

DAY 1 – Friday, 17 April 2026

12:00 - 13:00 Registration & Arrival refreshments

Opening	13:00 - 13:05	Welcome and introduction Dr Nicolaas Bester, Oranje Vaal Branch Chairperson
Wildlife	13:05 - 14:05	Cutting edge research on giraffes Prof. Francois Deacon, University of the Free State
Large Animals	14:05 - 14:45	Hemorrhagic tendencies in cattle with emphasis on neonatal calves Dr Vossie Vorster, Vetdiagnostix
Sponsor Showcase	14:45 – 15:00	Understanding co.mpanion Ms Dale Parrish, co.mpanion Veterinary Practices 

15:00 - 15:30 Afternoon refreshments

Small Animals	15:30 - 16:15	Wound Management in Small Animals Dr Ryan Walton, Bryanston Veterinary Hospital
	16:15 – 17:05	The corneal ulcer is not healing, what now? Dr Izak Venter, Digital Veterinary Ophthalmology Services
	17:05 - 17:45	Review on Cruciate Disease Dr Ryan Walton, Bryanston Veterinary Hospital
	17:45	Close of Day 1

18:15 Social Dinner – Partially sponsored by Biofarm
Venue: *Sundowner*




DAY 2 – Saturday, 18 April 2026


08:00 - 08:30 Registration & Arrival refreshments

Opening	08:30 - 08:35	Welcome and introduction Dr Nicolaas Bester, Oranje Vaal Branch Chairperson
Large Animals	08:35 - 09:30	Rumen hypoplasia in South African feedlot lambs Dr Jarred Morris, Octavoscene
Large Animals	09:30 - 10:15	Profitability takes GUTS Dr Bronwen Martin – <i>sponsored by MSD Animal Health</i> 

10:15 – 10:45 Midmorning refreshments

AGM	10:45 - 11:45	Branch AGM - <i>members only</i>
Small Animals	11:45 - 12:30	Ocular ultrasound Dr Izak Venter, Digital Veterinary Ophthalmology Services
Large Animals	12:30 - 13:15	FMD Update Dr Shaun Morris, Octavoscene
Sponsor showcase	13:15 – 13:30	Atop 7 Product lines: A step closer to antibiotic stewardship Dr Rudel Zowitzky, Afrivet 

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch
Lucky draws will take place from 14:15 in the main venue

Small Animals	14:30 - 15:15	Canine mast cell tumors – an update on diagnosis, histology and prognosis Dr Vossie Vorster, Vetdiagnostix – <i>sponsored by Ultra Pet</i> 
Large Animals	15:15 – 16:00	Bovine respiratory disease with focus on pre-weaning calf immunology, metaphylaxis and therapeutic options Dr Jarred Morris, Octavoscene
	16:00	Close of Congress

