

SWVS 2020 has been canceled

It is with deep sadness that we announce the cancellation of this year's SWVS 2020. We have been closely monitoring the situation with COVID-19 in Texas, and the overwhelming concerns about large indoor group meetings during this pandemic. After careful consultation regarding the health and safety of everyone in our industry, our top priority is the well-being of our attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and sponsors. **We have made the difficult decision to cancel SWVS 2020, scheduled for September 24-27 in Fort Worth, Texas.** We are devastated to share this news with you as this is the first time in 18 years that the Southwest Veterinary Symposium will not take place.

This was a tough call to make. SWVS is an incredibly important event for the veterinary community, but we need to prioritize the health and safety of everyone who helps make SWVS successful. We explored different ways to keep the in-person part of SWVS, but we would not be able to host an in-person event in the manner you have come to expect, and it did not feel right to continue with the event. We understand that this will come as an enormous disappointment, and it was a tough one to make, but a necessary one since travel restrictions by many States made the event no longer viable.

SWVS has also decided NOT to make this a virtual-only event. We sadly will not be holding SWVS in any capacity this year due to the abundance of virtual options in the veterinary community.

If you were a registered attendee, speaker, exhibitor, or sponsor for SWVS 2020, then you will be receiving an email from SWVS with more details. All hotel rooms booked through our conference website or by SWVS will be canceled automatically, and your card will not be charged. Please do not call the hotel directly, if you booked through SWVS. They will not have your information. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and understanding and we look forward to seeing you at SWVS 2021 in San Antonio! We will continue to work hard to bring you the Southern Hospitality you love for SWVS 2021. Again, we share in your disappointment and look forward to the day we can all be together safely.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kirk Ryan, SWVS Board President

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