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University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs Newsletter



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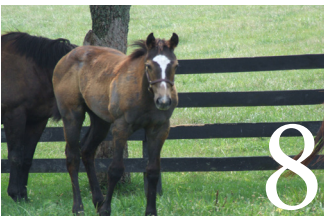
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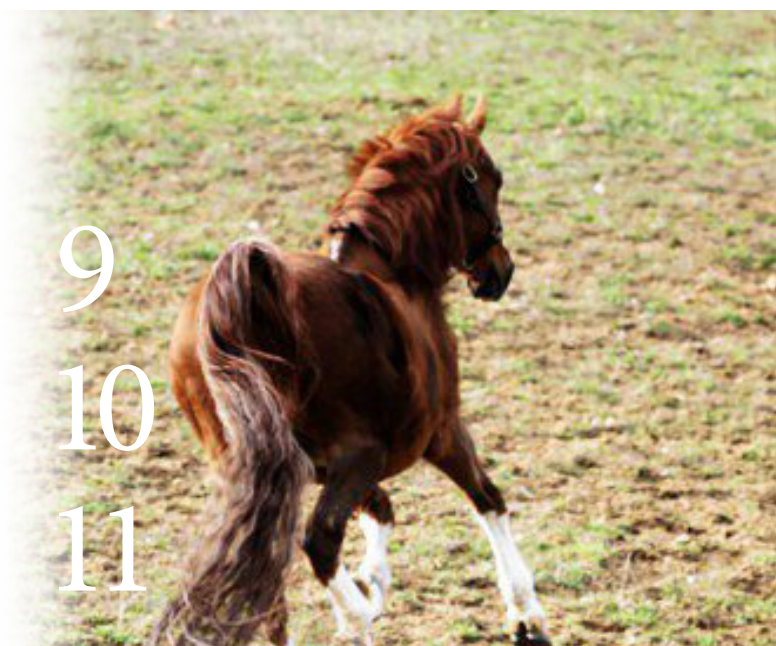
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Welcome

“The secret is here in the present. If you pay attention to the present, you can improve on it. And, if you improve on the present, what comes later will also be better.” –Paul Coelho, *The Alchemist*

The University of Kentucky is full of resources and opportunities. We have all been told to join clubs, participate outside of classes and gain experience with internships. While these opportunities are absolutely vital to improving your present, the value that they hold lies in the connections they give you. The best resource that a university has is the people within it.

When I came to UK, I did not know anyone here. I brought my horse to school, made friends in my K-Crew (I am now living with one of my K-Crew friends for the third year in a row) and had a small study group going. Late in the fall semester, I was piddling around at the barn when I met a girl who has become one of my closest friends. She introduced me to the UK Dressage and Eventing Team (UKDET), where I hung out in the background for much of my freshman year. In the last team meeting that spring semester, I stood up somewhat on a whim and ran for an officer position.

In my years as an officer, I have become ingrained in what I believe is the most wonderful group on campus. I have witnessed these girls come together in the pouring rain and freezing cold to host an Intercollegiate Dressage show, cheer so loudly that they burst the eardrums of bystanders as a UKDET member crosses the finish line or come together to help a team member with a sick horse. I have learned about what teamwork really means, what it is to be part of a team, and how important it is to give back to the equine community that gives UKDET so much.

Through UKDET, I was exposed to many significant people within the equine industry. So, when I started looking for an internship in the spring of my sophomore year, it seemed that the UK Ag Equine Programs simply walked into my life. Alright, they didn't walk in; I did some pulling and begging.

I could write pages about the remarkable people that I work with at the Equine Programs office. They have supported and encouraged me professionally, providing me with invaluable experiences and opportunities. The Equine Programs provides me with a circle of people who want to see me succeed personally and professionally, and are quick to provide me all of the resources I need to do so.

This includes the recommendation to start interning at the Gluck Equine Research Center. At the Gluck Center, I got to expand my network of incredible friends and co-workers. I realized which direction I wanted my career to go, and again found all of the support I need to get there.

Most recently, I have received the privilege of becoming a UK College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment Ambassador. I am already fond of the other Ambassadors and college staff who back the program. Based on my experiences so far, I cannot wait to meet the people who have yet to come into my life.

