

Joint Efforts



AVCA 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Pointe Hilton, Tapatio Cliffs Resort

NOVEMBER 12—14, PHOENIX, ARIZONA
It's the place to be!

Arizona, Here We Come

Save the Dates—November 12—14, 2010

AVCA Annual Conference. Phoenix, Arizona

2010 AVCA Conference will be bigger and better – the secret is you – attendees and speakers. The take-aways from this conference will provide the attendees knowledge, perspectives, insights and information they can start using when they get back to the office. The AVCA Conference is where ideas and action come together.

Animal labs will be onsite. Horses will be provided by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, a non-profit group. Other rescue and volunteer groups will have dogs available. Your lab fees go toward donations to these groups.

Camaraderie, networking, strong speaker line-up (see page 2), learning at its best. Earn all AVCA approved recertification credits.

Family-friendly Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort, offers a conducive learning environment, great location and welcoming atmosphere. The Resort has luxurious all-suite accommodations with a separate living area. Group rate \$120. 4 restaurants on site—La Cantina: casual Mexican fare, Cascades Café: poolside dining at the Falls, Pointe In Tyme: a contemporary bistro, and the Four diamond Award winning Different Pointe of View restaurant, lounge and bar, also a gift shop with coffee bar.

Resort activities: Salon and Spa, Exercise-workout facility with pool, 4 lighted tennis courts, 3 1/2 acres of shimmering pools, a Jacuzzi, 138 foot waterslide, waterfalls and private cabanas, Award Winning Lookout Mountain 18 hole golf course (Plan on golfing with fellow AVCA'ers, contact AVCA Doctor David Wetzel 760-723-9512 California), hiking, biking and more.

12 miles from Sky Harbor International Airport, Super Shuttle or taxi, 10 miles from Downtown Phoenix, 15 miles from Old Town Scottsdale. For more information on hotel: <http://tapatiocliffshilton.com/> Please book rooms early.

Online registration will be available with links on the AVCA web site for hotel and for conference late June. ☘



AVCA Doctor Ron Leick, DVM, pictured above, Kentucky, allowed us to use his non-profit clients animals for the 2009 labs. He oversaw all the labs as our state licensed veterinarian. Donations (your lab dollars at work) were made to all three organizations.

2009 Annual Conference

A big thanks to our attendees, speakers, exhibitors and volunteers. You made it happen.

The conference kicked off Thursday evening, October 22nd with Hospitality/Registration in the exhibit hall.

AVCA President, Gene Giggelman, DVM opened the conference Friday morning with "Animal Chiropractic – The New Family Practice." Thank you to all our speakers who volunteered their time and leading edge knowledge. It was a privilege to have Carl DeStefano, DC (IL), Garry Dulgar, DC (FL), Gene Giggelman, DVM (TX), Kim Henneman, DVM (UT), Donald Howard, DVM (OR), Ian LaFoon, DVM (CA), Dina LiVolsi, DC (PA), Beverly London, DVM (MI), William Ormston, DVM (TX), Thomas Redenbaugh, DC (TX), and William Schmidt, DC (AR) for our 2009 program. Special thanks to Gaile Daley, DC (GA), Dena Jersild, DVM (IL), Ron Leick, DVM (KY), and Judith Shoemaker, DVM (PA) for their assistance teaching labs.

The Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa, Lexington, Kentucky had an ideal facility for lectures and labs at one location. Special thanks to the hotel and staff.

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Updates, Notices, Events



2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE LINE-UP

Speaking submissions again exceeded the number of available hours. A massive thank you to all who submitted topics this year.

Lecture topics: Contemporary Concepts in Clinical Neurology, Exotics, Canine and Equine Advanced Basic Technique, Equine Podiatry, Hands-on Saddle-Fit, Small Animal Rehabilitation as it relates to animal chiropractic, Neuromuscular Rehabilitation, Philosophy, Clinical Applications of Tensegrity, and more.

We proudly present the 2010 Speakers: Casey Brechtel, DVM, PhD, (TX) Michael Buskohl, DC (IL), Garry Dulgar, DC (FL), Ava Frick, DVM (MO), Donna Gigliotti, DC (NY), Michael Hall, DC (TX), John Hanover, DVM (IL), Amy Hayek, DVM (SC), Racheal Heart, DVM (IL), Doug Lawson, DC (Alberta), Robert Ness, DVM (IL), William Ormston, DVM (TX), Robin Robinett, DVM (TX).

ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC CERTIFICATION COMMISSION (ACCC) NEWS

Professional Practice Analysis. Survey information was compiled last year. Thank you to all who participated in the surveys. Dr. Doug Lawson, will be sharing this information and conducting very important workshops at this year's conference. Please plan to attend the 2010 conference to participate in the workshops. The Professional Practice Analysis defines the profession but you, the practitioner, define the Professional Practice Analysis. Your participation is extremely important.

Referral Updates. If you are not listed on the referral site and certification has not expired, update forms are available on the association web site "Forms" page or contact the office.

2010 Examinations September 17—18. Candidate Handbooks are posted online or can be received by contacting the office. Any doctor successfully graduating the AVCA approved basic animal chiropractic programs are eligible to take the certification examinations at any time.

IS IT YOUR TIME TO SERVE

Leadership Call. Serving as an association leader is both an honor and a reward, but it requires a demonstrated commitment to the organization, its mission and goals. Participating fully in association activities requires extra time to prepare for travel and attend meetings. Leadership requires knowledge, talent, skill, vitality and the ability to make a difference. In the association environment, that translates into a solid track record of contributing to the success of programs, events or projects. Many people contribute their efforts toward the realization of an association's goals and objectives – no one does it alone. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills are essential to effective teamwork.

If you are a qualified candidate, or, know of another AVCA professional member with leadership qualifications and experience, please consider completing a 2010 Call for Leadership Nominations form (web site Forms page). Upcoming positions: Board Director, President Elect, Secretary-Treasurer.

RECERTIFICATION REMINDER

Plan now to get your needed renewal hours at the 2010 Annual Conference November 12—14 in Phoenix, Arizona, or through other AVCA approved CE seminars. Contact the office for your renewal date, forms or questions regarding certification renewals. ‡‡

Remember to lift as you climb.

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They took care of our conference like it was their own event. Many of our doctors made it to the Kentucky Horse Park and Keeneland Race Track. A big highlight of the conference was when Larry Jones, Thoroughbred trainer, addressed the AVCA membership at the end of the annual meeting. Mr. Jones was introduced by his AVCA Certified Doctor, William Schmidt, DC (AR). Dr. Schmidt has provided chiropractic care for Mr. Jones' horses over 20 years.

John Faherty, DC (NC) was awarded a recognition plaque for his time and years of dedication in furthering animal chiropractic health care education as the outgoing chair of the Animal Chiropractic Accreditation Commission (ACAC).

Attendee surveys noted how much the positive atmosphere and energy, the diversity and excellence of the lectures, the overall organization, scheduling, breaks and lunches provided, and an excellent venue of exhibitors were enjoyed. Please visit our 2009 exhibitors online by going to the AVCA web site.

AVCA Doctor Ron Leick, DVM (KY) arranged the labs using his non-profit client's animals Donations (your lab dollars at work) were made to all three organizations. Thank you to the Golden Retriever Rescue and Adoption of Needy Dogs, Lovesome Stables Equitherapy, and Milestones Equestrian Achievement Program. You can visit these non-profit groups online through links provided on the conference page of the association web site. All the labs animals were adjusted after the labs.

A massive thanks to our Lecture Moderators—you add that extra touch. A big thanks also to Debora Renken, our HelmsBriscoe Representative, who negotiated our site, organized and oversaw our AVCA tables and added so many extras to a conference well-run.

The AVCA Get-Together Buffet DJ, Daniel David of 3D Entertainment, not only provided great music and fun activities; he donated back half his fees (\$600) to the Association. Great company, wonderful food. Our DJ was so good that as we were winding down, the wedding party next door came over to see if our DJ and any of our remaining attendees wanted to join them. Their DJ wasn't nearly as much fun.

Thank you AVCA Doctors – your participation added to the quality of the conference. ‡‡



Dr. Tom Redenbaugh's, 2009 Conference, Canine Cranium Lecture demonstration.

AVCA Doctors Rock



Willa Duree, DC, Oklahoma, adjusting "Cornflake." Cornflake placed 5th in the Boer Goat state wide competition. This is pretty stiff competition. His handler is a 12 year old girl who shows against professional goat handlers. Congrats to Cornflake and his owners. Ralph and Liza Garza. Photo credit: photo by BJ Sprague—keepsphoto@hotmail.com

Gaile Daley, DC, Georgia, shares what she believes can be a practice builder. For Dr. Daley it is more something that she feels really good about doing.

