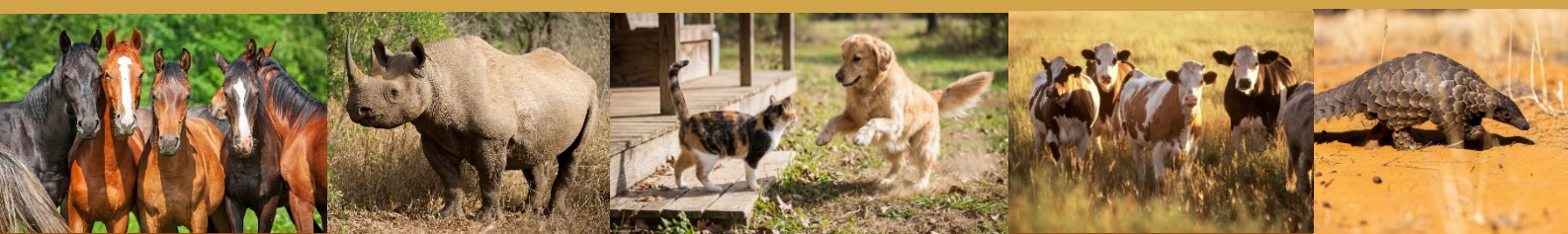


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2026

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME



Day 1 - Friday, 14 August 2026

11:30 – 12:30 Registration & Arrival refreshments

Opening	12:30 – 12:35	Welcome and introduction Dr Claudia Cordel, SAVA Southern Free state & Northern Cape Chairperson
Plenary speaker	12:35 – 13:20	Pangolin release process in South Africa <i>Donald Davis, Pangolin Africa</i>
Small Animals	13:20 – 14:10	Wound Management in Small Animals <i>Dr Ryan Walton, Bryanston Veterinary Hospital</i>
Showcase	14:10 – 14:25	Showcase by MSD Animal Health: Companion Animal – New Product Launch <i>Dr Mats Abatzidis, MSD Animal Health</i>

14:25 – 14:50 Afternoon Refreshments

Small Animals	14:50 – 15:30	Basics of Oral surgery <i>Dr Ryan Walton, Bryanston Veterinary Hospital</i>
General	15:30 – 15:40	Veterinary clinical field trials for the private veterinarian <i>Marna Naude - Clinglobal</i>
Wildlife	15:40 – 16:30	Stories from Scat: Using Faecal Analyses to Determine Giraffe Welfare <i>Dr Andri Grobbelaar, Department of Animal Sciences, University of the Free State</i>
Large Animals	16:30 – 17:10	Rift Valley Fever: Capacity building through trade that assist with the implementation of monitoring and preventative programs that mitigate large economic losses during outbreak <i>Ms Anne Calitz, Innovative Diagnostics</i>
AGM	17:10 – 18:00	Branch AGM
	18:00	Close of day 1

18:15 Dinner and entertainment (Protea Hotel) – “Werner Schmidt’s From Burnout to Ever-vigilance keynote blends humour, music, and human insight to help veterinary professionals reconnect with energy, meaning, and joy.”

Day 2 - Saturday, 15 August 2026

08:00 - 08:30 Registration & Arrival refreshments

Opening	08:30 – 08:35	Welcome and introduction <i>Dr Claudia Cordel, SAVA Southern Free state & Northern Cape Chairperson</i>
Wildlife	08:35 – 09:20	Rhino dehorning-technique & immobilization <i>Dr Pierre Nel, DARDEA</i>
Equine	09:20 – 10:00	Equine Orthopedic evaluation and Diagnostic Analgesia <i>Dr Theunis Griessel, Onderstepoort Equine Clinic</i>
Showcase	10:00 – 10:15	Sponsor showcase by Co.mpanion Veterinary Practices: Understanding co.mpanion <i>Ms Dale Parrish, Co.mpanion Veterinary Practices</i>

10:15 – 10:45 Mid-morning refreshments

Wildlife	10:45 – 11:30	Approach to a forensic crime scene with special reference to rhinoceros poaching <i>Dr Pierre Nel, DARDEA</i>
Showcase	11:30 – 11:40	Showcase by OUTsurance: Is your practice vaccinated? <i>Ms Chantelle Bisschoff, OUTsurance Commercial Broker</i>
Equine	11:40 – 12:30	Management of an outbreak of AHS and EEV in an endemic area <i>Dr Marissa Pienaar, MVet</i>
	12:30 - 12:45	Sponsor lucky draws

12:45 – 13:40 Lunch – Protea Hotel

Equine – Practical sessions	14:00 – 15:00	Equine Diagnostic Analgesia of the Distal Limb <i>Dr Theunis Griessel, Onderstepoort Equine Clinic</i>
	15:00 – 16:30	Basic Equine Dentistry <i>Dr Sherike van der Merwe, Farm Vet</i>
	16:30	Close of Congress