I have a long list of people who improve my life, and in turn I hope that I am able to positively contribute to their present. At the very least, I always appreciate those fantastic people and the opportunities they lead me to. I hope that you too have had the opportunity to surround yourself with standout individuals. If not, I recommend that you look around and you might just be surprised who is willing to improve your present.



Hannah Forte
UK Ag Equine Programs Communication Intern

Upcoming Events:

August 19

See Blue U orientation for new international freshmen

August 20

See Blue U orientation for new freshman & transfer students

August 21

See Blue U orientation for new international transfer students

August 24

See Blue U orientation for new freshman & transfer students

August 25

Last day to cancel registration or drop classes for full refund

August 25

College of Agriculture Food and Environment meeting

August 26

First day of classes

August 27,

UK Department of Veterinary Science Equine Diagnostic and Research Seminar Series, 4 p.m.

Topic: Joint Therapy; Speaker: Wayne McIlwraith, Colorado State University

UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

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Industry Spotlight

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Wiemers comes from an extensive equine background, both as the typical girl obsessed with horses as well as someone who has been lucky enough to have her profession and her equine passion intersect at times in her career. Wiemers grew up riding and showing Paint horses. She also was lucky enough to grow up near a national forest and had the opportunity to trail ride quite a bit. In college, she was one of the founders of her university's equestrian team, which went on to win national championships and became an NCAA team at New Mexico State University. During that time, she also competed on NMSU's horse judging team and even dabbled in some polo. After moving to Colorado, one of the jobs she had was in public relations for what is now the Arabian Horse Association. Wiemers currently has one of her three childhood horses left at their farm in Paris. He's now 31 years old, and is joined by a pony for Wiemers' daughter, an old retired roping horse for her son, a Quarter Horse mare and a pasture ornament.

Wiemers earned two bachelor's degrees, in biology and communication studies, with a minor in journalism, from New Mexico State University. She then earned her master's in integrated marketing communications from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Wiemers came to her role as communications director for the UK Ag Equine Programs in 2006, shortly after she and her husband moved from Boulder.

"I always joke that I found my job at a horse race," Wiemers said. "But really, it's all about being in the right place at the right time, finding some very good people to network with and having experience and education line up just right."

Wiemers thanks Craig Carter, current director of the University of Kentucky Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, who asked about her career plans for her new location at that horse race and forwarded her resume to the right people. Prior to coming to UK, Wiemers worked in higher education, public relations and the equine industry, which as it turned out, meshed very well with what was needed for her current position.

In her current role as communications director, Wiemers oversees the UK Ag Equine Programs' marketing communications functions, including the planning and implementation of those elements. That includes the integration and oversight of equine media relations, public relations, communications planning and the equine communication campaign execution through news releases, newsletters, advertising, social media, website presence, marketing collateral, events, displays, partnerships and fundraising.

When asked what her hobbies are, Wiemers said, "I'm at that stage in my life where I am really busy supporting everyone else's hobbies, so I guess that's my hobby for now!"

Wiemers has an 8-year-old daughter and a 5-year-old son, and between their time in Pony Club, swim team, cross country and school, as well as her husband's Ironman triathlon training and events, Wiemers said she is really happy when she can occasionally get to ride just for herself.

"Life is hectic and crazy, and I wouldn't have it any other way," Wiemers said.



Turning two passions into one career

Hannah Forte

Amanda Swider recently graduated from the University of Kentucky in May with dual degrees in equine science and management and pre-medicine. With her sights set on medical school, Swider was looking for an internship that combined both of her majors with her passions. Central Kentucky Riding for Hope (CKRH) proved to be the perfect fit, combining experience with hippotherapy and horses; interacting with children was just an added bonus.

“CKRH showed me how my skills and interest in medicine can be applied outside of the medical field and combined with horses,” Swider said.

Originally from Canton, Mich., Swider rode western and gymkhana with her high school equestrian team and local 4-H. When choosing a college, Swider was attracted to UK because of the mix of a larger campus and city with the small community feel of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

“Amanda has always been a standout as a student,” said lecturer and internship coordinator Elizabeth LaBonty, “Seeing her interest in working with the children at CKRH was as inspirational as it was rewarding. CKRH is a staple in our community and anytime we can partner with them, it greatly benefits our students.”

According to Swider, CKRH offered more than a typical internship because it combined so many different aspects. In each lesson, Swider would lead the horse or sidewalk next to the rider. Her role as a leader was to tack up, including any special equipment for the rider, and warm up the horse, then lead the horse during the lesson. As a sidewalker, Swider was able to work with each rider, encouraging independence and helping increase their skills, while making sure they were safe and listening.

