

# Welcome to VET Spring 2023!

### **EVENT DATE & TIME**

Friday, April 14, 2023 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET Saturday, April 15, 2023 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET

All sessions take place in Eastern Time. Please refer to the <u>on-line program</u> for the most up to date times and sessions.

### VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL SCHEDULE

Friday, April 14, 2023 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET Saturday, April 15, 2023 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET

Attendees will have access to your booth starting April 7<sup>th</sup> until June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. They can view the videos or brochures that you display. The chat feature will only work during the actual event times, however, be sure to check for meeting requests regularly until the on-demand period has finished. Keep checking your dashboard for new sales leads too!

# **BUILDING YOUR BOOTH**

# **Virtual Booth Technical Requirements**

- 1. Desktop computer or laptop
- 2. Webcam or camera
- 3. Hard-wired, high-speed internet connection
- 4. Google Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Opera, or Safari
- 5. Headphones with a mic (not required but recommended for optimum sound quality)

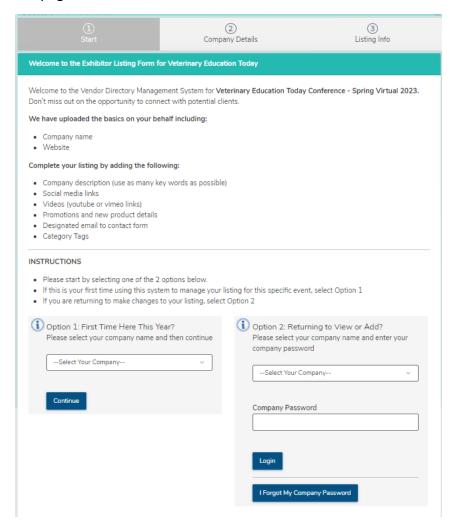
It is also recommended that you close any other programs or windows when participating in the Virtual Event to minimize lag time and delays.



## **THE EXHIBITOR PORTAL**

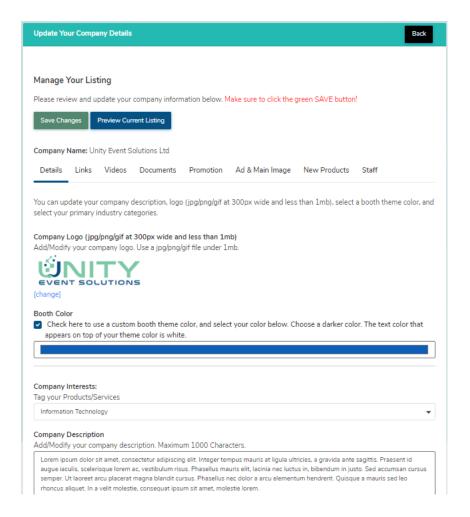
To build your virtual booth, please start here on the Exhibitor Listing Form.

This page will open. The first time you log in start with Option 1 at the bottom of the left-hand side of the page.



We will have your basic company information in our system once your contract is signed and paid. Choose your company's name from the dropdown list. Hit continue. Then choose your password and make a note of it and follow the prompts. You'll need your password when you return to make changes. Choose Option 2 when returning.



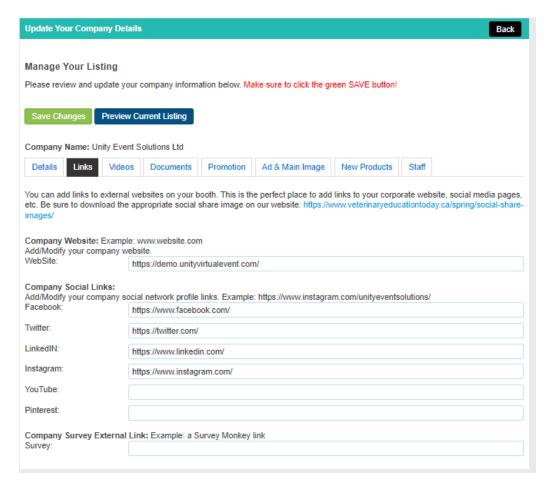


From this portal, you can update company logo, details, description, staff information, etc.