Every month she does a 'Give Back' day. She goes to a local horse rescue, Save the Horses, and adjusts 8 to 9 horses/animals for free. Save The Horses is owned by Cheryl Flannagan in Forsyth County Georgia. She rescues any number of species of animals so Dr. Daley never knows what she'll be adjusting until she gets to the facility.

She loves to connect with those animals with every one of her senses. She feels blessed to be around each animal for each one rescued has a story to tell and whatever she can give to serve them for their evolution is a win-win for both

the animal and herself.

The practice builder part comes in as Ms. Flannagan shares with others the fact that AVCA Certified Doctors are the gold standard, having real training and credibility.

We add another AVCA Certified Doctor Mystery Writer to the ranks. Barn Politics, by Philip Marshall aka AVCA Certified Doctor Michael Salewski, is "a mystery novel set in the Hunt Country of Virginia. It contains elements of "House" and "All Creatures Great and Small", though the countryside is less English and much more dangerous. Horses are dying in Hunt Country and Jordan Pascoe, fresh out of vet school, is roped into an investigation."



Check out Barn Politics from our **Amazon.com affiliate link on the association web site.** Any purchases you make by entering Amazon through the affiliate program link puts money in the AVCA coffers. Other AVCA Doctor Authors: Cindy Conway, DC, Ava Frick, DVM, Joyce Harman, DVM,

Doug Knueven, DVM, William Kruesi, DVM, Julie Kaufman, DC, Donna Kelleher, DVM, Michael Salewski, DVM, John Simon, DVM, Sharon L. Willoughby, DVM, DC and MORE. Let us know your titles, so we can add your name to our list. AVCA Doctors are a cut above the rest! ‡‡

Be courageous, contagious and outrageous.

2009 Conference Drawing Winners—Thank You Exhibitors

Congratulations to our grand prize winner AVCA Certified Doctor Rebecca Verna, DVM (VA), winner of the 2010 AVCA Conference Registration. Our other donations and winners are:

Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine—Chinese Veterinary Herbal Handbook: Cindy Buchanan, VMD (PA)

Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine—Chinese Veterinary Herbal Handbook: Banquet giveaway

Cogent Solutions Group, Inc.—2 Pre-event Booster Supplement Syringes: Stephanie Fecht, DVM (OH)

Cogent Solutions Group, Inc.—Hyaluronex 1/2 Gal Horse Supplement: Susan Ferguson, DC (MA)

Cogent Solutions Group, Inc.—Trixsyn Joint Supplement: Banquet giveaway

Cogent Solutions Group, Inc.—Runovia™ Joint Supplement, 72 day supply: Banquet giveaway

Equilite, Inc.—Sore No More® Cooling Clay Poultice: Dina LiVolsi, DC (PA)

Equilite, Inc.—Sore No More® Sports Salve: Denise Coppock, DC (OH)

Equilite, Inc.—Massage Shampoo: Paula Baigros, DC (Argentina)

Golden Flower Chinese Herbs—Herb Book, Bottle of Herb, Yin Care: Wendy Hartman, DVM (NY)

Golden Flower Chinese Herbs—Herb Book, Bottle of Herb, Yin Care: Banquet giveaway

Herbsmith, Inc.—\$55.00 Gift Certificate: Kathy Meenan, DVM (CT)

Herbsmith, Inc.—\$55.00 Gift Certificate: Banquet giveaway

Jubilee Animal Health—Equine and Canine Muscle Charts: Kathy Bohks, DC (CO)

Midwest Microcurrent, LLC—\$100 discount on purchase of Alpha-Stim unit: Darcy Ward, DC (NC)

Musculoskeletal Therapies for Animals—IVIVI tPEMF™ Device: Amanda Rizner, DVM (ME)

Standard Process, Inc.—Equine Mobility Support: Charles Coleman, DVM (WA)

The BioMat Company—Bio Mat Relaxation CD: Daphne Moree, DC (MI)



AVCA Docs "Rock" to the AVCA version of the Y-M-C-A song at the annual banquet in Kentucky. A big thanks to our D.J., Daniel David of Lexington, talent and time putting together a fantastic program for our banquet. He was so good, the wedding reception next door invited him over after our shindig ended, and they already had a D.J.!

Encouraging Words

By Gene F. Giggleman, DVM, AVCA President

Dear Members,

It has been a great year. So much going on and I thank each of you for all you do to support and promote animal chiropractic. Several of the state legislatures have addressed animal chiropractic this year and slowly but surely we are getting the recognition we need. Thank each of you who have helped in these instances. We need you to keep your AVCA informed when you hear of legislative actions happening in your respective states.