Swider said, “Horses are incredible animals, and have great patience with the riders. It really takes a special horse to participate in therapeutic riding lessons.”

When asked to talk about her favorite part of the internship, Swider said that she enjoyed watching riders progress. Whether it was a rider learning to steer and stop, use vocal commands, or, in particular, a boy who became strong in signing his commands because he could not talk.

Now that she has completed her internship and graduated, Swider is continuing her education by applying to medical school.



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Headrick has started a blog (thewildhusker: the journeys of a Kentucky boy headed west to discover life and himself) to chronicle his time as he starts this next chapter. Following is a tidbit from his blog.



This was a place for Wildcats

Posted on July 21, 2015 by headrickjay

For just over 10 years, I have made the morning commute across Mason Headley onto Waller and then crossing the street to walk into Ag Science North on the University of Kentucky campus.

But today was that last commute in in this role. Today was the last walk into the building. Today is my last day at the University of Kentucky. For now. Maybe ever.

To read it in its entirety, go to https://thewildhusker.wordpress.com/2015/07/21/this-was-a-place-for-wildcats/?fb_action_ids=10102901828923500&fb_action_types=news.publishes



Hannah Forte, a communications intern with the University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs and Gluck Equine Research Center, was awarded first place in the equine-related student journalism category at the American Horse Publications seminar awards dinner June 20 in San Antonio, Texas. Forte was the only award winner in the category. She is an undergraduate at UK majoring in community and leadership development with an emphasis in agriculture communications.



Hats Off to Kentucky's Horse Industry

Hats Off to Kentucky's Horse Industry Day, a celebration of the horse and its impact on the state of Kentucky hosted by Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, was held July 25 at the Kentucky Horse Park. The day offered fun family activities, including arts and crafts for children, pony rides, interactive educational booths, and equestrian competition. UK Ag Equine Programs has participated in the event for the past nine years.



Lori Garkovich greeted attendees and spoke about UK Ag Equine Programs.



Deb Maples brought several specimens from the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, which captured attendees' attention.



Even the dogs wanted to see how tall they were, with Dr. Coleman's "Are you as tall as a horse?" game.

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McPeck Racing specializes in selection, management and training of Thoroughbred racehorses. McPeck serves on the board of UK Ag Equine Programs and has been training racehorses since 1985.



Kenny McPeck gives a talk about selecting yearlings.



Bob Coleman talks about footing at the Equine Farm & Facilities Expo.

Palli named chair of UK Department of Entomology

Katie Pratt

A professor with a passion for developing environmentally sound pest control methods is the new chair of the Department of Entomology in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Reddy Palli is no stranger to the department, having served as a faculty member since 2002. He assumed his new role July 1 and will also serve as the state entomologist.

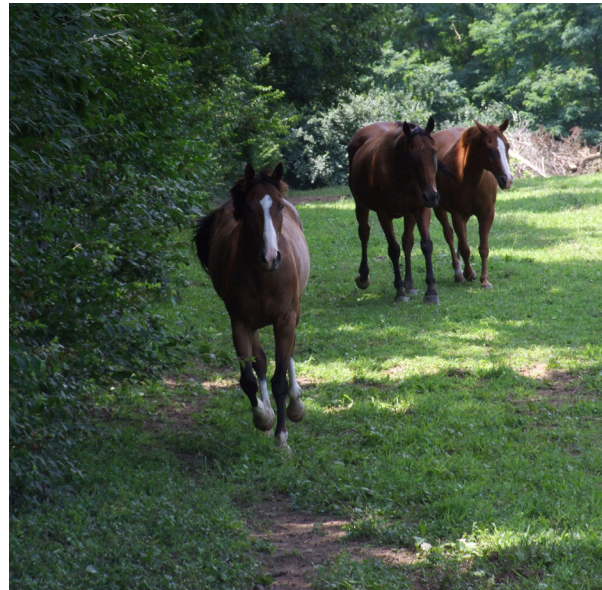
A native of India, Palli developed his passion for entomology as a child while watching his father farm. It was in India that he saw the impact improper use of pesticides could have on people's health. He has spent his career trying to find innovative ways to control troublesome insects.

