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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Friday, 4 September 2026

11:30 – 12:30 Registration & Arrival refreshments		
Opening	12:30 – 12:35	Welcome and introduction <i>Dr Jana Prinsloo, SAVA Mpumalanga Branch Chairperson</i>
Equine	12:35 – 13:20	Equine wounds – when things go wrong <i>Dr Theunis Griessel, University of Pretoria</i>
Small Animals	13:20 – 14:10	Profitability Takes Guts <i>Dr De Wet Barnard, MSD Animal Health</i>
Equine	14:10 – 15:00	Equine ortho evaluation and diagnostic analgesia <i>Dr Theunis Griessel, University of Pretoria</i>
Showcase	15:00 – 15:15	Sponsor showcase by MSD Animal Health: Companion Animal – New Product Launch <i>Dr De Wet Barnard, MSD Animal Health</i>
15:15 – 15:40 Afternoon refreshments		
Small Animals	15:40 – 16:40	To cut or not to cut: Notes on abdominal imaging interpretation <i>Dr Nicolene Hoepner, University of Pretoria</i>
Exotics	16:40 – 17:30	Skin diseases of reptiles <i>Dr Dorianne Elliott, Valley Farm</i>
	17:30	Close of day 1
18:00 Conference Dinner – Capital Hotel		

Day 2 – Saturday, 5 September 2026

08:00 - 08:30 Registration & Arrival refreshments		
Opening	08:30 – 08:35	Welcome and introduction <i>Dr Jana Prinsloo, SAVA Mpumalanga Branch Chairperson</i>
Small Animals	08:35 – 09:20	Histological grading systems in canine tumours and its value to clinicians – an update <i>Dr Vossie Vorster, Vetdiagnostix</i>
Small Animals	09:20 – 10:00	Breathing new life into thoracic rads: optimising images & interpretation tips <i>Dr Nicolene Hoepner, University of Pretoria</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>
AGM	10:15 – 11:00	Branch AGM
11:00 – 11:30 Mid-morning refreshments		
Small Animals	11:30 – 12:30	Urinalysis – the missing link in your diagnostic work up <i>Dr Vanessa McClure, University of Pretoria & University of Namibia</i>
Small Animals	12:30 – 13:20	The pathology and diagnosis of leptospirosis in dogs <i>Dr Vossie Vorster, Vetdiagnostix</i>
	13:20 – 13:35	Sponsor lucky draws
13:35 – 14:15 Lunch		
Small Animals	14:15 – 15:00	Diabetes management <i>Dr Vanessa McClure, University of Pretoria & University of Namibia</i>
Exotics	15:00 – 16:00	Feather destructive behaviour in pet birds <i>Dr Dorianne Elliott, Valley Farm</i>
	16:00	Close of Congress



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