From the DETAILS page, update your company information if anything has changed. Be sure to click on the green save button as you make EACH change.

Next, you will click on each of the tabs: LINKS; VIDEOS; DOCUMENTS; PROMOTION; AD & MAIN IMAGE; NEW PRODUCTS; STAFF adding the information.





Your virtual booth is an extension of your brand. There are numerous features that you can include to make your booth stand out and be noticed. You don't have to take advantage of them all. Click on the PREVIEW button at any time to see how your booth looks to the attendees.

You can add and/or update at any time (Note: changes can take up to 2 hours to appear on the website)

**Basic company information:** Company Logo, Address, Phone Number, Website and Social Media Links.

**Company profile:** This is an overview of your company.

Welcome video message/commercial: Upload must be from YouTube or Vimeo

**Documents**: You can upload documents, brochures, flyers to a limit of 10 (depending on your sponsor level)

**Custom colour:** Use your logo colour or colour of your choice on the bars on your booth. Follow the prompts to put in your exact colour.



**Promotions/giveaways:** Upload your promotions, prizes, etc. By doing so, your prizes will be promoted on our prize giveaway page as well. We encourage you to use survey monkey or create your own ballot on your website to capture data. This will allow you to do prize giveaways, contests, etc.

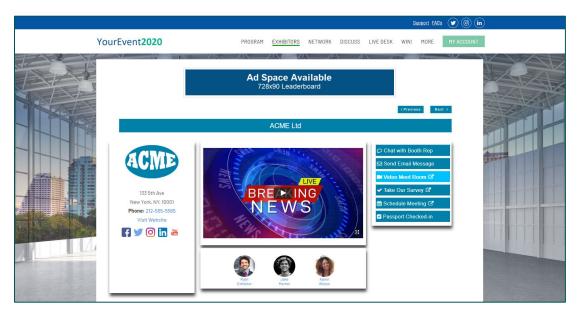
**Product Videos:** Must be from YouTube or Vimeo. We recommend 30 second videos. To prevent YouTube from suggesting random videos as next play, add "?rel=0" to the end of the YouTube URL.

**Schedule a meeting:** You can schedule meetings with potential clients from your booth.

**Survey:** You can add a survey link in the Exhibitor Profile portal. We recommend using *Survey Monkey* for any ballots you may want to include in your booth.

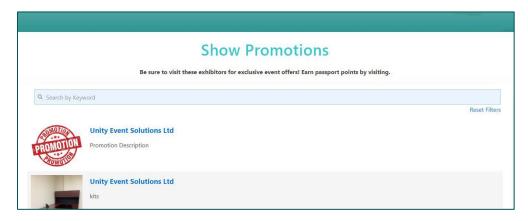
**Exhibitor Staff Registration**: There is no limit to how many booth representatives you can have in your virtual booth. You can pass this link to them to register themselves. **Exhibitor Staff Registration link**. When the event platform is live for exhibitors, (about March 31<sup>st</sup>) each registered booth representative will receive an email with their personal login information so they can personalize their profile. We'll send further information at that time.

# Preview Your virtual booth. It will look something like this:





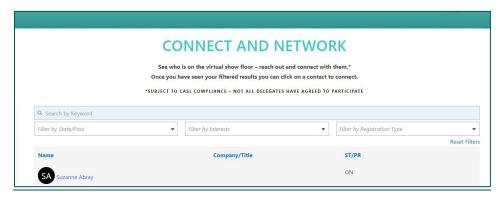
**Show Promotions** – this will allow you to promote products. Attendees can click on the icons for more information. This can be used for giveaways, etc.



