



Performance Horse Committee Report

Committee Name:	Performance Horse Committee	Quarter/Year:	2025
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Chair – Dr. Ciera Guardia

Board Liaison – Dr. Erin Contino

Staff Liaison – Ashley Morgan

Committee Charge:

To proactively identify and address issues of importance to equine veterinarians and horse show entities; to provide leadership and expertise on all aspects of the performance horse that affect the health & welfare of the horse and the integrity of the competition; to communicate to AAEP members and other stakeholders AAEP positions and recommendations on those issues; and, to educate AAEP members and stakeholders on best practices and ethical care of the performance horse.

This Committee is:

- ☒ Reporting with no board action required
- ☐ Recommending board action or a policy change (add information below)

Summary of Activities/Issues/Decisions/Accomplishments:

- Finalized a fillable Pre-Purchase Examination (PPE) form template.
- Revised the AAEP position statements on Therapeutic Medication for the Competition Horse and the Use of Medroxyprogesterone Acetate in Competition Horses and jointly developed the AAEP position statement on the Use of Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy (ESWT) with the Racing Committee.
- Shared educational and engagement content through the committee's Facebook group and listserv.
- Supported efforts to build a network of AAEP members active in breed and discipline governance.

- Organized and supported a joint Professional Conduct & Ethics Committee and Horse Owner Education Committee virtual Wednesday roundtable discussion on ethical treatment and practices for the performance horse.
- Participating in the Tuesday morning Ethics Panel at Convention along with the Early Career Committee.
- Plans for 2026 and items for the December meeting agenda:
 - Review currently available online resources and identify new resources needed.
 - Review and update strategy for posting to Facebook group and member listserv.
 - Discuss utilization of advocacy network across country and within breed/discipline groups.
 - Identify ways to support veterinarians on medication compliance and ethical practice.
 - Discuss topical ideas for Virtual Wednesday roundtables.
 - Finalize supporting documents for pre-purchase exams.
 - Finalize medication resources.
 - Discuss conducting an in-person strategic planning session.

Recommendation for board action: No recommendation for the Board at this time.