

Get acquainted with 2012 AAEP President Dr. John Mitchell

The AAEP proudly introduces members of the association to 2012 President Dr. John Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell was inducted to the presidency Nov. 21 during the AAEP's 57th Annual Convention in San Antonio.

Since 1975, Dr. Mitchell has worked as a racetrack and pleasure horse practitioner in Boca Raton, Fla. His focus has been the care of Standardbred racehorses at Pompano Park Racetrack. Throughout many years of service and leadership to the association, Dr. Mitchell has provided the AAEP with valuable insight into racehorse welfare, veterinary ethics and practice management.



Dr. John Mitchell takes office during the President's Luncheon at the 57th Annual Convention in San Antonio.

Dr. Mitchell was born in the small farming and coal mining town of Cadiz, Ohio. The son of the local banker, he grew up two doors down from general practitioner Dr. F.L. Rogers, who would become an influential mentor throughout his youth. Dr. Mitchell was drawn to the life of a veterinarian, recalling his dream was to "be like Doc."

Dr. Mitchell attended The Ohio State University where he received his veterinary degree in 1972. That same year, Dr. Mitchell became a member of the AAEP and attended his first Annual Convention in Chicago. In 1973, Dr. Mitchell completed an equine internship at Auburn University in Alabama. He and his wife Lynne relocated to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he joined a start-up racetrack practice. Shortly after, Dr. Mitchell established his own racetrack and pleasure horse practice, Equine Associates, in Boca Raton.

Dr. Mitchell was forced to learn on-the-job about the business of running a successful equine practice, confronting ethical issues, client education and practice management challenges. His passion remained working hands-on with clients and their horses. Using financial principles he learned from his father, he worked with his clients to make the most economical decisions regarding horse health care.

After 10 years operating his practice, Dr. Mitchell decided to downsize and concentrate predominantly on Standardbred

care as a solo practitioner at the racetrack, Dr. Mitchell became a mentor to many interns and associates at the track, guiding young practitioners to planning for secure financial futures.

Dr. Mitchell stepped away from veterinary practice in 1994 to travel and enjoy life with Lynne. Lynne passed away from complications with Multiple Sclerosis in 2004.

In 2002, Dr. Mitchell returned to practice part-time during the winter months at Pompano Park. He was appointed to the AAEP Executive Committee as treasurer from 2002 to 2006. He's been actively involved in AAEP initiatives including the implementation of the AAEP's first Practice Management Seminar, a meeting he chaired in 2002. Dr. Mitchell has served as a member of the Educational Programs, Racing, Practice Management and Foundation Advisory committees.

Dr. Mitchell retired from practicing at Pompano Park in spring 2011. When he's not traveling the world with his wife Melodie, who he married in 2008, or working on behalf of the AAEP, he is spending time with sons Todd and Kyle and his grandson James.



Dr. Mitchell and his wife Melodie enjoy family, photography and traveling.

Dr. Mitchell considers the AAEP his professional family. His AAEP-member colleagues have guided him through ethical decisions and practice scenarios for more than 40 years. During his term as president, Dr. Mitchell hopes to make more members aware of the resources and camaraderie that he has benefited from through his involvement in the AAEP. He wants more members to experience value that an AAEP membership can add to their professional lives.

Welcome, Dr. Mitchell!



The AAEP celebrates all members performing "good works" to help horses

Throughout 2011, the Good Works For Horses Campaign recognized compassionate veterinarians who have volunteered their expertise to help horses and their local equine communities. The AAEP recognizes the following members who were nominated for the campaign last year. Thank you for your selfless service to the horse and your equine community.





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AAEP member becomes a Bayer "Legend" during 57th Annual Convention

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Bayer HealthCare LLC, Animal Health Division presented AAEP member Dr. Tanja Molby with the second annual Bayer Animal Health *Legend of the Year* Award Nov. 19 during the 57th Annual Convention in San Antonio.



The Bayer Animal Health *Legend of the Year* Award recognizes veterinary professionals who provide equitarian aid or exceptional care for horses in need. Dr. Molby was recognized for her efforts in helping create the Michigan Equine

Foundation, which assists horses and their owners with veterinary care and hay when facing economic hardship. The award, a \$5,000 donation to the winner's equine organization of choice, will go to the Michigan Equine Foundation.



