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Chairman
AAEP Infectious Disease Committee
Infectious Disease Committee

- Re-activated in Summer of 2016
- Standing committee to serve AAEP year-round
- Partner and Resource....
Infectious Disease Committee Members

• Stephanie Brault
• Ben Buchanan
• Lane Easter
• Leslie Easterwood
• Ryan Ferris
• Katie Flynn
• Laszlo, Hunyadi
• Barbara Jones
• Martha Mallicote
• Linda Mittel
• Peter Morresey
• Tracy Norman
• Angela Pelzel-McCluskey
• Kerry Pride
• Kirby Weaver
• Ashley Whitehead

Ex-Officio Members:
• Craig Barnett
• Nicola Pusterla
• Nat White
Infectious Disease Committee

Current Activities

• Subcommittees developed to:
  • Support Equine Disease Communication Center (EDCC)
  • Update and Develop new Infectious Disease Control Guidelines
  • Update and Develop new resources for Biosecurity, working in collaboration with other industry stakeholders
• Collaborate with AAEP Infectious Disease Rounds Listserv
• Next face-to-face meeting at 1 pm on Nov. 17 in San Antonio during 63rd Annual AAEP Convention. Please join us!
Infectious Disease Committee

- Updated Infectious Disease Control and Biosecurity Guidelines review complete
  - To be approved at convention and announced and launched in December or early January
- New *Rhodococcus equi* Guidelines complete
- 2018 Efforts to be discussed in San Antonio
  - New control guidelines for: EIA, Piroplasmosis, Rota virus and Serology/Diagnostic Testing
  - Vaccination guideline – basic review
  - CE or Certification course in Biosecurity
• Expanded In-depth and How-to Sessions
• Keynote on Work-Life Balance
• Milne Lecture w/ Dr. Paddy Dixon on Dentistry

Registration Open Online at https://convention.aaep.org/ and On-Site
Infectious Disease & Parasitology Sessions

• Outbreak Control at Equine Events
• Identification, Traceability & Biosecurity Session
• Hot Topics in Equine Medicine: Gut Bugs, Bleeders & More
• Judicious Use of Antimicrobials
• Medical Maladies of the Horse: How to Find and Treat Them
Future AAEP Conventions

Dec. 1-5, 2018 – San Francisco, CA
Dec. 7-11, 2019 – Denver, CO
Dec. 5-9, 2020 – Las Vegas, NV
AAEP Welfare Issues

1. Soring Issues in Walking and Gaited horses
   - Amendment for HPA (Horse Protection Act) on hold with new administration
   - Basically the amendment would end the use of “action” devices on the feet and legs of horses
   - Also get rid of “DQP” (designated qualified person) for monitoring this issue
   - Broad congressional support again on legislation — but key committee positions held by KY and TN representatives
2. Racing medications
   - AAEP has “10 point plan” to positively impact health and welfare of racehorses
   - AAEP opposes new legislation which would ban the use of Lasix. The AAEP support Lasix use for the welfare of the horse
AAEP Welfare Issues

3. Carriage Horse Industry
   - AAEP monitoring this issue and supports the use of horses in urban environments
   - The NY carriage horses are still in business but being monitored heavily in NY and other cities
4. Endurance horse riding
   – AAEP continues to monitor and provide input as needed

5. Rodeo
   – Chuck wagon racing

6. Lay Teeth Floaters
   – Large potential for welfare of horse with use of untrained lay dental technicians
AAEP Welfare Issues

7. AAEP to hold a strategic planning session with its Welfare and Public Policy Council in the spring of 2018 to develop strategies for addressing the many equine welfare issues.
AAEP and AAEP Foundation took a lead role to partner with equine industry stakeholders to raise funds and provide support starting with Hurricane Harvey, then Irma, Maria, fires in Montana and now in California.
Disaster Relief Efforts

AAEP Foundation has raised nearly $200,000 since Hurricane Harvey first hit.

Support being provided to Texas and Florida, but Puerto Rico and Virgin Island are needing majority of the support.
Thank You
See you in San Antonio!!