



Protecting Your Horse From Mosquito-borne Viruses

A Workshop
For Williamson
County Horse
Owners

**Tuesday, July 1
5:30 to 9 p.m.**

**Williamson County Extension Office
3151 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown**

**No registration fee; But you must pre-register by
calling the Extension office at 521.943.3300 by
12 noon on Monday, June 30.**

Agenda

- 5:30—6 p.m. Registration**
- 6—7 p.m. Protecting Your People**
Catherine Zettel Nalen
Integrated Mosquito Management Program Specialist
Williamson County & Cities Health District
- 7—8 p.m. Mosquitos Around The Stable**
Dr. Sonja Swiger
Livestock/Veterinary Entomologist
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- 8 –9 p.m. Diagnosing West Nile Virus**
Dr. Beau Whitaker
Equine Veterinarian
Dr. T's Equine Clinic, Salado

Speakers

Beau Whitaker received his BS in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University in 1999. He trained horses professionally for a year before starting veterinary school at Texas A&M University. Beau received his DVM in 2005 before completing an internship at Arizona Equine Hospital. Beau worked at the 6666's Ranch after his internship for a short time before coming to Salado where he has worked as an equine veterinarian for 7 years. Beau has diagnosed and treated multiple West Nile positive horses over the years.



Dr. Swiger received her Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of Florida in 2007. She was hired by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in September 2008 as the District 8 Extension Entomologist with an emphasis in livestock/veterinary entomology. She has district-wide responsibility for all entomology issues, state-wide responsibility for livestock/veterinary entomology and is the mosquito information contact for the state.



Sonja assists with planning and conducting education programs in pest management of arthropods and diseases attacking livestock, companion animals and public health. She also assists the public and county agents by addressing all insect-related issues and questions.

Catherine Zettel Nalen received her MS degree in Medical and Veterinary Entomology from the University of Florida in 2009. She has recently joined the Williamson County and Cities Health Department as their Integrated Mosquito Management Program Specialist. Before joining WCCHD, she worked for the USDA's Center for Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology doing research on mosquitoes and other medically important biting flies. Currently, Catherine oversees the Mosquito Management department at WCCHD which includes West Nile virus surveillance and testing, mosquito trapping and identification, and community outreach.



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