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HIGHLIGHTS

Early Career Practitioners: Reserve your spot for Foundational Skills in Equine Practice

Are you a veterinarian in your first 10 years of practice? Join us Aug. 8-10 at Texas A&M University for the AAEP's Foundational Skills in Equine Practice, an immersive, laboratory-heavy CE event dedicated to early-career equine practitioners. With an exceptional 4:1 participant-to-instructor ratio, you'll receive plenty of individual attention to advance patient-care skills in imaging, podiatry, reproduction and colic. Attendance is limited to only 60 participants! *Special thanks to our sponsors: CareCredit, Creative Science, Dechra Veterinary Products, The Foundation for the Horse and Merck Animal Health.*

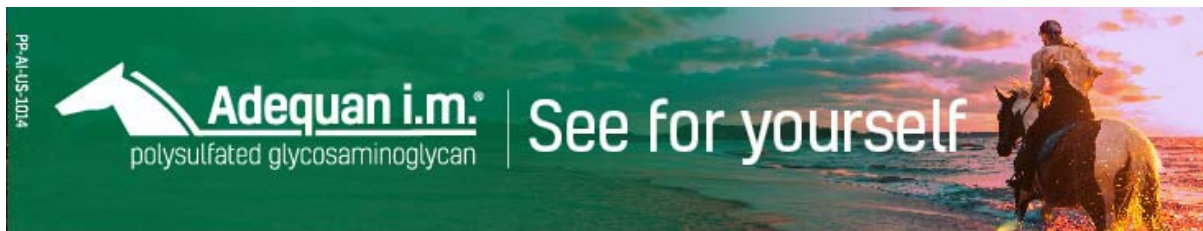
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Live animal imports through ports of entry along southern border suspended
U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced the

immediate suspension of live cattle, horse, and bison imports through U.S. ports of entry along the southern border due to the continued and rapid northward spread of New World Screwworm in Mexico.

[Read More](#)

Related resource: [USDA develops resource to help veterinary professionals recognize, respond to screwworm](#)



AAEP NEWS

Register for upcoming May Virtual Wednesday Round Tables:

- **May 14:** [Building Your Practice's Dream Team](#)
Panelist: Dr. Christine Staten
- **May 28:** [Equine Rx Diets – Practical Strategies for Equine Diseases](#)
Panelists: Drs. Lydia Gray and Nerida McGilchrist

Ethics: Reporting unlicensed veterinarians and their enablers

AAEP's Professional Conduct and Ethics Committee member Dr. Matthew Klotz discusses how licensed veterinarians can defend both the horse and horse doctors by reporting unlicensed veterinarians to state boards.

[Read Article](#)

New board, officer election process begins in 2025

AAEP members will be invited to select the newest members of the Board of Directors as well as the office of Vice President when the 2025 election occurs in July. Learn more about this year's changes and the nominee selection process.

[Learn More](#)

Nominate a deserving colleague for an AAEP award by June 1

Less than two weeks remain to submit a nomination for the 2025 AAEP annual awards. This year's slate includes three new categories, two of which memorialize pioneering women in equine veterinary medicine: Dr. Margaret Phyllis Lose, a racetrack practitioner who established the first equine-only practice owned by a woman; and Dr. Olive Kendrick Britt, the first female large animal intern/resident at University of Pennsylvania who also practiced as the first woman equine veterinarian in Virginia. Meanwhile, the new Futurity Award recognizes an up-and-coming AAEP student member.

[Submit Nomination](#)

CLIENT EDUCATION

Help your clients be prepared: Spread the word about May 20 webinar on biosecurity for horse owners

In this informative webinar presented by the AAEP Horse Owner Education Committee, Drs. Elizabeth Gorrell and Nikki Scherrer will share how horse owners

can reduce their horse's risk of exposure to infectious diseases when traveling off the farm—and how to prevent bringing those risks back home. The webinar is free but registration is required; a recording will be available for those who can't attend the live event.

[Registration Link](#)

Flyer: Imported horses vaccination protocol

Horses recently imported to the United States are unlikely to be vaccinated for local and regional diseases prior to importation. It is recommended that all imported horses be evaluated and appropriately vaccinated by a veterinarian immediately upon release from USDA quarantine.