“Reddy is an outstanding scientist who has made many contributions to the entomology department already,” said Nancy Cox, college dean. “He has support of his colleagues to be their new leader, and there will be a seamless transition between him and former chair John Obrycki.”

Within the entomology profession, Palli is best known for developing RNA interference technology that kills insect pests and fights resistance to insecticides, particularly in beetles and bed bugs. A gene switch technology he developed may have important human health implications and is in phase 3 clinical trials to fight cancer in humans.

Palli is the co-director of the Center for Arthropod Management Technologies, a National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center.

He has received numerous awards for his research and in 2014, was named a fellow of the Entomology Society of America for his outstanding contributions to the field. He has published 130 peer-reviewed journal articles, 20 book chapters, co-edited a book and is a co-inventor on 28 patents.



UK Equine Law Conference held in April

Laura A. D'Angelo, JD, MBA, partner at the Lexington Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP office

On April 29-30, 2015, the UK College of Law held its 30th annual National Equine Law Conference in Lexington, Ky. The annual law conference attracts more than 180 participants from 35 states and typically two to three international countries.

The event was chaired by 1996 University of Kentucky Law School graduate Laura D'Angelo, JD, MBA, partner at the Lexington office of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP. The conference attracted well-known speakers from California, North Carolina, New York, Kentucky, Washington D.C., Tennessee, Maryland, and Michigan.

The annual event covers wide-ranging legal topics related to the horse industry and is traditionally attended by lawyers, bankers, accountants, insurance brokers, as well as agents' students and business people.

Topics this year ranged from medications in racing and sport horse fields to understanding equine insurance provisions and current hot topics facing racing commissions – including the enforceability of out-of-competition testing rules, enforceability of application of house rules at racetracks, equine tax issues, fraud in horse sales, annual equine case law update, and a federal legislative update.

The conference is held annually on the Wednesday and Thursday prior to Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby weekend. Please watch the University of Kentucky College of Law continuing legal education's website for details on the 2016 program and registration. For the past four years, the event has been held at Keeneland race course and will be held there again in 2016.



Chris Kay, CEO of New York Racing Authority was the lunch speaker.



Laura D'Angelo introducing the racing regulator panel.



Attendees of the law conference.

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Hannah Forte

Many equine researchers from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment attended the Equine Science Society (ESS) symposium on May 26-29, in St. Pete Beach, Fla. The National Association of Equine Affiliated Academics (NAEAA) was held on the front end of the ESS symposium May 26.

ESS is held every two years in different locations and promotes quality research on equine nutrition and reproductive physiology production and management, teaching and extension. The event is set up to establish effective communication among researchers, teachers, extension, and production personnel.

Ernie Bailey, professor in the department of veterinary science at the UK Gluck Equine Research Center, was an invited speaker and presented a full-length paper titled “Genetics After Twilight,” about the next step in genetics. The title references Bailey’s past work, sequencing the entire equine genome on the Thoroughbred mare, Twilight. Bailey’s paper discusses how functional genomics can be used to answer biological questions. Functional genomics is relevant to all areas of equine studies, including immunology, nutrition, reproduction, exercise physiology, and veterinary medicine.

Laurie Lawrence, professor in the department of animal and food sciences at the UK, received the Equine Nutrition Research Award during the symposium. The award was sponsored by the American Feed Industry Association, and acknowledges Lawrence’s achievements and contributions to the equine industry. Lawrence’s international research on equine nutrition has most recently concentrated on pasture-based feeding and forage for both young and mature horses.

Other abstracts that were authored and/or co-authored by UK faculty and students included:

Undergraduate student research:

- Effects of horse age and feeding status on AMPK activation in horses by S.E. Sivinski, A.L. Wagner, S.L. Tanner, T. Brewster-Barnes, and K.L. Urschel.
- Tumor necrosis factor- α gene expression before and after exercise in middle-aged and older horses by M.M. Darby (Morehead State), S.R. Malone (Morehead State), D.W. Horohov, and D.E. Chappell (Morehead State).
- Demographics, body condition scores, and owner bodyweight estimations of adult draft and warmblood horse breeds by A.M. Hansen (University of Minnesota), D.N. Catalano (University of Minnesota), R.J. Coleman, M.R. Hathaway (University of Minnesota), A.K. Rendahl (University of Minnesota), and K.L. Martinson (University of Minnesota).

