

AAEP News Bulletin: Spur of the Moment



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HIGHLIGHTS

AAEP issues field diagnostic guidelines for equine infectious respiratory disease

The guidelines will assist practitioners with development of differentials and diagnostic strategies for approaching equine respiratory diseases of unknown etiology. The diagnostic flowchart contained within the guidelines will help practitioners navigate their differential list, sample collection and diagnostic test selection to achieve a definitive diagnosis.

[Learn More](#)

Veterinarian registration required for USEF events starting Dec. 1

The USEF board passed a rule change with this requirement in June, with the goal of improving USEF communications with veterinarians on the grounds. This will allow US Equestrian to send treating veterinarians alerts on any biosecurity issues, drugs and medications reminders, and other time-sensitive information they need while on the grounds. Veterinarians are not required to become US Equestrian members in order to register.

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AAEP NEWS

Screwworm moves closer to the U.S. border

USDA confirmed a New World Screwworm case in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, near the U.S. border. Screwworms are deadly parasites whose larvae feed on live tissue, threatening livestock, wildlife, and humans. Prompt reporting to State Animal Health Officials is critical if infestation is suspected. Click the button to learn more about identification, reporting and control of screwworm myiasis.

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Upcoming Webinars:

- **October 1: [Student Webinar: Pharyngeal/Laryngeal Abnormalities in the Equine Athlete](#)**

- **October 8:** [Virtual Wednesday Round Table: Managing Emergencies in the Field](#)
 - **October 22:** [Virtual Wednesday Round Table: The Lens of Ethics](#)
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AAEP Journal Club debuts on Thursday

The inaugural monthly online meeting of the new AAEP Journal Club will take place Thursday, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. EST with a discussion of the paper, “Functional anatomy of the equine thoracolumbar spine related to equine back rehabilitation.” There is still time to join: click the button to join the club email listserv! You can search for “AAEP Journal Club” in the search field in the top navigation bar or in the “All Communities” item under Rounds on the top navigation bar.

Please contact Karen Pautz, AAEP director of education, at kpautz@aaep.org if you have a question or need assistance.

[Join Journal Club Listserv](#)

Join colleagues for January's Resort Symposium in Puerto Rico

The AAEP's 27th Annual Resort Symposium will be held Jan. 19–21 at the luxurious Wyndham Grand Rio Mar Rainforest Beach & Golf Resort in the tropical oasis of Puerto Rico. Acquire 13.5 hours of RACE-accredited CE hours on the theme, “How to Advance Your Skills in the Field and Clinic.” Register for the meeting and reserve your room at the special AAEP rate now!

Special thanks to our sponsor, Zoetis.

[Let's Go!](#)

AAEP Annual Convention: Register by Nov. 30 to save

Acquire inventive solutions to common clinical issues and discover the newest practice offerings when you explore the world's largest equine veterinary marketplace at the AAEP's 71st Annual Convention, Dec. 6-10 in Denver, Colo. Register by Nov. 30 to save \$100 on your in-person registration. Click the button to download the registration kit and preview the full program!

[Download Registration Kit](#)

New podcast episode: Financial planning for equine vets

Join AAEP Practice Life co-hosts Drs. Travis Boston and Jessica Dunbar as they speak with certified financial planner John Chalk about financial topics relevant to equine practitioners across their careers, including personal financial management for new graduates focused on student loan repayment and avoiding "lifestyle creep," and mid-career planning that balances debt repayment with saving for practice ownership.

Special thanks to our sponsor, Boehringer Ingelheim.

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Survey: Technology Use in Practice

AAEP's Emerging Technology Task Force is seeking member feedback on some of the tech tools you are currently using in practice or would like more information on. If you have three minutes, please take this brief survey to help guide us toward those things that most interest you.

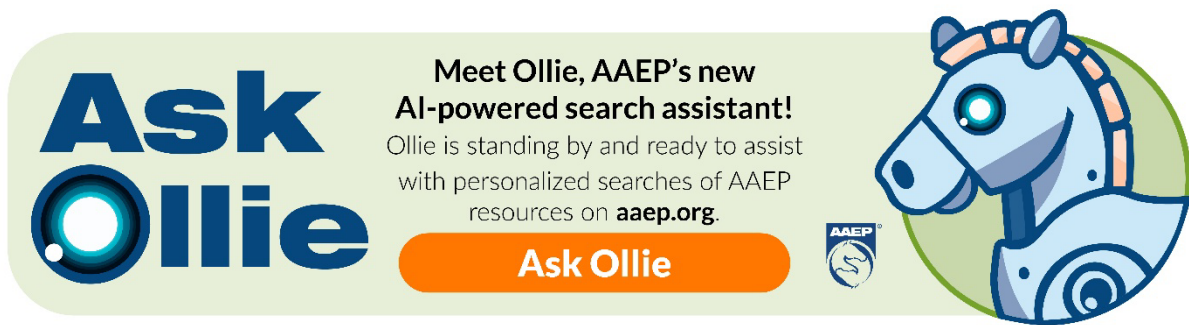
[Complete Survey](#)

