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Registration deadline approaching

The registration deadline (April 8th) is quickly approaching for our Northwest Regional Education Event in Idaho, April 14-15th. Come join us for an amazing weekend of lectures and hands-on events. Topics to include: foal handling, limb dissection, specialty diagnostics, and more!

Registration includes all meals, supplies, handouts and Social events. There will be a Welcome Reception & CE Dinner on Saturday night (April 14th), sponsored by Platinum Performance, as well as, a Wrap-up Reception on Sunday evening (April 15th), sponsored by MWI.



*** This course has been submitted (but not yet approved) for 8.5 hours of continuing education credit in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB RACE approval.

Recap: Southwest Anesthesia Society Event

Scottsdale, AZ and **Southwest Equine Hospital** proved to be an amazing venue and host for our Anesthesia Society Weekend CE Event. The 20 plus attendees came in from CA, OR, NV, NE, CO, NM, PA, Canada and of course AZ. They picked up their **Adequan** buckets full of goodies, got some breakfast and the day began! Dr. Bidwell refreshed knowledge and offered new insight into Basic Anesthesia, and Pain Management with morning lectures. Then the attendees were treated to lunch (the cookies!) provided by **JD Medical**. After lunch Joe with JDMedical gave us a review of the Anesthesia machine, maintenance, How To's, What if etc. and then we broke into labs to work on Suturing and Acupuncture... A full day - but not over yet... as we all met up at North Italia Restaurant in our own private room for cocktails and an amazing 5 course dinner sponsored by **DECHRA**. Dr. Joe Manning with DECHRA presented on Fluid Therapy and answered questions... Thank you to Shelly Derks, Jessica Steffian and Dr. Manning for sponsoring an amazing evening for our attendees! Sunday morning Dr. Bidwell gave a lecture on Equine Anatomy specifically focusing on areas of interest for Anesthesia and Pain Management. Attendees then participated in a Field Anesthesia lab and got to practice arterial catheters (Thank you **MILA**) and observe different sedation methods. Amanda with **ZOETIS** brought us a wonderful lunch as everyone was famished! After lunch, the attendees participated in an Inhalant Anesthesia lab and practiced arterial catheters, setting up and working with various monitors (Thank you **JD Medical and MAI**), working with fluids (Thank you **DECHRA**) and monitoring tips and tricks. Nicole Bone and Maggie Pratt offered their experience and mentoring to all and everyone got to participate. **MWI**.... TY to Patty Ross! Takaways from the weekend of learning and sharing were many... "Anesthesia is soo cool !" and using Dorm IM, and sharing cases- especially when things go wrong, were just a few of the comments. Dr. Bidwell and her team brought new perspectives to Anesthesia and made it not so scary, and helped everyone feel more confident that they can go back to their practice and offer some insight and confidence. Thank you to all of our amazing sponsors - we could not offer this avenue of training to our members without your support ! And to the staff at SW Equine - You are an awesome team !



The next AAEVT Anesthesia Society Event will be June 15-17, 2018 and hosted by Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, KY. Registration opening SOON!



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Renewed partnership with the NEAEP

The Northeast Association of Equine Practitioners is pleased to announce that the American Association of Equine Veterinary Technicians has partnered in the quest for educational excellence. The AAEVT will be working with the NEAEP in its organization of the annual Symposium. The NEAEP has always recognized Veterinary Assistants, Support Staff and Technicians as professionals in the equine industry. The NEAEP has agreed to offer a reduced registration fee of \$149.00 to AAEVT members who attend the annual symposium. The AAEVT will also be hosting their own Wetlabs on the same day as the NEAEP Wetlabs for its members and attendees. The NEAEP is looking forward to working with the AAEVT.

[Full Press Release here](#)



March "Tech Tips"

AAEVT members have sent us clever, useful and tried-and-true tips that are used routinely in their practices. *Let's share!*

Tech Tip #1: On-the-go "erasable" lists

Meg Schenk, LVT from Colorado sent her favorite tech for making notes while on the go:

"When needing to keep a list of items used on a truck to be replaced back at the clinic, you can write the items on the pull out drawers with a dry erase marker. It is easy to see and easy to remove once completed. (BTW, this is one of my favorite ways to keep track of things - you can also put reminder notes to not forget the blood in the frig or to order something for a client!)"



Do you have a unique protocol or ingenious strategy that you would like to share with your peers?

Send your "Tips" (and a few pictures!) to Rexann Morison, AAEVT Secretary, at rexannmorrison@yahoo.com

Industry News:

NAVTA Veterinary Nurse Initiative Updates

TN: Bill SB2154 had been introduced in the TN Legislature through the Ag Committee to change the name from LVMT to Registered Veterinary Nurse. There was nothing else attached to this bill except for the name change at this time. The TN Nurse Association as well as the ANA is very much opposed to this bill and the proposed name change. The bill was delayed and eventually failed to reach a vote, so it has been dropped from the Legislature and will not be heard this year.

Ohio: Bill HB501 was introduced into the OH Legislature through the Ag Committee in early March. The bill failed to reach a vote and it's hearing in the Ag Committee has been postponed for 2 more weeks as the Legislature is on recess. The American Nurse Association has sent out a memo that, although they are very much in support of our profession, they are opposed to this name change.

Michigan: No word yet as to when a Bill will be heard.

Of note: A great deal of money (mostly Corporate donations from the small animal



side) is being spent on lawyers and lobbyists to get these bills into Committee and the American Nursing Association (ANA) is spending a great deal of time and money on opposing the passage of these bills as well.

There have been no announcements or updates from NAVTA.

Study Illustrates Impact of Animal Health Industry

There are nearly 10 billion food and companion animals in the United States. The protection and improvement of these animals' health makes up the job description of over 1 million individuals. Further, this industry generates billions of dollars in revenue and taxes. And the benefits extend beyond those measured in dollars, with food security, human health and social benefits of animals contributing dramatically to our quality of life.



Results of a new study, titled "The Economic and Social Contributions of the Animal Health Industry," illustrate those direct and indirect benefits. The Animal Health Institute funded the study, which was conducted by the research firm ndp Analytics.... [Full article here.](#)

New veterinary well-being study shows improved scores for mental health

A new mental health and well-being study found 5.3 % of the veterinary profession is suffering severe psychological distress. This estimated prevalence is only slightly higher than the prevalence in the general population (5.1 %) and substantially lower than the 9.3 % figure reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in its study, "Prevalence of Risk Factors for Suicide Among Veterinarians—United States, 2014." [Read more here](#)



Kinetic Vet Announces Availability of Pentosan Polysulfate

Kinetic Vet announces immediate availability of Pentosan Polysulfate. Pentosan Polysulfate is a veterinary medical device designed to temporarily coat and replenish the glycosaminoglycan (GAG) layer in the urinary bladder. Glycosaminoglycans provide a barrier against agents present in the urine. Reduction in the GAG layer may affect the function of the barrier and allow penetration of agents present in the urine. The glycosaminoglycan layer of the bladder may be deficient in certain types of cystitis. Pentosan Polysulfate is designed to coat the urinary bladder in these instances. For use in cats, dogs, and horses. Pentosan Polysulfate is a sterile 6 mL solution containing 1,500 mg per vial (250 mg/mL).



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Equine Disease News: EHM & EHV-1

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Biosecurity guidance for equine transporters published by EDCC

The guidelines-style document provides specific recommendations for ensuring the health of transported horses, cleaning and disinfecting transport vehicles, and limiting stress of equine passengers. To view these guidelines, [click here.](#)