[Download Flyer](#)

UPCOMING AAEP CE OPPORTUNITIES

June 6-7, 2025

[ImagingXP](#) **SOLD OUT - Waitlist Available**

Fort Collins, Colorado

Sponsored by Antech and Zoetis

Aug. 8-10, 2025

[Foundational Skills in Equine Practice](#) **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

College Station, Texas

Sponsored by CareCredit, Creative Science, Dechra Veterinary Products, Merck Animal Health and The Foundation for the Horse

Sept. 19-20, 2025

ImagingXP *MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON*

Ringoes, New Jersey

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Oct. 30-31, 2025

ImagingXP MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

San Marcos, California

Sponsored by Antech and Zoetis

Dec. 6-10, 2025

71st AAEP Annual Convention

Denver, Colorado



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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Find the perfect position or
candidate in the [AAEP Career
Center](#)

FEATURED JOBS

[Associate Veterinarian | Central
Kentucky](#)
Lexington, KY

If you have questions about the Career Center or need assistance creating a job post, contact Megan Gray at mgray@aaep.org

[Surgeon in Performance Horse Practice](#)

Aldergrove, BC, Canada

[Equine Veterinarian Multi-doctor and privately owned practice](#)

Fredonia, WI

[View More Jobs](#)

AAEP STUDENT NEWS

Submit a case study by Aug. 1 and win \$500 travel stipend & free convention registration

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 students and recent graduates 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 Convention. The deadline for submission is Aug. 1. *Special thanks to the Brazos Valley Equine Hospitals for sponsoring the Case Study Competition!*

[Submit Case Study](#)

Gain invaluable hands-on experience at the 2025 Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover

Veterinary students are invited to participate on the Arrival Examination Team at

the 2025 RRP Thoroughbred Makeover at the Kentucky Horse Park, Oct. 8-11. Participating students will receive educational seminars and training in physical exams, body condition scoring and soundness observations; and will help a team of veterinarians examine over 375 Thoroughbreds in 2 days. **Applications are due by June 1** and 30 students will be chosen from the initial pool based on random selection. Questions should be directed to Dr. Shannon Reed at reedsk@tamu.edu

[Apply Now](#)

SCAAP members in the news: Mizzou revives veterinary student's dream to heal horses

When Gabby Balaa graduates from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine this week, she will fulfill a dream she'd once given up.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Animal sedative medetomidine is showing up in the U.S. illegal drug supply, CDC says

The animal sedative medetomidine is increasingly showing up in the U.S. illegal drug supply. Investigators say the drug is being mixed in with other illicit drugs, mainly fentanyl, the synthetic opioid behind most overdose deaths.

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

Dr. Temple Grandin receives prestigious 2025 AVMA Humane Award

The American Veterinary Medical Association has awarded Temple Grandin, PhD, professor of animal sciences at Colorado State University and a pioneering animal welfare advocate in the livestock industry, with the 2025 AVMA Humane Award. Dr.

Grandin will deliver the Keynote address at the [71st AAEP Annual Convention](#) in Denver, Colo., Dec. 6-10.

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

Survey results highlight pet owner price sensitivity for veterinary services

Industry readings indicate offering treatment alternatives and prioritizing client communications on affordability can help bridge the gap. Practice leaders can also analyze key metrics for client satisfaction to enhance the overall veterinary visit experience.

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

EQUINE DISEASE NEWS

Disease outbreak alerts were issued in the U.S. and Canada in the past two weeks for:

- **Equine Herpesvirus-Neurologic**
- **Equine Infectious Anemia**
- **Equine Influenza**
- **Strangles**

[Alerts, Location and Resources](#)

Current information on infectious diseases for horse owners, including fact sheets, is available on the EDCC website at equinediseasecc.org/infectious-diseases. The **EDCC mobile app** is also available for free for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

FOUNDATION FOR THE HORSE NEWS

Apply for The Foundation for the Horse Scholarship Program by May 15

Only two days remain to apply for the [2025 Horse Scholarship Program](#). If you know an exceptional equine veterinary student graduating in 2026 or 2027, please encourage them to apply for nearly \$550,000 in available scholarships, thanks to the generous and continued support of our partners and donors! Visit the [Scholarship page](#) to learn more.

