

The 8th Equine Sports Medicine Symposium Schedule

Focus on Breathing Easier

Friday, August 21, 2026 & Saturday, August 22, 2026

Sponsored by the Carolina Equine Sports Medicine Education Foundation

Chatham County Convention Center, Pittsboro, North Carolina

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Friday Morning, August 21st - Moderator: Dr. Bob Meyer

8:30-8:50 CESMEF Welcome and Updates

8:50-9:40 *Asthma in horses and humans: Understanding Types of Asthma and Why it Matters*

Katie Sheats, DVM, PhD, DACVIM- LAIM, PGCHE,

9:40-9:50 Zoetis, Emily Kendrick - 9:50-10:00 Break/Visit Sponsor Booths

10:00-10:50 *Diagnosis of Equine Asthma: From the Field to the Research Lab*

Laurent Couëtil, DVM, PhD, DACVIM- LAIM,

10:50-11:00 Nutramax Laboratories, Liz Rigby - 11:00-11:10 Break, Visit Sponsor Booths

11:10-12:00 *Strategies for Optimal Management and Treatment of Equine Asthma*

Laurent Couëtil, DVM, PhD, DACVIM- LAIM

12:00-1:00 Lunch -Thank you to our Lunch Sponsors:

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Friday Afternoon, August 21st - Moderator: Lauren Schnabel/Meghann Lustgarten

1:00-1:50 *Results from two NC State Equine Airway Studies on Pneumonia and Asthma*, Beth Cooper, DVM, PhD

1:50-2:00 PulseVet - Trudy Gage - 2:00-2:10 Break/Visit Sponsor Booths

2:10-3:00 *Exploring the latest advances in EIPH*, Laurent Couëtil, DVM, PhD, DACVIM- LAIM,

3:00-3:20 CESMEF Student Scholarship Award Winner & Research Grant Award Winner

3:20-3:30 Arthramid by Conturavet, Trish Brosman - 3:30-3:40 Break/Visit Sponsor Booths

3:40-4:30 *Athletic Impacts of Pneumonia: From Diagnosis and Treatment to Outcomes*

Katie Sheats, DVM, PhD, DACVIM- LAIM, PGCHE

4:30-5:30 Panel/Case Discussion (Drs. Sheats and Couëtil)

6:00 - Group Social & Dinner hosted by Merck Animal Health & DECHRA -Drinks/Taco Bar, discussion of Hot Topics in the Equine Industry. Carolina Brewery, 120 Lowes Drive, Suite 100, Pittsboro, NC.

Saturday Morning, August 22nd - Moderator: Fernando Cardenas

9:00-9:50 *Preparing DVM Students for Equine Practice - Current and Future Goals*

Katie Sheats, DVM, PhD, DACVIM- LAIM, PGCHE,

9:50-10:00 American Regent – Adequan, Valerie Arcuri - 10:00-10:10 Break/Visit Sponsor Booths

10:10-11:00 *The Rider's Effect on a Horse's Soundness – A Performance Science Approach to Equine Welfare*, Tony Sandoval, MS, Exercise Science, Certified Strength and Conditioning

11:00-11:10 Equine Performance Labs, *Innovative umbilical tissue allograft (equicenta™ CTM) case applications*, Dr. Alicia Bertone

11:10-12:00 *The Rider's Effect on a Horse's Soundness – Case Examples*, Tony Sandoval, MS, Exercise Science, Certified Strength and Conditioning

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Saturday afternoon, August 22nd - Moderator: Travis Blackwelder

1:00-1:50 *Dealing with Common Hoof Distortions; Understanding the Biomechanics*, Pete Healey, APF-1,

1:50-2:00 Soft-Ride – Every horse deserves Soft-Ride Boots - 2:00-2:10 Break/Visit Sponsor Booths

2:10-3:00 *Identifying and Proactive Farriery for Subclinical Laminitis. Mechanical considerations for clinical cases*, Pete Healey, APF-1

3:00-3:10 Break/Visit Sponsors

3:10-4:00 *Case Studies Related to Distortions and Laminitis*, Pete Healey, APF-1

4:00-5:00 Panel Discussion – (T. Sandoval, P. Healey, Dr. Mansmann)

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August 20 & 21, 2027 – Mark your calendars now!**