates are encouraged to submit case study presentations in a PowerPoint format to be reviewed by members of the

Student Section of the Scientific Review & Editorial Committee for quality and educational merit. This program will allow participants to share cases of interest with their peers and demonstrate initiative to potential employers. In addition, it will provide applicants the opportunity to formally present at the AAEP Annual Convention in San Diego, Calif. The deadline for submission is Sept. 1.

Special thanks to the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners for sponsoring the Case Study Competition!

[Submit Case Study](#)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Find the perfect position or candidate in the AAEP Career Center

Regardless of whether you're a practitioner seeking a new opportunity or a practice seeking qualified candidates for an open position, the [AAEP Career Center](#) is here to help you make a career connection. View today's featured positions, or click the button to view more.

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Shelbyville, IN

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If you have questions about the Career Center or need assistance crafting a job post, contact Megan

Gray at mgray@aaep.org

INDUSTRY NEWS

RMTC analysis to aid HISA's ADMC withdrawal guidance

The Racing Medication & Testing Consortium announced that its executive committee has approved the RMTC's scientific advisory committee to develop withdrawal guidance for the screening limits set forth in the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's proposed anti-doping and medication control regulations.

>> Click [here](#) to read more.

- **Related Resource:** [Fifth Circuit judges deny motions related to rewritten HISA law](#)

AVMA Report: Animal health industry experiencing highly competitive labor market

More than half the U.S. animal health industry saw employee turnover in 2022, according to a new report that also shows a softening in candidate acceptance rates over the same period. The report provides additional evidence that, whether it's a pharmaceutical company or a veterinary practice, all sectors of the industry are experiencing tightness in the labor market.

>> Click [here](#) to read more.

Only 1.2% of veterinarians are Black—students working to change the numbers

Students at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine have established a chapter of the National Association of Black Veterinarians and

are working to provide education and promote inclusion in the field.

>> Click [here](#) to read more.

Enhanced veterinary protocols for 2023 Randox Grand National Steeplechase

The revised protocols build on existing pre-race veterinary procedures and allow more time for engagement between the BHA, trainers and veterinarians.

The new online system also aims to improve and simplify the process for connections.

>> Click [here](#) to read more

EQUINE DISEASE NEWS

Following are **disease outbreak alerts in the U.S. and Canada reported in the last two weeks**. Outbreaks are listed by disease and affected area.

Equine Infectious Anemia

NC: Sampson, Randolph, Wake, Duplin, Forsyth, Henderson, Mecklenburg, Surry and Yadkin Counties

Equine Herpesvirus-Neurologic

MT: Flathead County

VA: Augusta County

FL: Broward County

Strangles

FL: Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Palm Beach and Hillsborough Counties

WA: Kittitas County

MI: Ottawa County

Eastern Equine Encephalitis

SC: Berkeley County

West Nile Virus

FL: Hernando County

Current information on infectious diseases for horse owners, including factsheets, is available on the EDCC website at equinediseasecc.org/infectious-diseases.

The EDCC mobile app is available for free for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

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FOUNDATION FOR THE HORSE NEWS

“Taking the Lead – The Campaign for the Horse” culminates with over \$12 million in support

The first-ever campaign for the 28-year-old charitable arm of the AAEP concluded Dec. 31 after a three-year giving cycle and \$12,034,260 in support. The ambitious three-year timeline reflected the urgency of The Foundation’s priorities to increase grant and scholarship support for equine medical research; veterinary students; and programs for horses at risk of abandonment, neglect, infectious disease, or in need of urgent medical care.

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