

2025 AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference

*ALL TIMES LISTED IN EASTERN TIME

**Schedule Subject to Change

Vibrant Dogs on the Move		
Thursday 8/7/25	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	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
	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
Welcome Reception & Mixer		
Connecting Human Medicine for Better Care		
Friday 8/8/25	7:00 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>
	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	<i>Morning Break</i>
	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	<i>Lunch</i>
Vet Students (OFA) - Lunch & Presentation		
Breakout Sessions (see Breakout Tracks for more information)		
3:00 PM <i>Afternoon Break</i>		
3:30 PM Meet with Trainers (invitation only)		
4:00 PM Sessions Conclude for the Day		
6:00 PM Veterinary Student Dinner (sponsored by OFA, invitation only)		
Balancing Form and Function for Canine Health		
Saturday 8/9/25	7:30 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>
	9:00 AM	Morning announcements Stephanie Montgomery, DVM, PhD, DACVP
	9:05 AM	Respiratory Function Grading Scheme (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	<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	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, DACVM-SAIM, DACVP
	2:45 PM	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
	3:05 PM	Outcomes from Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome Working Group Natasha Olby, DVM, DACVIM
	3:45 PM	BARDID and The Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex David Needle, DVM, DACVP
	4:25 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
	4:45 PM	Conference Concludes for the Day
	6:30 PM	Cocktail Reception
	7:00 PM	Dinner and 2025 Asa Maye, DVM Award Recipient Introduction - (Keynote Presentation: Reducing infections and disease in dogs) Jason Stull, DVM, PhD
9:00 PM Conference Wrap-up		
Conclusion of 2025 National Parent Club Canine Health Conference		

<i>Optional Breakout Sessions (In-person only)</i>					
<i>*Topic Tracks in Process - Stay Tuned for Updates*</i>					
		Breeder Track		Clubs & General 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 Mekelski, 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 Aimée Llewellyn-Zaidi (Director, Special Projects, IPFD); Marc Ralsky (CEO IPFDs)	
2:30 - 3:00	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)	AKC Purebred Preservation Bank J. Charles Garvin, MD, FACS, AKC PPB		TBD	TBD