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“On Call” Veterinarians to Assist Summer/Fall Racing Telecasts

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American Association of Equine Practitioners’ “On Call” veterinarians will assist the summer and fall seasons of live Thoroughbred, Standardbred and Quarter Horse racing on major television networks. The role of the “On Call” veterinarian is to deliver accurate veterinary information to broadcast and print journalists regarding the health of the equine athlete.

AAEP “On Call” veterinarians will support the following summer and fall racing telecasts as well as the Breeders' Cup:

- **July 25:** Eddie Read Handicap - Dr. Jeff Blea at Del Mar Racecourse
- **August 1:** West Virginia Derby - Dr. Rustin Moore at Mountaineer Park
- **August 2:** Haskell Stakes - Dr. Scott Palmer at Monmouth Park
- **August 8:** Arlington Million and Beverly D. - Dr. Mary Scollay at Arlington; Hambletonian - Dr. Scott Palmer at Meadowlands
- **August 29:** Travers Stakes and King's Bishop - Dr. Stephen Carr at Saratoga
- **September 7:** All-American Futurity - Dr. Marty Ivey at Ruidoso Downs
- **October 10:** Shadwell Turf and Breeder's Futurity - Dr. Rhonda Rathgeber at Keeneland; Goodwood Stakes, Lady's Secret Handicap and Oaktree Mile - Dr. Jeff Blea at Oak Tree
- **October 11:** Juddmonte Spinster and Keeneland Turf - Dr. Mary Scollay at Keeneland
- **October 17:** Pattison Canadian International, E.P. Taylor Stakes and Nartic Stakes - Dr. Robert McMartin at Woodbine
- **October 31:** Bank of America Challenge Championships - Dr. Wayne McIlwraith at Los Alamitos
- **November 6-7:** Breeders' Cup - Drs. Larry Bramlage and Wayne McIlwraith at Santa Anita Park

Since the formation of “On Call” in 1991, more than 30 AAEP members annually volunteer their time and expertise to the program. The program, made possible in part by an annual donation from Oak Tree Racing Association, received the 2009 Special Eclipse Award for outstanding individual contributions to the sport of Thoroughbred racing.

AAEP “On Call” veterinarians also are available to discuss horse health issues outside of the live racing telecasts. For assistance, please contact Sally Baker, AAEP director of marketing and public relations, at sbaker@aaep.org or (859) 233-0147. The AAEP offers its “Media Guide to Equine Sport” online at http://www.aaep.org/media_guide_to_equine_sport.htm.

The American Association of Equine Practitioners, headquartered in Lexington, Ky., was founded in 1954 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of the horse. Currently, the AAEP reaches more than 5 million horse owners through its nearly 10,000 members worldwide and is actively involved in ethics issues, practice management, research and continuing education in the equine veterinary profession and horse industry.

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