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## 106th Winter Meeting

February 8 – 10, 2013

Hot Springs Convention Center/Embassy Suites

Hot Springs, Arkansas

# MEETING SCHEDULE

## ARKANSAS VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### 106TH WINTER MEETING

February 8-10, 2013 – Hot Springs Convention Center/Embassy Suites  
Hot Springs, AR

#### THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 7, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Outside Hall A</b>
7:00 p.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Embassy Suites – Salon C</b>

#### FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 8, 2013

6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Outside Hall A</b>
7:00 a.m.	Exhibits open with coffee and pastries	<b>Hall A</b>
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Dr. Matt Miller (Small Animal)</b> “Heartworm University – Heartworm Disease/Cardiology”	<b>Room 207-209</b>
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<b>APHIS National Veterinary Accreditation Program Supplemental Training Courses</b> (See attached schedule for modules)	<b>Room 104-105</b>
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Business Luncheon</b>	<b>Back of Exhibit Hall</b>
1:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Dr. Matt Miller (Small Animal)</b> “Heartworm University – Heartworm Disease/Cardiology”	<b>Room 207-209</b>
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Drs. Charles McCauley &amp; Terry Swiderski (Equine)</b> “Review of Clinical Equine Dental Anatomy” “Dental/Oral Examinations” “Equine Dentistry In Private Practice” “Common Equine Dental Conditions” “Routine Equine Dental Techniques” “Case Discussions”	<b>Room 203-204</b> Dr. Charles McCauley Dr. Charles McCauley Dr. Terry Swiderski Dr. Charles McCauley Dr. Terry Swiderski
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Drs. John Gilliam and Melanie Boileau (Large Animal)</b> “Current Issues in Livestock Welfare” “Practical Analgesia in Food Animal Practice-Part 1 & 2” “Field Injectable Anesthesia”	<b>Room 201-202</b> Dr. John Gilliam Dr. John Gilliam Dr. Melanie Boileau
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Poultry Meeting</b>	<b>Room 102-103</b>
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Reovirus Revisited – Dr. Marshall Putnam – CEVA, Dr. Jack Rosenberger-AviServe LLC	
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	BREAK	
1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	APHIS National Veterinary Accreditation Training – Module 17: National Poultry Improvement Plan (Majority vote will select topic for hour two (Module 18 or 2) Module 18: Avian Influenza & Exotic Newcastle Disease Module 2: Role of Agencies & Health Certificates (Primarily Health Certificates) Drs. Becky Brewer, Guy Allen, Albert Leslie, Terry Conger – APHIS	
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	BREAK	
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Rwanda and the One Egg Project – Dr. Bret Rings – Cobb Vantress, Inc.	

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4:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Hobby Fowl Diseases and Diagnostics for the Private Veterinary Practitioner – Dr. Dustin Clark – University of Arkansas Poultry Science Department	
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Exhibits Grand Opening and Welcoming Reception	Hall A
6:30 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Closed	
<b>SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 9, 2013</b>		
6:30 a.m.	<b>Past Presidents Breakfast</b> – (By Invitation Only)	<b>Embassy Suites Salon C</b>
7:00 a.m.	Exhibits open with coffee and pastries	Hall A
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Outside Hall A Room 207-209</b>
8:00 a.m. – Noon	<b>Dr. Jim Humphries (Practice Management)</b> “Strategic Marketing / Communications – From Coupons to Facebook”	
8:00 a.m. – Noon	<b>Drs. Charles McCauley &amp; Terry Swiderski (Equine)</b> Equine Lab (Limited to 8 pre-registered attendees) <b>PRE-REGISTERED event – Held OFF SITE</b>	<b>Off Site</b>
8:00 a.m. – Noon	<b>Drs. John Gilliam, Clemance Chako, Melanie Boileau (Large Animal)</b> “Clinical Neurology in Food Animal Practice” “Anaplasmosis: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Control” “An Update on Gastrointestinal Motility Modification in Ruminants” “Challenging Cases in Bovine Medicine”	<b>Room 201-202</b> Dr. John Gilliam Dr. Melanie Boileau Dr. Clemance Chako Dr. Melanie Boileau
7:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.	<b>Vet Tech Meeting</b>	<b>Room 203-204</b>
7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Meeting rooms open / Registration / Join AVTA	
7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Welcome	
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	Vertebral Heart Scoring – Boehringer Ingelheim	
9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Canine Behavior – Dr. Haygood – Elanco Animal Health	
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Exotic Animal Restraint and Handling – Ashley Davenport, CVT	
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch – ON YOUR OWN	
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Personalities in the Work Place – Dr. James Hurrell, Director, Penn Foster Vet Tech Program	
2:25 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Animal Go Wild on X-Rays – Dr. James Hurrell	
3:25 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Money Management for the Veterinary Technician – Dr. James Hurrell	
4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	AVTA Business Meeting	
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Awards Luncheon</b>	<b>Back of Exhibit Hall</b>
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Dr. Eric Storey (Small Animal)</b> “Retinal Diseases & Small Animal Ophthalmology”	<b>Room 207-209</b>
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Drs. John Gilliam, Clemance Chako, Melanie Boileau (Large Animal)</b> “Pinkeye: A New Look At an Old Disease” “Improving the Quality of Care: Diagnostics Matter” “Review of Current Scientific Literature Part I” “Review of Current Scientific Literature Part II”	<b>Room 201-202</b> Dr. Melanie Boileau Dr. Clemance Chako Dr. John Gilliam Dr. John Gilliam
5:30 p.m.	<b>Foundation Board Meeting</b>	<b>Arlington Board Room</b>
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<b>LSU Reception (All School Alumni Welcome)</b>	<b>Embassy Suites Salon B &amp; C</b>
6:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Moves Out	

