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Keynote Speakers

- **Dr. Rob Gillette**



Dr. Rob Gillette received his Veterinary degree in 1988 from Kansas State University. His interests in animal movement and performance inspired him to pursue a post-doctoral program whose major focus was on Kinesiology with a minor in Exercise Physiology. This was through the Human Performance program at the University of Kansas and received his Masters of Science Education degree in 1998. He was Director of the Veterinary Sports Medicine program at Auburn University from 2000 to 2012. He was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee for and later first President of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, becoming a Charter Diplomate in 2011. He grew up with hunting dogs as pets in Central Kansas. He was introduced to racing Greyhounds in 1985. His initial research focused on reducing racing injuries and race-related medical issues. He expanded on this to develop methodologies to better understand optimizing performance and to use these methodologies on other athletic and working dogs. When he went to Auburn University, he was exposed to many additional types of athletic dogs and to operational working dog kennels. During this time, he developed and managed his athletic and working dog laboratory researching the biomechanical and physiological nuances of the elite canine.

He has over 30 years of practice experience, over 25 years' experience with athletic and working dogs, numerous related scientific publications, and is a national and international lecturer on Athletic Dog Performance and Sports Medicine. He has consulted and worked with many various Government and Military agencies to improve or enhance the abilities and management of working dogs. He is currently the Director of Clinical Research at Nutramax Laboratories.