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Equine Metabolic Disease, Neonatal Health and Disaster Management Conference
Veterinarians Only (CE Credit, 8 hours)

COLLEGE STATION – Veterinarians seeking information on equine metabolic disease, neonatal health and disaster management will have an opportunity to attend a day-long continuing education program focusing on these topics on February 26, 2010 at Texas A&M University. This conference will provide veterinarians with 8 hours of continuing education credit.

This workshop will be held at the Louis Pearce Pavilion on the campus of Texas A&M University and begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration. Information will be presented on the following topics: Disaster Management, Establishing Large Animal Evacuation Shelters, Traumatic Equine Injuries, Neonatal Immunology, Neonatal Health/Disease, Genetic Related Disorders and Equine Metabolic Syndrome Research Project, Feeding Strategies for Metabolic Diseases, and an Equine Metabolic Syndrome Panel Discussion.

Instruction will be provided by faculty from TAMU College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, North Dakota State University Department of Animal Science and TAMU Equine Science Section of the Animal Science Department.

You must pre-register to attend the workshop. Registration includes printed materials, light breakfast and noon meal. Program begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration. The cost for this conference is $175.00 and online registration will be accepted through February 15, 2010. Late online registration is $190.00 and will be accepted from February 16 through February 19, 2010. Registration at the door is $200.00. For more information, contact Dr. Brett D. Scott at (979) 845-1562, or email him at bdscott@ag.tamu.edu.

For registration information, please visit AgriLife Extension Conference Services at http://agrilifeevents.tamu.edu/. Key Word - Equine
**Equine Metabolic Disease, Neonatal Health and Disaster Management Conference**

**Friday, February 26, 2010**

**Louis Pearce Pavilion - Texas A&M University Campus**

**Agenda**

8:00 .......... Registration - Coffee and Light Breakfast
8:15 .......... Disaster Management – Dr. Wesley Bissett, *College of Veterinary Medicine, Large Animal Clinical Services*. Are you and your practice prepared for a disaster situation?
9:15 .......... Establishing Large Animal Evacuation Shelters – Dr. Brett Scott, *Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Extension Horse Specialist*. Can your area support a large animal evacuation shelter or should you consider evacuation?
10:15 .......... Break
10:30 .......... Traumatic Equine Injuries – Dr. Carolyn Arnold, *College of Veterinary Medicine, Large Animal Clinical Services*. Are you prepared to treat the traumatic equine injuries that can arise in your practice?
11:30 .......... Neonatal Immunology - Dr. Carrie Hammer, *North Dakota State University, Department of Animal Science*. Do your clients understand the importance of passive immunity and strategies available to compensate for failure of transfer?
12:30 .......... Lunch
1:30 .......... Neonatal Health/Disease - Dr. Keith Chaffin, *College of Veterinary Medicine, Large Animal Clinical Services*. What are some of the common ailments that a foal may encounter early in life and what is your role in prevention and treatment?
2:30 .......... Genetic Related Disorders and Equine Metabolic Syndrome Research Project – Dr. Molly McCue, *University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, Equine Center*. What are some of the more prevalent equine genetic diseases and how can your client’s horses be tested for these diseases?
3:30 .......... Feeding Strategies for Metabolic Diseases – Dr. Josie Coverdale, *College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Department of Animal Science*. Helping your clients develop feeding management strategies for horses diagnosed with a metabolic disease.
4:30 .......... Equine Metabolic Syndrome Panel Discussion – All of the presenters
5:30 .......... Adjourn