**Network and Connect** – this will allow you to search who is on the virtual show floor.

http://www.virtual.veterinaryeducationtoday.ca/networking (active on April 14 - 15)

(subject to opt-in by attendees)



Discussion rooms <a href="https://vet.unityvirtualevent.com/discussions/">https://vet.unityvirtualevent.com/discussions/</a> (active on April 14 - 15)

**Social share images**; <a href="https://www.veterinaryeducationtoday.ca/spring/social-share-images/">https://www.veterinaryeducationtoday.ca/spring/social-share-images/</a>
Tweet all about it. Use these images to spread the word. An excellent way to drive booth traffic, announce prizes, demonstrations that are about to start, etc. Use #VETEducation, @veterinarytoday



### **DEADLINES**

For Vendor Sponsored sessions, we require your speaker information by March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please provide abstract, speaker's contact info, email and mobile, as well as bio, session title and high-res photo. Sooner is better, so attendees can read the descriptions and build their agenda.

For reserved advertising, provide artwork by March 31st.

#### **ADVERTISING SPECIFICATIONS**

Leaderboard ads - 728 x 90 pixels Pop-up ads - 600 x 400 pixels Box ad - small 300x250 pixels Big box ad - 300x500 pixels Ticker Tape - 1080x80 pixels

Videos: Should be from YouTube or Vimeo

See your contract for your particular ad-size requirements. If you are interested in additional advertising, contact Lee Baker <a href="mailto:lbaker@macgregorcom.com">lbaker@macgregorcom.com</a> for details. **Deadline for scheduling advertising spots** – March 15<sup>th.</sup>

#### DONATE A PRIZE FOR THE LEADERBOARD GAME!

Attendees love to play to win. They can see who is in the running for prizes on the leaderboard page and earn points for interacting with exhibitors ie: Visit a booth – 1 point, email, 1 point, create a discussion post, 10 points, etc. It's interactive, and draws measurable traffic to your booth, while generating leads. Whether it's a \$25 gift card or the latest electronic gadget, you'll find the investment to be well worth it. The winners are drawn regularly.

If you would like to sponsor a prize for this game, you will be listed as a prize sponsor. Please send a description and an image of your prize to Lee Baker <a href="mailto:lbaker@macgregorcom.com">lbaker@macgregorcom.com</a>.

There is no additional charge for this option. Deadline for your prize giveaway is March 31st.



# **Exhibitor FAQ's**

How many booth representatives can I have in my virtual booth? - there is no limit

What if I am not available to chat? – please follow this <u>video</u> about how to disable the chat button when not available

Do I get transcripts of my booth chat? – yes, transcripts are available under "My Account" on your dashboard.

How can I get sales leads? – every time an attendee clicks on a link in your booth (ie: downloads brochures, website, product demos, etc.) your dashboard will have a record of this. It is updated as it happens. We also recommend you have a survey or ballot available to capture more leads.

I have prizes to give away. What do I do? - You can add that to your booth setup. There is a tab for promotional materials.

I want to update some information in my virtual booth, but the show is already on. What do I do? - You can upload anything in your booth at your convenience through your exhibitor portal. Anything new added can take up to two hours to show in your booth.

Is there a mobile app for this conference? This virtual conference is meant to be managed via a web site on a desk-top computer. We don't have a mobile version.

How do I arrange for pop-up ads, advertising, or sponsorship? - We highly recommend additional advertising and sponsorship to drive traffic to your booth. Contact Lee Baker lbaker@macgregorcom.com for details. **Deadline for scheduling advertising spots – April 7**<sup>th</sup>, **2022.** 

Do I have to put a video on the front of the virtual page, or can I add a jpeg? – You can either have a featured video or static image, if you choose to have nothing, please do not select the "featured" button.

How long is my booth seen on the website? - The VET virtual conference is available on-demand until June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Although you won't be in your virtual booth after the event, attendees can still gain access to your brochures and information, and you still have access to the dashboard until that time. Be sure to check for meeting requests regularly until the on-demand period has finished. Keep checking your dashboard for new sales leads too!

Can competitors see my information in my booth? – Competitors can drop into your booth, but are unable to access videos or brochures, etc. Consider it more like they can "Walk" by your booth.



Is my sponsored webinar/symposia available on-demand? - Yes, providing you agree, it will be available on-demand for until June 16th, 2023.

#### **EVENT PERSONNEL:**

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