

AAEP News Bulletin: Spur of the Moment



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HIGHLIGHTS

Fewer than 10 spots remain for DentistryXP - Ocala!

Join us April 2-3 in Ocala, Fla., for the intensive DentistryXP course designed to elevate your diagnostic accuracy and therapeutic confidence in advanced equine dentistry. This course is limited to 20 participants to ensure personalized instruction and it's almost sold out, so act fast and register today!

Special thanks to our sponsors: MAI Animal Health, Sound Powered by Antech, and Zoetis.

[Register Now](#)

New HISA Resource: Compelling Justification

Under the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA)'s Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) program, Covered Persons—including veterinarians—may not possess Banned Substances or Methods in covered facilities unless they can demonstrate a “compelling justification.” Click the button to view the new resource, and to learn more about what that means and how to stay compliant.

[Learn more](#)



AAEP NEWS

Boehringer Ingelheim voluntary recall of IMRAB® 3TF

Boehringer Ingelheim has initiated a voluntary recall of IMRAB® 3TF, 1 mL, Serial 18665 after a limited number of vials in this lot were found to contain sterile water instead of vaccine. While IMRAB 3 TF is only labeled for dogs, cats, and ferrets (IMRAB 3 does include horses on the label), we are sharing this information for any of our mixed animal practitioners' awareness.

Boehringer is recommending revaccination for any dog, cat, or ferret that received a vaccine from this serial to avoid gaps in protection, maintain compliance with local rabies regulations, and protect public health. A second dose of rabies vaccination does not pose a health risk for the pet beyond the typical considerations associated with any vaccination.

Veterinarians seeking additional guidance may contact their Boehringer representative or Boehringer's Veterinary Technical Solutions team at 1-888-637-4251.

Register for Feb. 18 Student Education Committee Webinar: Post-Foaling Examinations and Problems in Mares and Foals

This AAEP student webinar will help vet students prepare for some of the most common calls equine veterinarians receive during springtime. The session will include steps to perform a first foal exam, a postpartum mare exam, as well as case scenarios for common post-foaling issues in mares and foals. After attending the webinar, students will feel ready to evaluate common cases during the foaling season.

[Register Here](#)

New podcast episode: AAEP Leadership Insights

In this episode of AAEP's Practice Life podcast, hosts Drs. Jessica Dunbar and Travis Boston engage with AAEP leadership, including President Dr. Sarah Reuss, Vice President Dr. Eric Mueller, and Executive Director David Foley. They discuss the roles and responsibilities of AAEP leaders, reflect on the past convention, and outline future strategic plans, as well as share insights on how to get involved and the various resources available to members.

Special thanks to our sponsor, Boehringer Ingelheim.

[Listen to Podcast](#)

Explore the redesigned AAEP Career Center

Whether you're seeking your next opportunity or searching for talented equine veterinary professionals, the Career Center has been refreshed to make finding what you are looking for easier than ever. Please note that the Career Center is now being maintained by a new vendor and you will need to reset your password when logging in if you have an existing account. If you have questions about the Career Center or need assistance creating a job post, contact Megan Gray at mgray@aaep.org.

[Visit Career Center](#)

Emergency Coverage Toolkit: Find new models for after-hours care

More solutions are available than ever before to reduce the burden of 24/7 client care. Download “Emergency Coverage 2.0: Innovative Strategies to Revolutionize After-Hours Care” and gain step-by-step advice for starting an emergency cooperative, offering emergency-only care, moving to a haul-in model, and more.

[Download Toolkit](#)

Internship Resource: Green Flags/Red Flags

Are you considering an internship? Check this list of green flags and red flags to determine if an internship opportunity is the right fit for you and your career goals.

[Get the List](#)

Nominate a deserving colleague for an AAEP award by June 1

Each year, the AAEP presents awards to individuals and groups serving their profession and the welfare of the horse in extraordinary ways. Nominations are accepted from current AAEP members until June 1, and the awards will be bestowed at the Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 7-11, 2026. If you have questions about the nomination process or need additional information, please contact Shelly Coomer at scoomer@aaep.org.