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## SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 10, 2013

7:00 a.m.	Coffee and pastries	Outside Room 201
7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Inspirational Service	Room 203-204
8:00 a.m. – Noon	Dr. Leah Cohn (Small Animal) “More Than Just E. Canis: The Increasing Complicated Story of Ehrlichiosis” “Cytauxzoonosis: An Expanding Threat”	Room 207-209
8:00 a.m. – Noon	Drs. Charles McCauley & Terry Swiderski (Equine) Equine Lab continued	Off Site
8:00 a.m. – Noon	Drs. John Gilliam, Clemance Chako, Melanie Boileau (Large Animal) “Update on Selected Foreign Animal Diseases” “Pregnancy Toxemia: Recognition and Management” “Vagal Indigestion Syndrome” “Copper Toxicity in Small Ruminants”	Room 201-202 Dr. John Gilliam Dr. Melanie Boileau Dr. John Gilliam Dr. Melanie Boileau
Noon	Meeting Adjourns	

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## APHIS APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING

### ArVMA 2013 WINTER MEETING

Friday, February 8, 2013

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8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Module 1: Introduction to the National Veterinary Accreditation Program (Accompanying presentation, “How to Use the NVAP Web Site to Manage Your Accreditation”)
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Module 9: Interstate and International Health Certificates for Category I Animals (Open discussion on Category II animals included)
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Panel Discussion: “Interstate and International Health Certificates: How to Protect Your Clients and Your Accreditation.” Q and A included)
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Module 22: Animal Welfare: An Introduction
2:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion: The Role of the Arkansas Veterinary Services Area Office In Support of the Private Practitioner
4:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Module 23: Antibiotic Use in Animals

If you attend all presentations, you will receive 4 Accreditation Module Credits and 6 Arkansas Licensure Continuing Education hours.

Presented by USDA, APHIS, VS, Arkansas Area  
Dr. Becky Brewer-Walker/Area Veterinarian in Charge

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# President's Message

by Scott Smith, DVM

Colleagues:

Another Holiday season has past they seem to come too quickly anymore but as hectic as it is it's still nice to be with loved ones and reflect on the past year and what lies ahead for the future.

This is my last letter as President of ArVMA. It's been a quiet year which is not all bad, our association is always looking out for you but continues to need your support.

There are 5 main ways you can support the ArVMA:

1. Be sure and renew your membership for the new year and include a membership for any associates you may have. It's simple, the bigger our membership the better.

2. Donate to the PAC. When we can help elect legislators who share our views and are good people, ev-



everyone wins. By law you must write a separate check than from your dues.

3. Attend the Winter Meeting in Hot Springs on Feb 8-10. Dr. Kate Williams has put together a great meeting and she will take the reigns as our new President at that time.

Your support of our meeting not only gives you great CE but also helps support the association and keeps that money in the state.

4. Mark your calendar for next

September for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium. The more members from Arkansas who attend the more money comes back to the association plus the CE there is 2nd to none and San Antonio is a great venue.

5. Serve if called. We have vacancies on the board that need to be filled. Volunteer service can be very fulfilling so attend any local meetings and if asked to serve, give it a go.

We are relatively a small and exclusive group and the ArVMA is the only collective voice for our Veterinarians and without money and cooperation, we can do nothing for ourselves. We've come along way in providing quality service to our members and we need to keep that momentum going so support you association in 2013.

