

47th LAKE TAHOE EQUINE CONFERENCE

JANUARY 26-30, 2026

Hyatt Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, Nevada



This conference will provide in-depth presentations on:

- Equine ophthalmology including standing ophthalmic surgery, equine uveitis, ocular neoplasia, and exam of the eye for prepurchase.
- Equine lameness exam, including the use of sedatives to facilitate examination, and updates on studies with newer treatments: orthobiologics and polyacrylamides. Also, septic arthritis – To refer or not.
- Prepurchase examination tips for interpreting basic and advanced imaging and communicating your findings.
- Dentistry of the older horse and complex dental disorders.
- Infectious disease update – Disease outbreaks and maximizing the value for your diagnostic tests

Presentations by outstanding speakers will provide you with up-to-date practical clinical information for the equine practitioner. This course is **approved** for **20 hours of CE credit** in jurisdictions that recognize AAVSB's RACE approval.

The evening social programs will provide valuable networking with practitioners, speakers and sponsors sharing their experiences / stories. In between the morning and evening sessions participants can enjoy the beautiful Lake Tahoe area. Downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, and hiking are some of the activities available. Others may choose to just relax in one of the most beautiful mountainous areas in the world or to enjoy the various Lake Tahoe attractions or the pool and spa. Participants are encouraged to bring their family and friends or come alone!

FOOD: Light breakfast, coffee and tea are served in the Exhibit Hall every morning and appetizers and beverages each evening before lectures.

CLIMATE & CLOTHING: Casual and informal attire is appropriate for daytime and evening dress. Prepare for mountain weather.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Lake Tahoe. ***These rooms will be held until January 5, 2026.*** Reservations can be made using the link on the website LakeTahoeEquineConference.com. Reno International Airport is 38 miles from the Hyatt Lake Tahoe. Car rentals are available in Reno.

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Speakers

Richard McMullan, Dr.Med.Vet, Dipl ACVO, Dipl ECVO - *Professor, University of Zurich, Switzerland*

Lauren Charnock, DVM, Dipl ACVO - *Assistant Professor, University of California, Davis*

Carter Judy, DVM, DACVS – *Professor, University of California, Davis*

Matt Durham, DVM, DACVSMR – *Technical Services Veterinarian, Platinum Performance, Marina, CA*

Laurie Goodrich, DVM, PhD, Dipl ACVS – *Professor of Orthopedics, Colorado State University*

Jeffrey Hall, DVM, MS - *Technical Services Veterinarian, Zoetis, President, Mid Coast VMA, San Luis Obispo, CA*

Nicola Pusterla, Dr.Med.Vet, PhD, Dipl ACVIM, Dipl AVDC-Equine - *Professor, University of California, Davis*

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Monday January 26th – Ophthalmology

Sponsored by with Breakfast by

7:00 – 7:45 AM	Richard McMullen: Evaluating ophthalmic emergencies – exam and ocular ultrasonography
8:00 – 8:45 AM	Richard McMullen: Photodynamic therapy for treatment of ocular and periocular neoplasia
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Lauren Charnock: Standing ophthalmic surgery and enucleation
5:15 – 6:30 PM	Richard McMullen: Equine uveitis - Exam – Diagnostics – Treatment options
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Social Hour - Sponsored by Hilltop Biosciences , and Lake Tahoe Equine Conference

Tuesday January 27th – Pre-purchase examination: Tips and Communication of Findings

Sponsored by Platinum Performance and Sound / Antech with Breakfast by

7:00 – 7:45 AM	Richard McMullen: Uveitis (continued)
8:00 – 8:45 AM	Richard McMullen: Interpretation of lens and fundus lesions within the context of a PPE
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Matt Durham: Common radiographic artifacts on pre-purchase examinations
Appetizers 4:45 PM	Sponsor:
5:30 – 6:15 PM	Carter Judy: The pre-sale exam: Pitfalls, problems, and opportunities
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Carter Judy: Utilizing advanced imaging in practice: A practical look at MRI, CT, Scintigraphy and PET for the practitioner

Wednesday January 28th – Equine Lameness and markers for septic arthritis

Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim and Zoetis and with Breakfast by

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Laurie Goodrich: Can we adequately evaluate lameness with sedation “assistance”?
8:15 – 9:00 AM	Laurie Goodrich: Joint sepsis: To refer or not to refer: That is the question.
9:15 – 10:00 AM	Jeffrey Hall: New findings and practical uses of SAA, including update on cutoffs for young horses
Appetizers 4:45	Sponsor:
5:30 - 6:15 PM	Laurie Goodrich: What are the current updates (past 3 years) in orthobiologics and MSC therapies?
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Laurie Goodrich: What is our current understanding of polyacrylamide gel’s effects?

Thursday January 29th – Dentistry and Infectious Disease

Sponsored by MAI and Fluxergy with Breakfast by

7:00 – 7:45 AM	Nicola Pusterla: Age-based dentistry – When, what and how
8:00 – 8:45 AM	Nicola Pusterla: The “ins and outs” of EORTH (incisor disease)
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Nicola Pusterla: How to address sinusitis and empyema of the nasal conchal bullae
Appetizers 4:45	Sponsor:
5:30 – 6:15 PM	Nicola Pusterla: Respiratory viruses- Risk assessment and management for show horses
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Nicola Pusterla: Preventing rotator cuff injuries – Less invasive sample collection techniques

Friday January 30st – Free day