

## Adult Education 2015

This year started off busy with Region 9 getting to host the first in a new series of adult education clinics. This year was a first trying two clinicians and Betsy Steiner and Kathy Connelly could not have worked more well together! Everyone who came enjoyed their wonderful teaching and how easy to understand they both were. All the riders let ecstatic and super happy they applied to ride!

The committee has also approached the Board of Governors with ideas about hosting more education meetings at the annual convention and what times we thought possible were. This year the national veterinary meeting is going on the same time as the convention in Vegas so we hope to have many speak with us.

After the board meeting we were told this by Victoria from USDF~

We've been busy here the last few weeks working to get all of the education together for convention.

We are definitely adding in sessions and working with as many of the sponsors as we can to send vets rather than just reps.

Right now this is who we know we have coming:

Dr. Richard Mitchell , DVM, MRCVS (Preventive care and maintenance)  
Dr. Kent Allen , DVM  
Dr. C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM  
Dr. Hilary Clayton, BVMS, PhD, DACVSMR, MRCVS (Footing)  
Dr. Victoria Maxwell, DVM (Adequan)  
Dr. Heather Farmer , DVM (Alternative Therapies)  
Dr. Grant Myhre, DVM  
Dr. Duncan Peters, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVSMR

The others we haven't set in stone their topics.

Almost all of the education is going to run Friday night and Saturday. We've added 3 or 4 sessions to the overall schedule with reducing BOG on Saturday and adding a Wednesday night session. We will be running without a lunch on Saturday it looks like and running as late as we can before the banquet.

We had originally planned to have 2 sessions on Sunday morning, but there ended up being a conflict with a speaker that all the vets wanted to go see at AAEP down the road that morning. But perhaps next year. It's much easier to do Sunday's when we are in the east as there are more flight options.

This year we are planning to film everything ourselves instead of having someone come in to do it. Basically that means I will be filming and won't be able to do much of anything else. We are hoping to have another staff person or two help in each one of the sessions but we might require some volunteers to help with the door. I believe we will be selling tickets to individual education events, so not quite a Saturday only package, but an a la carte system if anyone wants to go to something.

We have already started thinking about ideas for future clinicians for the Adult Ed series and other educational events, please let me know if you have any ideas or someone to add!

Thank you

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