

2026 Virginia Horse Council Educational Seminar & Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 21st

Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
205 Duck Pond Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0442

Commons Room

- 9:00 a.m. Check-in, Registration, Breakfast, Networking & Silent Auction opens
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Start of Program
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Annual Meeting
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Adjourn & pick-up Silent Auction Items

Track #1 (Room 100) Optimizing Your Horse's Physical and Mental Health

- 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. **Update on Equine Nutrition**
Tommy Barron (Cargill)
- 11:15 - 12:00 p.m. **Dental Health and Recognizing Dental Problems**
Hannah Fink, Equine Dentist
- 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. **Gastric Ulcer Risk and Prevention**
Dr. Ana Rangel

Track #2 (Room 102) Update on Equine Diseases and Services

- 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. **Understanding Equine Herpes Virus Myeloencephalopathy (EHM)**
Dr. Katie Wilson
- 11:15 - 12:00 p.m. **Updates on Anaplasma, Lyme and New Tick Species in Virginia**
Dr. Sharon Witonsky
- 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. **Managing Equine Health Emergencies**
Dr. Carla Enriquez and Dr. Bob McCarthy

Track #3 (Room 291) Youth Track, Careers in the Horse Industry

- 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. **Panel: Careers Working with Horses**
Kirsten Denney (Vet Tech), Annaliese Parra (Vet Tech), Michael Marciano (Vet student/Farrier intern), Hannah Fink (Equine Dentist)
- 11:15 – 12:00 p.m. **Panel: Pathway to Becoming an Equine Veterinarian**
Virginia Tech Veterinary Students
- 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. **Working with Equine Assisted Activities and Rescue Programs**
Jo Anne Miller, Lynda McGarry, Sharra Houston, ACO

Registration is open now at www.virginiahorsecouncil.org. The cost for members is \$35, \$10 for Youth and \$55 for non-members (*includes one-year 2026 Virginia Horse Council membership). Continental breakfast and lunch are included. A silent auction (***bidding will end at 1:45 p.m.-cash/checks only**) and door prizes will also highlight the day! All checks and mailed registrations should be made payable to

Virginia Horse Council and sent to

Attention: Reney Stanley, 16157 Pug Swamp Lane, Beaverdam, VA 23015

For more information call 1-888-467-7382

Please register no later than Thursday, March 12th to guarantee reserved lunch.

Tours of the Farrier Building with a demo and the MDL Lab 1 Specimens and Technique Lab will be offered to participants at the conclusion of the tracks.

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