Dr. Tanja Molby



AAEP resources help the "new faces" of equine veterinary medicine

by Beth Biscoe, DVM

As I exited the doors of my veterinary school for the last time, I felt invincible. I had finally achieved what had essentially been a life-time goal and a consuming four-year challenge: I was a doctor of veterinary medicine.

Several weeks later, I arrived at my internship and found it hard to sleep the night before I started work. The reality of being a veterinarian had set in - I was suddenly expected not only to know and apply the information and skills I spent the last four years perfecting, but I was now held accountable for the outcomes of the cases I encoun-



Dr. Beth Biscoe

tered. Suddenly "doctor" was not sounding like an accomplishment, but a frightening responsibility.

The transition from student to veterinarian is a challenging one. Completing an internship certainly eased that transition for me. Although the transition from intern to associate veterinarian was much the same, at this stage I realized that I really was on my own. I had no back-up veterinarian to call or intern mate to lean on.

This is when my connections to the AAEP became especially important to me as a young veterinarian. When I encountered a case that confused me, I always had a colleague or mentor to call on. When after only a year of practice it became necessary to find a new job, I found valuable advice in conversations with my mentors. These mentors and friends were people that I had met along my path: professors, specialists from the practice where I did my internship, and even my intern mates and fellow associates. Of course, the AAEP did not directly make meeting them all possible, but the tie that bound all of these important mentors together was their common involvement in the association.

The AAEP offers valuable connections among equine veterinarians around the world, the country and even within the same practice. The correspondence we receive from the AAEP keeps us all in the same loop, to a degree. We read the same articles, get the same updates on disease outbreaks and attend the same continuing education meetings. Thanks to this leadership from the AAEP, we are therefore better equipped to act in the best interest of the horse. I realize that not every practi-

tioner is fortunate enough to find good mentorship early in their career, and I consider myself lucky to have done so. Nonetheless, I would argue that the connection possibilities offered through the AAEP can make such interactions possible for all practitioners. Simply reaching out to colleagues on an AAEP online discussion list, e-mailing a local specialist or chatting with the veterinarian next to you during a lecture could open doors that may not have been evident before.

The new subcommittee of the Membership Development Committee, coined the Young Equine Practitioners (or YEP), is a testament to the ability of our organization to adapt to a changing membership and to promote the connections that are vital among colleagues. The goal of the YEP group is to aid in the transition of new equine veterinarians from their years in school, internships or residencies to life in the working world, providing a support structure that will hopefully keep more equine practitioners within the profession for the longterm. This group will present an outlet for young equine veterinarians to interact within a confined group and will help to meet the specific needs of the new practitioner. Some of the ways the group envisions doing this include offering continuing education specifically directed towards new veterinarians, organizing networking events at the Annual Convention or other large conferences, and establishing a separate listsery for YEP members to discuss issues relevant to them in a smaller online environment.

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It is very important that the AAEP invest in this demographic as we are the new faces of the association and the profession. Preparing young practitioners to move forward and become the leadership of the organization is critical. The formation of the YEP is an important step in assisting new equine practitioners to not only become better veterinarians, but to become better colleagues, leaders and eventually mentors ourselves.

Dr. Beth Biscoe is a radiology resident at Washington State University. A 2006 graduate of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Biscoe completed a fellowship in large animal ultrasound at UC-Davis and an internship at Blue Ridge Equine Clinic. She is a member of the Young Equine Practitioners subcommittee.

If you would like to learn more about AAEP resources for young practitioners or join the YEP subcommittee, contact Nick Altwies at naltwies@aaep.org.







Special thanks to auction donors and buyers for the 15th Annual AAEP Foundation Celebration

The AAEP Foundation thanks the following groups and individuals who donated items to the live and silent auctions or purchased auction items during the 15th Annual AAEP Foundation Celebration Nov. 21. Your contributions raised more than \$80,000 to help horses through the benevolence, student scholarships and the equine community.



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Policy on tail alteration approved by AAEP board

The AAEP board of directors approved a new policy on tail alteration at its Nov. 17 meeting in San Antonio. The policy was developed and submitted for consideration by the Equine Welfare Committee.

