

# Registration Form for the 8th Equitarian Workshop



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**Saturday, January 6, 2018 – Saturday, January 13, 2018**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Equitarian Workshop will again be based in the Osa Peninsula in the southwestern part of Costa Rica. This mountainous area is home to the Corcovado National Park, with lush jungle, tropical wildlife, and beautiful beaches. The Workshop is open to veterinarians, veterinary students, veterinary technicians and equine scientists, however, the number of participants is limited, so apply early if you are seriously interested.

## **Logistics:**

Participants need to arrive in the San Jose airport by midmorning on Saturday, January 6, 2018. Based on flight availability, most participants will arrive the day before, Friday, January 5th. You will be met at the airport. Transportation will be provided to the small inn where the team will spend the night before leaving for Puerto Jimenez. Room sharing should be expected. Travel from San Jose to the Osa Peninsula will be via a chartered bus. Any wishing to forego the 6 hour bus ride can pay to fly down in a small plane, which usually costs ~\$250 dollars roundtrip. A brief orientation will be held Saturday evening on arrival.

The small town of Puerto Jimenez will be home base. Lodging will be dormitory style in a large house, with many sleeping on the outside deck under mosquito nets. Some internet access is expected. Meals will also be very simple and prepared by local cooks. Vegetarian accommodations are planned.

The first day in Puerto Jimenez will be spent in the classroom, providing the beginning of the knowledge base and perspective needed for effective work in the rural communities. The instructors are leaders of Equitarian projects and have many years of experience in equine practice for the underserved. Two days of community service will be followed by a second classroom day with a more in-depth curriculum, followed by two more community service days. Informal case discussions will occur in the evening. The four communities with working horses, donkeys and mules are within an hour's drive of Puerto Jimenez. Travel to the communities is by local cattle truck, as the farmers have offered to transport us, our equipment, and supplies. The final morning will cover a discussion of questions related to the experiences and cases during the workshop plus suggestions for the next Workshop.

Participants should expect to work hard in tropical conditions, and live very simply as do the local people. There will likely be a little down time with the opportunity to swim at local beaches or waterfall.

On Saturday, January 23<sup>th</sup>, Workshop participants will return to the San Jose airport in the early afternoon. Depending on weather and destination, flights leaving Saturday evening may be feasible, however, it is safer to plan to stay over Saturday night and leave on Sunday. Of course, there are many

beautiful places to see throughout Costa Rica, so consider some vacation time before or after the Workshop.

Continuing education credit approval will be sought from RACE. The preceding three workshops were RACE approved for over 30 CE credits. Individual state CE approval is an option as well.

The registration fee of \$850 includes all workshop meals, lodging, and transportation during the workshop. NOT included are alcoholic beverages and mandatory evacuation insurance (~\$30 depending on choice of policy).

Please contact Dr. Julie Wilson for more details or if you have any questions:

[info@equitarianinitiative.org](mailto:info@equitarianinitiative.org).

Completed registrations should be sent to Dr. Wilson via email or mail to Equitarian Initiative, PO Box 2143, Stillwater, MN 55082, along with a check for the \$300 deposit. The deposit can also be made via PayPal at wilso011@umn.edu. If you choose PayPal, please put a comment that this is for the Workshop. Deposits are refundable until September 1, 2017. The remainder of the registration fee will be due December 1, 2017.

After the registration and deposit payment are received, participants will be asked to provide a picture and short paragraph to serve as introduction to the other Workshop participants. Other steps will include signing a waiver of liability, code of ethics and conduct, providing proof of evacuation insurance, and a copy of the photo page of your passport. No visa is necessary for American and Canadian citizens for travel to Costa Rica. Citizens of other countries should check Costa Rican regulations.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Opportunity:** Dr. Neil Gray will be leading an auxiliary week-long Equitarian project after the Workshop in another area of Costa Rica in conjunction with Costa Rica Equine Welfare. Workshop participants who are interested in an additional week of Equitarian work should contact Dr. Gray: [neil@ngraydvm.com](mailto:neil@ngraydvm.com) for details and estimated costs. This project will also consider veterinarians that are unable to attend the Workshop.

## 8<sup>th</sup> EQUITARIAN WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Please write legibly, or better yet, type in your information and answers.  
You are welcome to use more than the space provided.

Name:

Profession:

Business Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Cell Phone:

E-Mail:

Emergency Contact:

Relationship:

Emergency contact phone number:

Year of Veterinary/ Veterinary Technician Degree/PhD:

Current Practice Type:

Specialty Training:

Other Horsemanship Skills:

Spanish Language Skills:

Health Constraints:

Special Diet Needs:

Previous International Veterinary Experience:

Why do you want to attend the Equitarian Workshop?

What do you hope to do with the Equitarian skills and experience you gain from the Workshop?

The following should be sent at the same time to the Workshop Registrar:

Dr. Julie Wilson  
Equitarian Initiative  
PO Box 2143  
Stillwater, MN 550  
Email: [wilso011@umn.edu](mailto:wilso011@umn.edu)

1. Completed application form
2. \$300.00 deposit check made out to **Equitarian Initiative**.

This deposit will count towards your registration fee of \$850 or be returned if you do not get a slot in the Workshop or have to cancel before December 1st. The balance of \$550 is due 12/01/17. Space is limited so please submit your registration ASAP.

Alternative is to make your deposit via PayPal. The account is Dr. Wilson's email above. Be sure to put the comment that this is workshop registration.

More logistical information, schedules, packing list and pre-Workshop reference articles to be read will be sent along with other forms to fill out once your registration is accepted.

Contact Dr. Julie Wilson if you have logistical questions: 612-363-2029 or [wilso011@umn.edu](mailto:wilso011@umn.edu)