

2025 AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference

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****Schedule Subject to Change**

Thursday 8/7/25	Vibrant Dogs on the Move		
	1:30 PM	Conference Welcome	Stephanie Montgomery, DVM, PhD, DACVP; Scott Smith
	1:45 PM	Answering Common Questions from Owners of Active Dogs	Martha G. Cline, DVM, DACVIM
	2:25 PM	Exercise Programs for Pet Dogs	Cynthia M. Otto, DVM, PhD, DACVECC
	3:05 PM	Senior Sporting Dog Health	RuthAnn Lobos, DVM, CCRT, CVAT
	3:45 PM	Afternoon Break	
	4:00 PM	Cooling Hot Dogs! Managing Exercise-Induced Hyperthermia	Cynthia M. Otto, DVM, PhD, DACVECC
	4:40 PM	The Role of Mobility in Canine Healthy Aging	Christopher Frye, DVM, DACVSMR
	5:20 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION	
	5:50 PM	Conference Concludes for the Day	
	7:00/8:00 PM	Welcome Reception & Mixer	
Friday 8/8/25	Connecting Human Medicine for Better Care		
	7:30 AM	Breakfast	
	8:00 AM	Morning announcements	Stephanie Montgomery, DVM, PhD, DACVP
	8:05 AM	Epilepsy: Studies on Imaging, the Gut Microbiome and Cluster Seizure Management	Karen Munana, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)
	8:45 AM	Novel Biomarker for Chronic Kidney Disease in Dogs	Autumn N. Harris, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)
	9:25 AM	Fine-tuning CAR T Therapy for Canine Hematologic Malignancies	Matthew Atherton BVSc, PhD, DECVIM
	10:05 AM	Morning Break	
	10:25 AM	Circulating Cortisol Concentrations in Canine Congestive Heart Failure	Jessica Ward, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)
	11:05 AM	Pain Catastrophizing	Margaret Gruen, DVM, MVPH, PhD, DACVB, Fear Free Certified
	11:45 AM	PANEL DISCUSSION	
	12:00 PM	Lunch	
		Optional Breakout Sessions (in-person only) *Topic Tracks in Process - Stay Tuned for Updates*	
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	1.Elbow Dysplasia and CT vs Traditional Radiography for Dx	Gaby Baers, DVM (OFA)
		2. Offering a Health Clinic at your National Specialty: Why Bother?	Anne Marie Kubacz & Jeanine Wilson (Irish Setter Club of America Foundation)
		3.AKC Purebred Preservation Bank	J. Charles Garvin, MD, FACS, AKC PPB
		4. Running Effective Breed Organizations and Partnering for Canine Health	Chris Miele (President, Golden Retriever Foundation)
		5. The International Partnership for Dogs: A Global Canine Community Empowering Local Actions to Improve Dog Health and Wellbeing	Aimée Llewellyn-Zaidi (Director, Special Projects, IPFD); Marc Ralsky (CEO IPFDs)
	3:00 PM	Afternoon Break	
	3:30 PM	Meet with Trainees (invitation only)	
	4:00 PM	Sessions Conclude for the Day	
	6:00 PM	Veterinary Student Dinner (sponsored by OFA, invitation only)	

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Saturday 8/9/25	Balancing Form and Function for Canine Health	
	7:30 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>
	8:00 AM	OFA Veterinary Student Breakfast
	9:00 AM	<i>Morning announcements</i> Stephanie Montgomery, DVM, PhD, DACVP
	9:05 AM	Respiratory Function Grading Scheme Kathleen M. Ham, DVM, MS, DACVS (SA) and Kelley Thieman, MS, DVM
	9:45 AM	Optimizing Breed-Specific Health Testing Claire Wiley, VMD, DACVIM
	10:25 AM	Spinal Abnormalities Kari Ekenstedt, DVM, PhD
	11:05 AM	<i>Morning Break</i>
	11:25 AM	Is cruciate ligament rupture an injury or a disease? Peter Muir, BVSc, PhD, DACVS, DECVS
	12:05 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
	12:30 PM	<i>Lunch</i>
	Canine Health Making Headlines	
	1:20 PM	<i>Afternoon announcements</i> Stephanie Montgomery, DVM, PhD, DACVP
	1:25 PM	Liver Flukes- how one special Labrador Retriever inspired a community to help hundreds of dogs Kathleen M. Aicher, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)
	2:05 PM	Blastomycosis Jennifer Reinhart, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVM-SAIM, DACVP
	2:45 PM	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
	3:05 PM	TBD TBD
	3:45 PM	Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease David Needle, DVM, DACVP
	4:25 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
	4:55 PM	Conference Concludes for the Day
	6:30 PM	Cocktail Reception
	7:00 PM	Dinner and 2025 Asa Mays, DVM Award Recipient Introduction - (<i>Keynote Presentation</i> : Reducing infections and disease in dogs) Jason Stull, DVM, PhD
	9:00 PM	Conference Wrap-up Stephanie Montgomery, DVM, PhD, DACVP
	Conclusion of 2025 National Parent Club Canine Health Conference	