

**ARKANSAS VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
119TH WINTER MEETING
February 6-8, 2026 – Hot Springs Convention Center/Embassy Suites
Hot Springs, AR**

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 5

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Registration** **Grand Lobby (Main Level down the stairs)**

6:00 p.m. **Board Meeting** **Embassy Suites – Diamond Lakes Room**

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 6

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration** **Grand Lobby (Main Level down the stairs)**

7:00 a.m. **Exhibits open with coffee and pastries** **Hall A**

8:00 a.m. – 11:55 p.m. **USDA National Veterinary Accreditation** **Room 203-204**
(USDA) **Supplemental Training Courses SPRS**

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. **Module 34 – Veterinary Export Health Certification System**

8:50 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. **BREAK**

9:05 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. **Panel Discussion –**

9:55 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. **BREAK**

10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Module 36 – An Introduction to the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)
And Domestic and International Movement of Poultry**

11:10 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. **Panel Discussion – Arkansas Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Update**

8:00 a.m. – 11:55 p.m. **Stith Keiser** **Room 207-208**

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. **Understanding Your Hospital's Financial Health: From Statements to Strategy**

9:05 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. **From Numbers to Know-How: A Profit & Loss Workshop for Practice Leaders**

10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Navigating Start-ups and Acquisitions in Veterinary Practice**

11:10 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. **Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail: Exit Planning and Your Legacy**

10:10 a.m. – 11:55 p.m. **Ray Baas** **Room 201-202**

10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **The Economics of Veterinary Practice Ownership – Part 1**

11:10 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. **The Economics of Veterinary Practice Ownership – Part 2**

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Business Luncheon** **Back of Hall A**

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Appreciation** **Hall A**

1:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **USDA National Veterinary Accreditation Program** **Room 203-204**
(USDA) **Supplemental Training Courses SPRS**

1:45 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. **Module 41 – New World Screwworm**

2:35 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. **BREAK**

2:50 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. **Arkansas Veterinary Licensing Panel Discussion**

3:40 p.m. – 3:55 p.m. **BREAK**

3:55 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. **Updates and Q/A**

1:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Stith Keiser** **Room 209**

1:45 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. **Empower Your Team & Elevate Your Practice**

2:50 p.m. - 3:40 p.m. **The Power of Influence: Driving Change Without Being the Boss**

3:55 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Perfecting Performance Reviews
5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Building Stronger Client Relationships

1:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Kelley Doocy, DVM**

Room 207-208

SMALL ANIMAL

1:45 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. Purrr-spectives in Feline Cardiology: New insights in Feline Cardiomyopathy Treatment
2:50 p.m. - 3:40 p.m. Where Heart and Lungs Collide: Canine Pulmonary Hypertension
3:55 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Beyond the Bowl: Updates on Nutritional Dilated Cardiomyopathy
5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Ask me anything. Q and A with a cardiologist

1:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Trey Neyland, DVM**

Room 201-202

FOOD ANIMAL

1:45 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. Born to Thrive: Calf Neonatology
2:50 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. Dirty Business: Tackling Calf Diarrhea with Smart Herd & Clinical Strategies
3:55 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Coughs, Calves, and Care: Tackling Respiratory Disease
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Bent and Broken Calves: Risks, Assessments, and Options

1:45 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. **Terry Conger, DVM**

Room 102-103

Poultry

1:45 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. Avian Influenza Update
2:50 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. Managing Back Yard Poultry Practice

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Meet & Greet with Your New Lobbyist!!** Embassy Suites - Diamond Lakes Room
Bruce Hawkins with DBH Management

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **LSU Reception** Embassy Suites Hotel - Grand Salon

5:45 p.m. Exhibit Hall Closed

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 7

6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. **~NEW!!~ Sunrise CE – Jennifer Hayden, DVM** Room 201-202
Nutritional Modulation of the GI Microbiome
SPONSORED BY Hill's Pet Nutrition

7:00 a.m. **Past Presidents Breakfast** Embassy Suites-Diamond Lakes Room
(All Past Presidents Welcome)

7:00 a.m. **Exhibits open with coffee and pastries** Hall A

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration** Grand Lobby (Main Level down the stairs)

8:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. **Tony Mutchler, DVM and Bill Saxon, DVM** Room 209
SPONSORED BY IDEXX

8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. IDEXX Cancer Dx Testing – Dr. Tony Mutchler
9:05 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. Pancreatitis: Lipase Is on the Case – Dr. Tony Mutchler
10:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Adrenal Disease: Giving Clarity to the Confusion – Dr. Bill Saxon
11:15 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. Advancing the ABC's of the CBC – Importance of the Hematologic Exam to the Veterinary Patient – Dr. Bill Saxon

8:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. **Alissa St. Blanc, DVM**

Room 207-208

SMALL ANIMAL

8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Surgical Oncology

9:05 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. Acute Wound Management
10:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Antibiotic Use in Soft Tissue Surgery
11:15 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. Gastrointestinal Surgery for the ER Clinician

8:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. **Rose Baker, DVM** **Room 102**
EQUINE

8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Botulism! My experience with the 2022 Equine Botulism Epizootic
9:05 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. Breathing Easy - Current Recommendations for Equine Asthma
10:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. When It's Wobbly: Neurologic Insights in the Equine Athlete
11:15 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. Pain Unbridled: Tackling Discomfort in Horses

8:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. **John Gilliam, DVM** **Room 201-202**
FOOD ANIMAL

8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Herd Level Approach to Common Infectious Diseases in Cattle
9:05 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. Common Toxicities in Food Animal
10:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Welfare Implications of Castration in Calves
11:15 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. BVDV and BHV-1 Vaccination and Reproduction: Review of Current Literature

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Technician (CVT)/Assistant Meeting** **Room 203-204**
Technicians/Assistants

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Check In
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. Annual Member General Board Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Developing Herd Health – Meg Harrington, BS, CVT, VTS
10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Radiology Basics – Lauren Howard
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Critical Care of the Neonate Calf – Meg Harrington, BS, CVT, VTS
12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. LUNCH
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Bandaging 101, Brian Goleman, CVT
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Bandaging 102, Brian Goleman, CVT
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. When Bandaging Goes Wrong, Brian Goleman, CVT
WET LAB/S **ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$50 PER PERSON**
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. Bandaging/Splint Wet Lab (Limit 20 People)
5:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m. Bandaging/Splint Wet Lab (Limit 20 People) - **REPEAT**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **~~~NEW!!~~~ LUNCH AND LEARN – Econologics with Eric Gersch** **Room 201-202**

Noon – 1:15 p.m. **Awards Luncheon** **Back of Hall A**
Guest Speaker: Senator Ron Caldwell

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Exhibit Hall Appreciation **Hall A**

1:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Arturo Otamendi, DVM** **Room 207-209**
Small Animal **NEURO**

1:45 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. Seizures - Emergency Management and Maintenance
2:50 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. Differential Diagnoses of Spinal Diseases
3:55 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Vestibular Dysfunction
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Traumatic Brain Injury and Spinal Trauma

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **ArVMA Legislative Forum** **Room 103**
Open to ALL attendees – Question/Answers

1:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. 102 EQUINE	Michael St. Blanc, DVM	Room
1:45 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Update on Osteochondrosis in Equine Practice	
2:50 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Subchondral Cystic Lesions: Evidence-Based Practices for Equine Clinicians	
3:55 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Equine Colic: A Practitioner’s Guide (Part 1)	
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Equine Colic: A Practitioner’s Guide (Part 2)	
1:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Food Animal	Jennifer Koziol, DVM	Room 201-202
1:45 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Developing Herd Bulls, the Science Behind It	
2:50 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Rebuilding Herds: Development of Heifers	
3:55 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Working through the Infertile Female	
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Navigating Bovine Abortions: Strategies and Solutions	
3:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Moves Out	
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	A-State University College of Vet Medicine Reception - Embassy Suites Diamond Lake Rm.	
	SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 8	
7:00 a.m.	Coffee and pastries	Outside 203-204
7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Inspirational Service Christian Veterinary Mission – Dr. Rocky Lindsey	Room 203-204
8:00 a.m. – Noon SMALL ANIMAL	Bill Miller, DVM Ophthalmology	Room 207-209
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	Feline Ophthalmology	
9:05 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	Uveitis: What it is and What It Is Not	
10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Canine Corneal Ulcers	
11:15 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	Cataracts: Diagnosis and Treatment	
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Health	Laura Rothfeldt, DVM One Health	Room 203-204
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	One Health in Arkansas – Part 1	
9:05 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	One Health in Arkansas – Part 2	
8:00 a.m. – Noon Large Animal	Alli Jennings, DVM	Room 201-202
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	This might be your first rodeo: a crash course in bucking bull medicine Part 1	
9:05 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	This might be your first rodeo: a crash course in bucking bull medicine Part 2	
10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Alternative Medicine and the Large Animal Practitioner	
11:15 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	Transfusion Medicine in Small Ruminants	
Noon	Meeting Adjourns	

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE