# VetSouth Fall Veterinary Conference 2023 Exhibit & Sponsor Contract Terms

#### Meeting Sponsorship and Management

The VetSouth Fall Veterinary Conference and exhibit halls are produced and managed by the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association, hereinafter referred to as the "GVMA".

### Floor Plan Assignments

- The arrangement of exhibit space is shown approximately on the diagram. All dimensions and location shown on the floor plan are believed, but not warranted, to be accurate. The GVMA reserves the right to make such modifications to the floor plan as may be needed without notification. Space is assigned on the following criteria: 1) 2023 GVMA Fall sponsors; 2) 2022 vendors; 3) first come, first served, in order of payment received.
- No exhibit shall assign, sublet, or share the whole or any part of their space, unless B) assignee is a partnership, subsidiary or joint venture with contract holder and is an integral part of exhibitor's product presentation.

#### Show Dates (Subject to Change) October 20 - 21, 2023

# Move-in / Move-out

- A) All exhibitors are to remain set up until the closing of the exhibit hall.
- B) Move-in is Friday, October 20, 2023, 8 am to 11 am. Move out is 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, Saturday, October 21, 2023.
- C) Arrangements and payment for transporting and receiving goods, decorating and removal of exhibits are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

#### **Booth Equipment**

Each exhibit space includes a 6' table, 2 chairs, 2 complimentary exhibitor badges, listing of convention attendees, and a list of vendors. The exhibit hall is carpeted.

# Use of Exhibit Space During Exhibit Hours/Prohibition

- Acceptance of exhibit space makes it obligatory on the part of exhibitor employees A) that he/she or they not deface, injure or mar the area. Any damage done shall be made good by the exhibitor to the owners of the building
- The exhibitor shall not display or place any product, sign, partition, apparatus, B) shelving, or other construction that extends beyond their exhibit area.
- C) Sound levels may not be distracting to neighboring exhibits.
- Exhibitors must conform to rules and regulations concerning flammable and haz-D) ardous chemical products and materials as set by OSHA.

# **Cancellation of Exhibit Space**

Notification of space cancellations must be made in writing. The GVMA's policy for refund of fees allows an 80% refund IF THE SPACE IS RESOLD. In the event of cancellation, GVMA assumes no responsibility for having included the name of the canceled exhibitor in convention materials.

#### Staffing

Exhibitors must open their exhibits on time and staff them at all times during show hours. Only representatives who are employed by the exhibiting company and who will be working the exhibit are to be registered as company personnel.

#### Security

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to provide for the security of the booth and its contents, and to take whatever precautions deemed necessary to prevent loss or damage. Please do not leave any small hand carried items such as a computer in your booth unattended. Compliance with these rules will help provide maximum security.

# Exhibit Hall Admittance/Badges

- Exhibitors will furnish the GVMA with an advance list of their representatives. A) Representatives must register upon arrival at the exhibit hall. Two free badges per exhibit space are included.
- No one will be allowed in the exhibit hall without an official convention name badge R) during the course of the exhibition, except during move-in and move-out.

#### **Cannabis and Hemp Derived Products**

It is the policy of GVMA to prohibit cannabis or hemp derived products to be possessed, distributed or sold at our events. No one individual or entity is permitted to bring any products into the venue or onto the show floor or function space that contains cannabis, hemp or ingredients derived from the cannabis or hemp plant, including without limitation cannabidiol or CBD.

#### Copyright Policy

Exhibitors must obtain all necessary authorization from third parties concerning copyrights, music licensing rights, patents, trademarks, trade names, slogans, logos, service marks, and other similar tangible property rights used by the exhibitor. Exhibitors shall indemnify and hold harmless the GVMA, and its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all liabilities, claims, costs, damages and reasonable fees of counsel of the GVMA's choice incurred in connection with any claim against the GVMA arising out of or caused by exhibitor's display or distribution of any promotional materials, or performance of any music or other material that violates any copyright, patent, trademark, trade name, service mark, or other similar right of any other party.

#### Liability & Insurance

It is expressly understood and agreed by each and every contracting exhibitor and his/ her guests that neither the GVMA nor its employees nor its contractors shall be liable for loss or damage to the goods or properties of exhibitors.

On signing the Exhibit Contract, exhibitor agrees to hold GVMA, and its agents and hold them harmless from any suit or claim for property damage or personal injury (including punitive damages) by whomever sustained, including exhibitor and its agents or employees on or about the exhibitor's display or arising out of exhibitor's participation in the exhibition, expressly including such damage or injury resulting in any part from the negligence of one or more of the aforementioned indemnities. The performance of this agreement by either party is subject to acts of God, war, government regulation, disaster, civil disorder, curtailment of transportation facilities, or other emergencies over which neither party has control making it illegal or impossible to provide the facilities or to hold the function.

Exhibitors agree to maintain such insurance that will fully protect the GVMA from any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including claims under the Workmen's Compensation Act, and for personal injury, including death, which may arise in connection with the installation, operation or dismantling of the exhibitor's display. Exhibitor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the GVMA, and its agents for any such claims, irrespective of insurance coverage.

#### Conditions of Contract

This contract is subject to all conditions under which space at the Hotel at Avalon is made available to the GVMA. The Exhibitor agrees to abide by all applicable fire, utility and building codes. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and abiding by the GVMA Exhibit Contract. The GVMA reserves the right to make such reasonable changes, amendments, and additions to this contract as may be considered necessary. This instrument contains the entire agreement between the parties relating to the rights herein granted and the obliga-tions herein assumed, except as otherwise provided in this instrument. The contract is governed by Georgia laws.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

GVMA has a contractual obligation to fill a guaranteed block of rooms at the Hotel at Avalon. Significant financial penalties will be assessed should the GVMA fall short of the expected number of occupied guest rooms. By staying at the convention hotel you will enjoy the convenience of residing at the convention venue and to a far greater extent provide valued assistance in support of the GVMA's financial obligations.