*Happy New Year,*

*Scott Smith, DVM*

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 19-23, 2013  
 AVMA Annual Convention  
 Chicago, IL

September 26-29, 2013  
 Southwest Veterinary Symposium  
 San Antonio, TX

January 31 – February 2, 2014  
 ArVMA Winter Meeting  
 Hot Springs, AR

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## RELIEF VETERINARIANS

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Leedom	Kira	845-489-5602	Little Rock	AR
Lombardi	Melissa	501-679-7387	Greenbrier	AR
Meurer	Kevin	501-681-4998	Maumelle	AR
McDonald	Gordon	479-243-6381	Little Rock/Hot Springs	
Morris	Lee	501-250-5632	Maumelle	AR
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Travis	Mikki	501-258-7034	Redfield	AR
Waggener	Deborah	479-434-4740	Ft. Smith	AR
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Veterinary Relief Service		<a href="http://www.vetrelielieveservice.com">www.vetrelielieveservice.com</a>		

# Zoonotic News Update from Arkansas Department of Health

**RABIES:** 2012 was a very active year for rabies in the state. Our normal 20-year average of positive rabid animals is 47; most are rabid skunks (33) and bats (9), and the rest are various domestic animals. However, in 2012, we had 131 rabid animals: skunks (101), bats (22), but we also had 3 bovine, 3 canine, 1 equine and 1 feline. Whenever domestic animals develop rabies, we always have more people involved and exposed.

There were 142 dogs, and over 75 cats exposed to rabid animals, primarily skunks, and of these, 32% of the dogs were current on rabies vaccinations and only 4% of the cats were current. That makes our overall vaccination rate of 22.6% for the year, which is distressing. The beginning of 2013 doesn't look much better. We already (as of January 17) have had 4 rabid skunks at a time of year that we normally do not see either skunks or rabies. Our maps and data going back to 1990 is on our website at <http://www.health.arkansas.gov/programsServices/infectiousDisease/zoonoticDisease/Pages/Rabies.aspx>

**WEST NILE VIRUS (WNV):** As of 2012, I now am overseeing our West Nile Virus program and as luck would have it, we also had a major outbreak of this disease. Most of the U.S.s saw a resurgence of WNV, which had decreased dramatically over the last few years. But this past year we had a total of 64 cases of human WNV with 7 deaths. Cases were widespread across the state. To compare, we had a single case of human WNV in 2011. On the animal side, we had 12 equine cases of WNV and 1 equine case of EEE. We had no equine WNV in 2011 and a single case in each year of 2008-2010. WNV is rarely seen in dogs and cats. It is unlikely that most pet owners would notice any unusual symptoms or behavior in cats or dogs that become infected with WNV. Indeed, 80% of people with WNV show no symptoms at all.

**DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM:** A new act was passed in the last legislative session establishing an Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (Act 304 of 2011). This law requires those who dispense controlled drugs, mostly pharmacies, but many veterinarians as well, to electronically report controlled drugs dispensed beginning March 1, 2013. You will soon be receiving a letter concerning this, and how you will need to comply. The purpose is to enhance patient care by providing prescription monitoring information that will ensure legitimate use of controlled substances in health care and help curtail the misuse and abuse of controlled substances. Since the reporting must be electronic, those clinics without access to a computer and/or internet may find this difficult. Also, the reporting is done weekly, and if no drugs are dispensed, a report of zero must still be sent. When you receive the letter from the pharmacy division of the Health Department, consider whether you want to continue to dispense controlled drugs, or if you will write prescriptions for these in the future. Most human pharmacies do this reporting automatically through their invoicing software. Arkansas was one of the last states to establish a drug monitoring program, so most of the rest of the nation is already doing this. Dr. Andrea Shaw represents veterinarians on the advisory group for this monitoring program.

**VETERINARY MEDICAL WASTE:** ADH is updating its Rules and Regulations Pertaining to The Management of Medical Waste from Generators and Health Care Related Facilities. The current regulations are quite broad and define medical waste as virtually anything generated at a medical clinic, including veterinary clinics. The *proposed* new updated regulations say we need to include all sharps, as well as any animal related wastes (carcasses, body parts, bulk blood and blood products, bedding, etc.) from animals that 'are known or suspected to have a communicable (to humans) disease'. This means that all veterinarians need to use the red sharps containers, as well as potentially keep a medical waste box for those animal related wastes from animals that are known or suspected to have a communicable disease. For example, if you suspect Leptospirosis, the cage papers with urine must be handled as medical waste. What it does NOT mean is that all animal's cage papers must be handled this way on the potential chance that it has Lepto, because we are not testing every animal for Lepto and do not know every animal's status.

January 17, 2013  
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