AAEP Policy on Tail Alteration in Horses

The American Association of Equine Practitioners is opposed to the alteration of the tail of the horse for cosmetic or competitive purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, docking, nicking (i.e., cutting) and blocking. When performed for cosmetic purposes, these procedures do not contribute to the health of the horse and are primarily used for gain in the show ring (nicking/cutting, blocking and docking) or because of historical custom (docking). When a

horse's tail becomes injured or diseased and requires medical or surgical intervention for the health of the horse, it should be performed by a licensed veterinarian.

The AAEP encourages all breed associations and disciplines to establish and enforce guidelines to eliminate these practices. Members of AAEP should educate their clients about the potential health risks and welfare concerns involving these procedures.

Sport horse practitioners should adhere to new USEF drug regulations New regulations on the use of therapeutic drugs came into effect Dec. 1, 2011

Motivated by its commitment to the welfare of the horse, the United States Equestrian Federation Board of Directors voted to amend its Therapeutic Drug Rule and restrict use to a single NSAID beginning Dec. 1

a single NSAID beginning Dec. 1, 2011. Both the AAEP and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) supported the rule change, and the USEF now joins other organizations including the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and Equine Canada in implementing this important rule change.



Beginning Dec. 1, 2011, only one of the seven approved Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs listed in the USEF Rule GR 410.4 is now permitted to be present in the same plasma or urine sample. Revisions have been made regarding detection times of some of the therapeutic drugs used on competition horses. Most notably, the detection time for the seven NSAIDs currently approved for use with quantitative restrictions has been reduced from seven days to three days, when administered according to the dose and time recommendations found on pages 12-14 of the 2012 USEF Guidelines for Drugs & Medications.

Other important changes include:

Emergency Use of Flunixin (Banamine®) Following the move to allow only one NSAID to be present in the same plasma or urine sample of a horse in competition, and acting on the USEF Veterinary Committee's recommendation, the USEF Board of Directors approved a rule provision allowing for

the emergency administration of flunixin (Banamine®) by a veterinarian to treat colic or an ophthalmic emergency.

Anabolic Steroids Re-Classified as Forbidden Substance

Also effective Dec. 1, 2011, anabolic steroids are considered a Forbidden Substance under the USEF Therapeutic Rule. No anabolic steroid is to be administered to a horse or pony in the time before com-



petition such that it, or any metabolite of it, might be present in the animal, or might be detectable in its blood or urine sample at the time of competition.

FEI banned substances

The FEI Clean Sport initiative inspired changes to USEF GR 409, which affect the rules governing FEI discipline competition at USEF Licensed Competitions. It is important to carefully review the FEI rules at this link and the FEI Forbidden Substance at www.feicleansport.org/prohibited.html.

With all of these important rule changes taking effect for the new competition year, the USEF encourages veterinarians to take the time to carefully review the Guidelines for How Long Drugs Remain Detectable. To request a copy of the 2012 USEF Drugs & Medications Guidelines, contact the USEF at (859) 258-2472.



Nominate an exemplary colleague or group for an AAEP award

The AAEP's annual awards were established to honor groups and individuals who have made significant strides toward improving equine welfare and the equine veterinary profession. Nominations are now being accepted for the following 2012 AAEP awards.

- Lavin Cup The Equine Welfare Award
- Distinguished Educator Award
- Distinguished Service Award

- George Stubbs Award
- Sage Kester Beyond the Call Award

Contact Sue Stivers, executive assistant, at sstivers@aaep. org to obtain any of the following award nomination forms. Award nomination forms can also found at www. aaep.org/annual_awards.htm. Nominations for the following awards must be received in the AAEP office no later than May 15, 2012.

AAEP recognizes outgoing members of committees and task forces

The strength of the AAEP is credited to the many dedicated volunteers who take time away from their practices to serve the association. Thanks to the following members whose service on a particular AAEP committee or task force ended in 2011.

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Members of the AAEP and other individuals are invited to submit scientific papers, "how to" papers, 250-word abstracts, business papers and review papers for consideration for presentation during the 58th AAEP Annual Convention in Anaheim, Calif., Dec. 1-5, 2012. Types of paper accepted include:

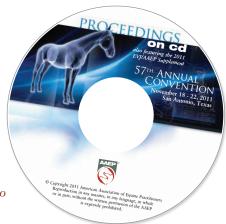
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For complete considerations and ethical guidelines, visit www.aaep.org. To submit a paper, go to http://aaep2012. abstractcentral.com. All papers must be submitted online by March 15, 2012, 3 p.m. ET and adhere to the instructions for authors. If you have any questions regarding the Annual Convention and abstract submission, contact Carey Ross at cross@aaep.org.

