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HIGHLIGHTS

Preview Vice President, Director candidates for 2025 election

The AAEP is instituting a new election process in 2025 for the positions of Director and Vice President on the AAEP Board of Directors. AAEP members will be presented with two candidates for the office of Vice President and four candidates for the two open Director positions. The election will take place in mid-July. We invite you to learn about each candidate and their desire to serve the AAEP membership.

[View Candidates](#)

Apply for a Research Grant through The Foundation for the Horse by July 15

The Foundation for the Horse is accepting research grant proposals to help pioneer medical advances in equine health. AAEP-member graduate students, fellows and residents should apply for the [Young Investigators Research Grants](#) (up to \$20,000 each). Meanwhile, individuals with a background in equine research and a previous record of research publication are encouraged to submit

proposals for [Innovation and Discovery Research Grants](#) (up to \$50,000 each). Additional information, including application instructions, requirements and selection criteria, are available on The [Foundation's website](#).

AAEP NEWS

Register for upcoming Virtual Wednesday Round Tables:

- **June 25: [Mastering Foaling and Newborn Management](#)**
Panelists: Drs. Chelsea Folmar and Taylor Huffman
Sponsored by American Regent Animal Health
- **July 9: [Podiatry](#)**
Panelist: Dr. Jared Pullen
- **July 23: [Preparing for Financial Uncertainty](#)**
Panelist: Dr. Amy Grice

AAEP member loses home in fire

Dr. Addie Owens, owner of Owens Mobile Veterinary Service in Cades, S.C., lost her home to fire in late April. A GoFundMe campaign has been created to help Dr. Owens and her family replace basic needs.

[Learn More](#)

Less than 15 spots remain 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 in College Station 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 can count on plenty of individual attention to advance pertinent patient-care skills in imaging, podiatry, reproduction, and colic. Attendance is limited to only 60 participants so be sure to save your spot today!

Special thanks to our sponsors: CareCredit, Creative Science, Dechra Veterinary Products, The Foundation for the Horse, and Merck Animal Health.

[Register Today](#)

Secure your seat for Sept. and Oct. ImagingXP

The wet labs-focused ImagingXP enjoyed a sold-out debut in early June at which the labs were described as *awesome*, *amazing* and *excellent* by multiple attendees. Two more opportunities remain to optimize your imaging techniques and interpretive skills to help deliver accurate diagnoses of conditions in the foot and metatarsal/tarsal regions. ImagingXP is limited to only 20 participants and seats are selling fast so claim yours today! Available dates and locations are:

- [Sept. 19-20, 2025 • Ringoes, NJ](#)
- [Oct. 30-31, 2025 • San Marcos, CA](#)

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AAEP tech task force seeks your perspective on technology use in practice

The AAEP has commissioned a Task Force on Emerging Technologies to help guide members in the evaluation and use of the many technological advances that are being offered to equine veterinarians. To best serve our members we want to hear from you. Whether you're an early adopter or staunch skeptic, your perspective on artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies matters. Conversations about tech are everywhere right now, and we want to know what AAEP members are actually using, and what you wish existed. We've kept this survey short enough to knock out between barn calls or while waiting for a client to find their horse.

[Take Survey](#)

Become an OEPS sponsor and help shape the future of equine veterinary medicine

The [2025 Opportunities in Equine Practice Seminar \(OEPS\)](#) will take place Aug. 29-31, in Lexington, Ky. Practitioner participation through attendance and financial support is key to this event's success. With a shortage of equine veterinarians, we must continue to encourage gifted students to pursue careers in equine practice and equip them with practical information for launching successful careers. Multiple levels of sponsorship are available; contact sponsorships@oeeps.com for more details.

ICYMI: June issue of AAEP Equine Research Digest is available

Stay current with the latest equine medical research through the AAEP's new Equine Research Digest, a monthly collection of links to online, early view articles to be printed in future issues of scientific journals published by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the British Equine Veterinary Association. *Special thanks to our sponsor, Contura Vet.*

[Read More](#)

June 2025 advocacy updates

Learn about some of the latest key legislative and regulatory developments that could impact our profession. And if you are looking for more updates, opportunities to weigh in on emerging issues, and access to advocacy resources and webinars, please contact Dr. Ashley Morgan at amorgan@aaep.org and join the AAEP Advocacy Network!

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UPCOMING AAEP CE OPPORTUNITIES

Aug. 8-10, 2025

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

College Station, Texas

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Sept. 19-20, 2025

[ImagingXP](#) **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Ringoes, New Jersey

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San Marcos, California

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Dec. 6-10, 2025

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

FEATURED JOBS

[Equine Surgeon | Central Kentucky](#)
Lexington, KY

[Associate Ambulatory Equine Veterinarian](#)
Hardeeville, SC

[Equine Surgeon | Customizable Schedule](#)
Las Vegas, NV

[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 Education & Outreach 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](#)

Student scholarships available for 2025 AAEP Annual Convention in Denver

The AAEP is proud to support our student members by offering 99 scholarships to attend the 2025 Annual Convention in Denver, Colo., including the Extended Student Program on Saturday, Dec. 6. In addition to complimentary registration, students will receive a \$500 travel stipend through the generosity of our sponsors, The Foundation for the Horse and Altano. Students who demonstrate involvement in equine-related activities—whether through AAEP, community organizations or the broader equine industry—are encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact your Student Chapter Advisor or Student Chapter President.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Veterinary practices brace for financial uncertainty of higher tariffs, other economic factors

Veterinary practices, already struggling with staffing shortages, declining visits,

and rising costs, are bracing for potential added financial strain. Experts advise transparency: 'Cannot overcommunicate with clients'.

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

AQHA Executive Committee approves animal welfare rules

Key actions include expanded performance alteration testing, phased implementation of permanent horse identification, new ESWT treatment rules effective Jan. 1, 2026, and broader enforcement of humane treatment standards—even outside AQHA events.

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

Nevada announces plans for its first veterinary school

Roseman University of Health Sciences announced that it has notified the country's accreditor of veterinary education that it intends to initiate planning for a program.

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

Survey: Gaps in horse welfare perception, but ethical training grows

World Horse Welfare unveiled the results of its annual YouGov survey at a panel discussion, "Public acceptance of the involvement of horses in sport: what drives trust that they live good lives?"

>> 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 Infectious Anemia**
- **Equine Influenza**
- **EHV-Neurologic**
- **EHV-Respiratory**
- **Pigeon Fever**

- **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

Inaugural equine care grants, longstanding vaccine program support domestic at-risk horses

The Foundation for the Horse is awarding its first Equine Care Grants totaling \$75,000 to 30 equine adoption, rescue, retirement, and therapy facilities in 18 states and Puerto Rico. Each \$2,500 grant is designated for essential needs such as feed, hay, veterinary services, and farrier care.

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