Exercise Physiology:

- Post-exercise dietary supplementation leads to improved muscle recovery in fatigued horses by R.D. Jacobs (Virginia Tech), R.K. Splan (Virginia Tech), K.L. Urschel, S. Mastellar (South Dakota State University), and A.L. Wagner (Cooperative Research Farms).

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Nutrition:

- Exogenous lactobacilli mitigate microbial changes associated with grain fermentation in vitro by B.E. Harlow, L.M. Lawrence, I.A. Kagan, P.A. Harris (Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition), and M.D. Flythe.
- Comparison of inflammation, nutritional status, muscle mass, pituitary function, and age in geriatric horses by M.H. Siard, A. Betancourt, P.A. Harris (Waltham Centre), A.D. Moffett (MARS Horsecare US, Inc.), K.E. McMurry, S.E. Reedy, and A.A. Adams.
- Postprandial changes in plasma urea nitrogen concentrations in response to amino acid supplementation in horses by C.M. Latham, T. Brewster-Barnes, K.L. Urschel, and A.L. Wagner (Cooperative Research Farms).
- Using the indicator amino acid oxidation technique to study threonine requirements in horses by C.H. Mok, T. Brewster-Barnes, and K.L. Urschel.
- Accounting for variation in phosphorus digestibility estimates by A.L. Fowler, B.E. Harlow, M.B. Pyles, S.H. Hayes, A.D. Crum, and L.M. Lawrence.
- Application of mathematical multi-compartmental models to digesta retention parameters in horses by T.L. Hansen, A.L. Fowler, B.E. Harlow, V. Bill, V. Stilwell, A. Crum, S.H. Hayes, and L.M. Lawrence.
- The effect of n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids (DHA) and prebiotic supplementation on inflammatory cytokine production and immune responses to vaccination in old horses by A.A. Adams, K.R. Vineyard (Purina), M.E. Gordon (Purina), S. Reedy, M.H. Siard, and D.W. Horohov.
- Evaluation of apparent total tract digestibility and glycemic responses to processed corn in non-exercised Thoroughbred horses by C. Whitehouse (KER), J.D. Pagan (KER), R.J. Coleman, B. Waldrige (KER), O.L. Yates (KER), S.W. Garling (KER).
- Effect of storage time and temperature of equine feces on the subsequent enumeration of lactobacilli and cellulolytic bacteria by B.E. Harlow, L.M. Lawrence, and M.D. Flythe.
- Changes in fecal lactobacilli after a concentrate meal by M.B. Pyles, L.M. Lawrence, and M.D. Flythe.
- Effects of the novel feed additive Phytozen on immune and endocrine function in senior horses by M.H. Siard, A.L. Wagner (Cooperative Research Farms), B. Medina (Laboratoires Phodé), I.D. Girard (Probiotech International), and A.A. Adams.

Production and Management:

- Effects of prolonged dexamethasone treatment on signaling pathways associated with muscle protein degradation in mature horses by C.M.M. Loos, T. Barnes, K.M. Brennan (Alltech), and K.L. Urschel.
- Estimation of actual and ideal bodyweight for adult draft and warmblood horse breeds using morphometric measurements by D.N. Catalano (University of Minnesota), R.J. Coleman, M.R. Hathaway (University of Minnesota), M.E. McCue (University of Minnesota), A.K. Rendahl (University of Minnesota), and K.L. Martinson (University of Minnesota).
- Effect of inulin chain length on fermentation by equine fecal bacteria and *Streptococcus bovis* in vitro by B.E. Harlow, L.M. Lawrence, I.A. Kagan, and M.D. Flythe.
- Characterization of lipid and inflammatory profiles in horses with equine metabolic syndrome by S.E. Elzinga, P.L. Wood (Lincoln Memorial University), and A.A. Adams.

Reproductive Physiology:

- Effects of feeding a yeast-based supplement containing selenized yeast, vitamin E and a DHA-rich microalgae on sperm motion characteristics by L.D. Goedde, K.M. Brennan (Alltech), B.A. Ball, L.M. Lawrence, M.H. Troedsson, and E.L. Squires.
- Determination of peripheral progesterone concentrations in the late pregnant mare based upon immunoassays and liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry by M.A.A. Wynn, E.L. Legacki (UC Davis), A.J. Conley (UC Davis), S.A. Loux, A. Esteller-Vico, S.D. Stanley (UC Davis), E.L. Squires, M.H. Troedsson, and B.A. Ball.
- Non-targeted lipidomics of stallion spermatozoa: Effect of dietary docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) by P.L. Wood (Lincoln Memorial University), K.E. Scoggin, B.A. Ball, L.M. Lawrence, M.H. Troedsson, L.D. Goedde, K.M. Brennan (Alltech), and E.L. Squires.