Submit paper for publication in the AAEP/EVJ Supplement

In 2012, AAEP will partner with *Equine Veterinary Journal* to publish manuscripts from presentations made at the Annual

The 2011 Proceedings book and a CD-Rom including the 2011 EVJ Supplement have been mailed to all members who did not attend the Annual Convention.



Convention. In order to have their papers considered for publication in the Supplement and as an oral presentation at the Annual Convention, authors must submit a full manuscript to *EVJ* and a separate abstract of their work to the AAEP. The deadline for receipt of the full manuscript to *EVJ* is Feb. 11, 2012; the deadline for receipt of abstracts for presentation at the Annual Convention is March 15, 2012, 3 p.m. ET.

Author guidelines for submitting full manuscripts for the 2012 EVJ/AAEP Supplement are at wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/evj. If you have any questions regarding the EVJ/AAEP Supplement, contact Sue Wright at sue@evj.co.uk. The review processes for the AAEP Convention and EVJ/AAEP supplement will occur independently.

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Remembrances



Dr. Woody Asbury

Dr. Atwood C. "Woody" Asbury, an AAEP member and consultant to the Grayson Jockey Club Research Foundation, died Nov. 17 in Versailles, Ky. He was 80.

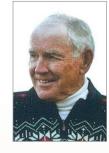
Dr. Asbury graduated with top honors from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1956 and practiced large

animal veterinary medicine in California. He also served as a faculty member at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of California-Davis. In 1977 he helped develop the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida, where he held numerous faculty positions including chief of staff of the Veterinary Hospital and chairman of Large Animal Clinical Sciences.

After retiring in 1996, Dr. Asbury and his wife Clare relocated to Kentucky where they bred horses and he consulted with the Grayson Jockey Club Research Foundation. Among the horses bred and raced by the couple is current graded stakes winner Gleam of Hope.

Dr. Manuel Gilman

Dr. Manuel Gilman, a prominent racetrack veterinarian who served in many official capacities over 46 years, died Nov. 25, 2011, at 91. An AAEP member since 1965, Dr. Gilman was the chief examining veterinarian for the New York Racing Association (NYRA) during his career. He also served as the general manager of Louis and Patrice Wolfson's Harbor View Farm, the director of the U.S. Jockey Club and finally as Jockey Club steward at the NYRA racetracks.



Dr. George Platt

AAEP member Dr. George Platt, DVM, passed away in September 2011 at the age of 76. Dr. Platt lived and worked as an equine veterinarian in Eagle County, Colo., for many years.

Dr. Platt is survived by his wife of 21 years, Cornelia Platt; his children from his marriage to Nancy Gilman, Kelley (Platt) and her husband, Michael Hurst,

Connie (Platt) and her husband, Andy Erickson, and son Andy Platt and his wife, Angie. Dr. Platt is also survived by his children from his marriage to Cornelia Platt, Ross Easterling and Betsy (Easterling) Rectenwald.

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11: Minicourse on Embryo Recovery and Transfer in the Mare Held at Equine Reproduction Concepts, LLC, a reproduction facility located in Amissville, Va. For additional information, visit www.equinereproduction.com, call (540) 937-9832 or e-mail info@equinereproduction.com.

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14-17: Individual Experience with Ultrasounding In-House Mares Visit www.equinereproduction.com.

March

9-11: Open Danish/Nordic Championship for Farriers More information available at www.hovpleje.dk.

16-17: NEPA: Conditions and Treatment of the Equine Joint Speakers include Dr. Wayne McIlwraith. Located in Mt. Bachelor Village, Bend, Ore. Visit www.nepavet.com for more information.

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February

3-5: Advanced Equine Magnetic Resonance Days 2012 Instructors include Jean-Marie Denoix, Sue Dyson, Rachel Murray, Thorben Schulze and Natasha Werpy. For more information, visit www.agpferd.com.

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