



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE



2027 Giraffe Veterinary Care Workshop – Hosted by the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

Course dates – 17th to 22th October 2027, at least 30 hours CE credits though ACZM (final approval is pending).

The workshop is only open to veterinarians at this time.

Topics to be covered, including practical components and demonstrations in the giraffe barn:

- Preventative medicine programs, including birth management plan development and parasite management
- General giraffe medicine
- Neonate management
- Giraffe diagnostic imaging, to include thermal imaging, ultrasound, and radiography
- Lameness diagnosis and management
- Hoof health and common distortions
- Giraffe sedation and anaesthesia, and emergency preparedness
- Giraffe nutrition overview

Workshop Instructors

Dr. Priya Bapodra BVetMed MSc Dipl. ACZM FRCVS (Columbus Zoo and Aquarium)

Shannon Borders (Columbus Zoo and Aquarium)

Dr. Liza Dadone VMD (Giraffe Veterinary Services)

Steve Foxworth (Zoo Hoofstock Trim Program)

Dr. Eric Hostnik DVM MS DACVR DACVR-EDI (Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine)

Dr. Kathleen Sullivan PhD and Shannon Livingston (Disney's Animals, Science and Environment)

Dr. Kim Thompson DVM MPVM Dipl. ACVPM Dipl. ACZM (Binder Park Zoo)

Dr. Troy Tollefson PhD (Mazuri)

Dr. Jeffery Zuba DVM (In Case of Anaesthesia)

Workshop Logistics

\$925 registration cost, to include pre-workshop visit to zoo (see below), ice breaker event, lunch/ snacks/ beverages during workshop, transportation to and from workshop hotel for the duration of the course, and 2 additional evening meals/ events. Registration must be paid in full and within 14 days of registering for the workshop (registration will close on 9/1/2027). Transportation to and from the airport is not included and the responsibility of participants.

Icebreaker at 5:30pm on Sunday 10/17/2027, workshop tuition to start on 10/18/2027 (8am) and end on Friday 10/22/2027 5pm). Optional pre-workshop visit to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium on 10/17/2027 – day ticket included in registration. **Optional post workshop trip to the Wilds on 10/23/2027 – additional cost of \$75** due at registration and will include transportation to and from workshop hotel, Open-Air Safari tour, and lunch.

Hotel rooms have been secured at \$149 plus tax/night (Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Dublin, Ohio). Link to book hotel will be provided once registration is paid.

Please contact Priya Bapodra (priya.bapodra@columbuszoo.org) for workshop content information, and Shannon Borders (shannon.borders@columbuszoo.org) and Jen Compston (jen.compston@columbuszoo.org) for registration information. Please register using this link - <https://forms.gle/VQB6AVkn4aR6BNuS7>