Teaching and Extension Graduate Student Competition:

- Effectiveness of eXtension online webinars as educational tools for current horse industry issues by K.E. Pulec (University of Nebraska), K.P. Anderson (University of Nebraska), C. Skelly (Michigan State University), C.M. Brady (Purdue), B.J. McIntosh (Virginia Tech), G.A. Shelle (Michigan State), A. Griffin, and E.A. Greene (University of Vermont).
- Prevention of horse-related injuries: Where education efforts should be focused by F.C. Camargo, W.R. Gombeski, Jr., P. Barger (Certified Horsemanship Association), C. Jehlick (U.S. Pony Clubs), H. Wiemers, J. Mead, and K.A. Lawyer.
- Factors associated with persistence in the animal and food sciences degree program at the University of Kentucky: From Animal Science 101 to the capstone class by M.G. Rossano, S.V. Burk (Otterbein), A.M. Leed, W.J. Silvia, A.J. Pescatore, and E.S. Vanzant.

UK Ag Equine Programs participates in 2015 NAJYRC jump decorating contest

The North American Junior and Young Rider Championships is held annually at the Kentucky Horse Park. For the second year in a row, a cross county jump decorating contest provided the opportunity for UK Ag Equine Programs to participate in the international event.

Each contest participant was assigned a fence from the second phase of the Junior or Young Rider Eventing competition, cross county. The contest rules were simple: to decorate the fence while maintaining safety.

UK Ag Equine Programs was assigned fence number 13 on the course. The jump was decorated with a Triple Crown theme, featuring all of the Triple Crown horses decorated in their stable's silk colors, along with the UK Ag Equine Programs banner.



June's Bluegrass Equine Digest

Check out the June issue of the Bluegrass Equine Digest, a free, monthly electronic newsletter dedicated to providing up-to-date information on equine research from the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in collaboration with TheHorse.com and sponsored by Zoetis. This month's stories can be found at http://www.thehorse.com/enews/bluegrass-equine-digest/PDF/BED-Jul2015.pdf?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=bluegrass-equine-digest&utm_campaign=07-26-2015.

- Slobbers in Horses
- Potomac Horse Fever Cases and Testing
- Mares Could Have Role in Foal EPE Development
- The Ergot Alkaloid Enigma
- UK Gluck Center to Host Immunology Symposium in November
- Equine Tyzzer's Disease Update: January 1993-April 2015
- Advanced Grazing School to Focus on Warm-Season Annuals

Kentucky Horse Council Announces Return of Kentucky Equine Networking Association

Katy Ross, Executive Director

Source: Edited News Release

The Kentucky Horse Council has announced the return of the popular Kentucky Equine Networking Association (KENA) on Aug. 18, 2015, at Fasig-Tipton in Lexington, Ky. KENA is a dinner and educational series open to both equine professionals and horse owners and will feature a networking reception from 5:30-6 p.m., followed by dinner with the main speaker from 6-8 p.m..

The group, focused on the Kentucky sport, and pleasure horse community, is charged with the mission of providing an educational and social venue for equine professionals and horse enthusiasts from all disciplines. KENA, which is supported by the UK Ag Equine Programs and the Kentucky Horse Council, provides the opportunity for attendees to share ideas and business strategies and to obtain up-to-date knowledge on horse and farm management.

Presented by Zoetis, the Aug. 18 educational topic will be “Biosecurity and Vaccination: Evaluating Flu and Herpes Risk,” presented by Dr. Rob Holland, Director of Zoetis Outcomes Research and a well-known national speaker, who consults worldwide on infectious diseases of the horse.

“We are thrilled to launch the return of KENA to reunite all segments of the horse industry in Kentucky,” said Katy Ross, Kentucky Horse Council Executive Director. “Bringing together the entire horse industry has always been and will remain a major goal of the Kentucky Horse Council, and this is a big step in the right direction.”

The Kentucky Equine Networking Association welcomes all Kentucky horse owners, professionals and enthusiasts to attend the Aug. 18 event. For details and reservations, visit www.kentuckyhorse.org.



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