

2025 AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference

*ALL TIMES LISTED IN EASTERN TIME
**Schedule Subject to Change

Thursday 8/7/25	Vibrant Dogs on the Move		
	1:00 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	Canine Dysautonomia	Jonathan Fox, PhD, DACVP, BCSc
	4:40 PM	Cooling Hot Dogs! Managing Exercise-Induced Hyperthermia	Cynthia M. Otto, DVM, PhD, DACVECC
	5:20 PM	The Role of Mobility in Canine Healthy Aging	Christopher Frye, DVM, DACVSMR
	6:00 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION	
	6:30 PM	Conference Concludes for the Day	
	7:30 PM	Welcome Reception & Mixer	
Friday 8/8/25	Connecting Human Medicine for Better Care		
	7:00 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	The Acid Stress Continuum in Canine Chronic Kidney Disease: Hope for the Future Through Research and Innovation	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	
	12:15 PM	Lunch	
		Vet Students (OFA) - Lunch & Presentation	
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Breakout Sessions (see Breakout Tracks for more information)	
	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)	
Saturday 8/9/25	Balancing Form and Function for Canine Health		
	7:30 AM	Breakfast	
	9:00 AM	Morning announcements	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	From Sweet Peas to Dire Wolves... DNA through the Ages	Claire Wiley, VMD, DACVIM
	10:25 AM	Spinal Abnormalities	Kari Ekenstedt, DVM, PhD
	11:05 AM	Morning Break	
	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	Lunch	
		Canine Health Making Headlines	
	1:20 PM	Afternoon announcements	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	Itraconazole Therapeutic Drug Monitoring in Dogs with Blastomycosis	Jennifer Reinhart, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM-SAIM, DACVP
	2:45 PM	Afternoon Break	
	3:05 PM	Outcomes from Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome Working Group	Natasha Olby, DVM, DACVIM
	3:45 PM	BARDD and The Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex	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 - (Keynote Presentation: Reducing infections and disease in dogs)	Jason Stull, DVM, PhD	
9:00 PM	Conference Wrap-up	Stephanie Montgomery, DVM, PhD, DACVP	
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Friday 8/8/25 BREAKOUT SESSIONS		Optional Breakout Sessions (in-person only)					
		Topic Tracks in Process - Stay Tuned for Updates					
		Breeder Track		Clubs & General Track		Veterinary Team Track	
	1:00 - 1:25	Offering a Health Clinic at your National Specialty: Why Bother?	Anne Marie Kubacz & Jeanine Wilson (Irish Setter Club of America Foundation)	Running Effective Breed Organizations and Partnering for Canine Health	Chris Miele (President, Golden Retriever Foundation)	Elbow Dysplasia and CT vs Traditional Radiography for Dx	Gaby Baers, DVM (OFA)
	1:30 - 1:55	AKC Purebred Preservation Bank	J. Charles Garvin, MD, FACS, AKC PPB	Club Fundraising of Any Size. Now What?	Fleming Samuels (AKC CHF Director of Philanthropy)	From Blood Draws to Breakthroughs: Updates on the Canine Osteosarcoma Early Detection (COED) Study	Jaime Modiano VMD, PhD, Kelly Mekieski, DVM, MS, DACVIM (U of Minnesota)
	2:00 - 2:25	Implementing Changes to Your Breeding Program to Get Results	Jerold Bell, DVM	Offering a Health Clinic at your National Specialty: Why Bother?	Anne Marie Kubacz & Jeanine Wilson (Irish Setter Club of America Foundation)	The International Partnership for Dogs: A Global Canine Community Empowering Local Actions to Improve Dog Health and Wellbeing	Aimee Llewellyn-Zaidi (Director, Special Projects, IPFD); Marc Ralsky (CEO IPFDs)
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