[Learn More](#)

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Ollie**

**Meet Ollie, AAEP's new
AI-powered search assistant!**
Ollie is standing by and ready to assist
with personalized searches of AAEP
resources on aaep.org.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION

Denver 2025 Convention *Proceedings* are in the mail

The printed *Proceedings* from the 71st AAEP Annual Convention are on their way to members who did not attend the Convention and who also opted for a printed copy. Don't forget you can also access digital editions of *Proceedings* through the AAEP On-the-Go app, and the [News & Publications section](#) of the AAEP website.

2026 Convention: Paper submissions due by March 1

AAEP members and others are invited to submit papers for consideration for presentation during the 72nd AAEP Convention in Las Vegas, Dec. 7-11, 2026. All papers must be submitted online by March 1 and adhere to the General Guidelines for authors. Contact Charli Stevens, scientific publications coordinator, at cstevens@aaep.org with questions concerning educational paper submission.

Submit Here

Need help writing your paper?

The AAEP Research Mentor Program connects AAEP members interested in writing a

paper with experienced mentors who can provide guidance on study design, data organization, IACUC requirements, and navigating the research and submission process. When possible, mentors are matched locally and by subject-matter expertise. If you would like mentor assistance, please click the button below and fill out the form. Interested in serving as a mentor? Contact Charli Stevens at cstevens@aaep.org.

[Request a Mentor](#)

In need of CE hours? Access is still available to ALL educational sessions presented in Denver

Virtual registration is still available for the AAEP Annual Convention, so you can earn CE at your own pace through Dec. 31, 2026.

[Register Here](#)

UPCOMING AAEP CE OPPORTUNITIES

March 13-14, 2026

[NeuroXP](#) SOLD OUT

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Sponsored by Zoetis, Sound Powered by Antech, and CareCredit

April 2-3, 2026

[DentistryXP](#) ALMOST SOLD OUT - REGISTRATION OPEN

Ocala, Florida

Sponsored by MAI Animal Health, Sound Powered by Antech, and Zoetis

June 19-20, 2026

DentistryXP More Info Coming Soon

Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Sponsored by MAI Animal Health, Sound Powered by Antech, and Zoetis

Sept. 11-12, 2026

NeuroXP More Info Coming Soon

Fort Collins, Colorado

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October 9-10, 2026

PodiatryXP More Info Coming Soon

Waco, Texas

Oct. 23-24, 2026

NeuroXP More Info Coming Soon

Lexington, Kentucky

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Nov. 6-7, 2026

DentistryXP More Info Coming Soon

Irving, Texas

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Dec. 7-11, 2026

72nd AAEP Annual Convention

Las Vegas, Nevada

INDUSTRY NEWS

Sweeping student loan changes one step closer to becoming finalized

The U.S. Department of Education has published its notice of proposed rulemaking to implement the changes to the federal student loan program that were enacted last year as part of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act . The proposed regulations will be open for public comment until March 2.

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

Buyer beware: Three supplements identified to contain banned substances

The British Horseracing Authority issued a notice to horsemen that three paste-form products marketed as equine supplements had been found to contain banned substances; two of the three are available in the United States.

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

USDA shifts sterile fly dispersal efforts to defend U.S. border

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced a shift in its 100 million per week sterile fly dispersal efforts to stop the northern spread of New World screwworm.

>> 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 Herpesvirus-Respiratory
- Equine Infectious Anemia
- Equine Influenza
- Salmonellosis
- Strangles

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

Honoring Legends: The My Mentor Honor Wall

The Foundation's My Mentor Honor Wall program is a unique way to recognize exceptional individuals who have shaped the lives of equine veterinary professionals and horse enthusiasts alike.

A gift of \$500 allows you to nominate a mentor, and when they reach \$5,000 in total gifts, they are added to the My Mentor Honor Wall in perpetuity.

Join us in honoring the mentors who have dedicated their lives to the horse by nominating your mentor or contributing to an existing nominee. Or, find out if someone important to you is already nominated, allowing you to make a gift and help champion getting them on the wall, by contacting us at info@foundationforthehorse.org or (859) 233-0147.

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