Membership is growing, the educational programs are doing the best ever with enrollment numbers being up, animal owners are becoming more aware of the services we offer, conference plans have been in the works with information in this newsletter edition, it is springtime in the great United States of America, life is good. These past two years have been a very good term of office for me and I am sad it is drawing to an end. I look forward to supporting Dr. Leo Rosenberg, the upcoming president, and I know you will support him in his office as well. I hope to see you all at the upcoming annual conference and welcome your phone calls and/or emails if there is anything I can do for you between now and then.

In the spirit of animal health and wellness through chiropractic care,
Gene

THANK YOU 2009 EXHIBITORS

Please visit them on the web — links are on association web site. Our conference partners last year were:

- Brican Systems Corporation
- Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine
- Cogent Solutions Group, Inc.
- Equilite, Inc.
- GLC Direct
- Golden Flower Chinese Herbs
- Herbsmith, Inc.*
- International Veterinary Acupuncture Society
- Jubilee Animal Health*
- Midwest Microcurrent, LLC*
- Musculoskeletal Therapies for Animals
- Standard Process, Inc.
- The BioMat Company*

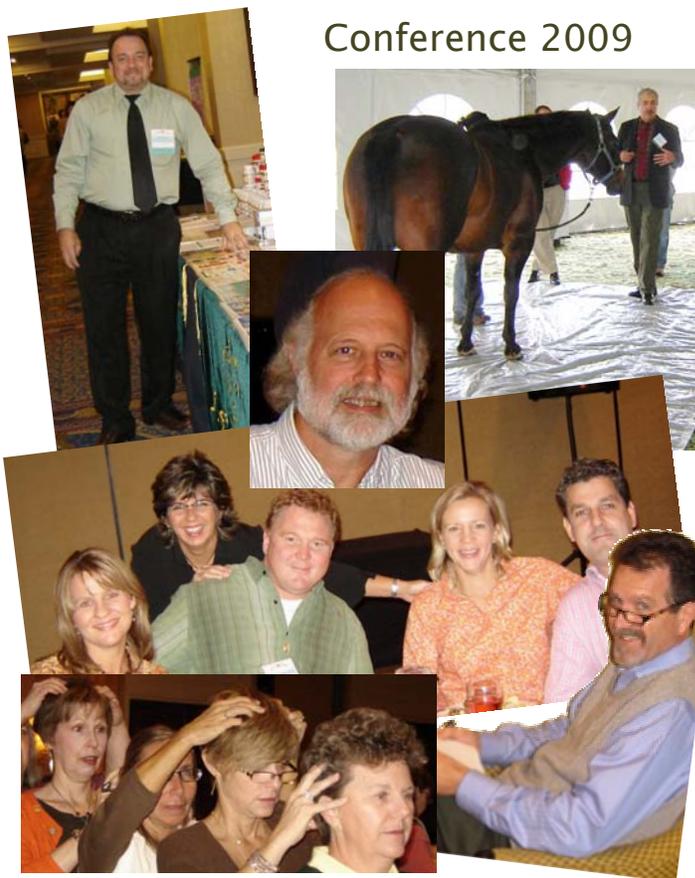
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Submit anything you feel is news worthy or would be of interest to the readers. Make submissions to the AVCA office. We want this to be a newsletter you read and enjoy. Please send any suggestions you feel will make it better.

Conference 2009



Post-Graduate Training in Homeopathy for Veterinarians

The *Professional Course in Veterinary Homeopathy* begins September 9, 2010 in Concord, NH. This is a 5-session training class for veterinarians and veterinary technicians in the clinical application of homeopathic medicine. This course also prepares veterinarians for certification with the Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy.

Topics include emergency treatment, chronic health conditions, auto-immune diseases, cancer, & vaccine-induced disease. Emphasis is on the holistic approach, especially incorporating nutrition in treatment plans.

The primary instructor is Richard H. Pitcairn, DVM, PhD assisted by Wendy Jensen, DVM, Lisa Pesch, DVM, Lisa Melling, DVM and others.



More information is available at the ANHC Education Programs web site — www.drpitcairn.com.

Not Sure If Homeopathy Is For You?

Why not check out our **FREE INTRODUCTORY WEBINARS** on veterinary homeopathy, first one scheduled May 6 at 5 PM pacific. Register at our web site.