ICYMI: September issue of AAEP Equine Research Digest is available

Stay current with the latest equine medical research through the AAEP's 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.

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UPCOMING AAEP CE OPPORTUNITIES

Oct. 30-31

[ImagingXP FULL](#) — Waitlist Available

San Marcos, California

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Dec. 6-10

[71st AAEP Annual Convention](#) REGISTRATION OPEN

Denver, Colorado

Jan. 19-21

[27th Annual Resort Symposium](#) REGISTRATION OPEN

Puerto Rico

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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

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Lexington, KY

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AAEP STUDENT NEWS

Deadline to enter student chapters social media contest is Oct. 3

Enter the AAEP social media video competition by sharing something fun, unique or inspiring about why you want to be an equine practitioner OR highlighting great aspects of being an equine practitioner.

Videos submissions may be between 60–90 seconds and can be filmed in group or individual formats. Each chapter may submit an unlimited number of entries. The deadline to enter is Oct. 3.

To enter and be considered by our panel of judges, each submission must do ALL of the following:

- Post your video on Instagram or Facebook
- Use the hashtag #SCAAEPsocial
- Tag AAEP (Instagram: @aaephorsedocs or Facebook: American Association of Equine Practitioners)
- Email your submission to gbarrier@aaep.org

Prizes:

💰 \$1,000 for the winning chapter! (The winning video will also be shown during the Opening Session at this year's convention in Denver!)

💰 \$500 for second place

💰 \$250 for third place

Have fun, get creative, and show us what makes being an equine practitioner special!

Congratulations to the winners of the case study competition!

The AAEP's Educational Programs Committee selected three winners of the 2025 case study competition: Madison Gray, a fourth-year student at Washington State University; Olivia Bodner, a second-year student at University of California, Davis; and Janae Wiley, a fourth-year student at University of Missouri. Each received complimentary registration for the AAEP's 71st Annual Convention and Extended Student Program in Denver, as well as \$500. The case studies are available as educational resources at aaep.org/case-studies.

Special thanks to our sponsor, Brazos Valley Equine Hospital, Navasota!

INDUSTRY NEWS

HISA announces new findings on Exercise-Associated Sudden Death (EASD)

These findings may allow trainers and veterinarians to spot hidden heart risks before tragedy occurs. HISA has also issued an accompanying Equine Health Advisory on EASD, associated risk factors and what trainers and veterinarians can do to help prevent EASD.

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

Veterinary AI meeting looks for clinical value in data

Speakers at Cornell's conference focused on artificial intelligence's practical applications.

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

USDA announces plan to address rural, federal veterinary shortages

More funding, listening sessions, and better anticipating shortage areas are part of Rural Veterinary Action Plan.

>> 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:

- Eastern Equine Encephalitis
- Equine Influenza
- Strangles
- West Nile Virus

Alerts, Locations and Resources

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

THE FOUNDATION FOR THE HORSE NEWS

The 2026 Horse Sense calendar Is here!

The beautiful and useful 2026 Horse Sense Calendar is now available, and it's the perfect gift to give your clients this holiday season to show them how important they are to you. Each calendar is customized with your practice's information, and it features: stunning horse photography, practical horse health tips, detailed anatomical diagrams, and a handy back-cover chart to track important health dates. Order by November 3 to guarantee delivery in time for Thanksgiving, or order by November 24 to guarantee a Christmas delivery. A portion of proceeds benefits The Foundation and its mission to improve equine health and well-being.

[Order Calendar](#)

Apply for graduate researcher awards by Oct. 15

The Foundation for the Horse, with support from AAEP Past Presidents and the EQUUS Foundation, recognizes the need to support research training of equine veterinary researchers. Supplementing support for individuals in postgraduate and residency research training programs benefits this goal. This award is intended to encourage AAEP members in training programs to continue in equine research during their careers.

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