

Behaviour Congress

Thursday 7 April 2022 9.30am-4.30pm



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Behaviour Congress Programme

8.30am - 9.30am

Online Registration and Exhibition

9.30am-9.35am

Chairman's Welcome

Lauren Norton BSc (Hons) RVN PGDipCAB CertVNECC, The College of Animal Welfare

9.35am - 10.30am Reducing Stress in Hospitalised Feline Patients

Alexandra Taylor RVN CertSAN ISFM Dip&AdvCertFB, The Cat Nurse

In this webinar we will be going through measures veterinary nurses can put in place to help reduce stress and improve compliance in hospitalised feline patients.

Key learning objectives include:

- · Understanding feline specific needs what makes them so special as inpatients?
- Learn how to set up your cat ward and accommodation to make it as catfriendly as possible - it doesn't need to be fancy!
- Know how to handle and restrain cats to help reduce stress and improve compliance
- Learn why pain scoring cats is so important and how to recognise pain in cats

10.30am - 11.20am Managing Behaviour in a Multi Cat Household

Mami Irimajiri BVSc, PhD, DACVB, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology

Cats are believed to be a solitary animal but they can actually be social animals. Because we know that cats can live in a group, we are able to keep multiple cats in a household, even those cats who are not related by blood.

Some cats can live in peace but some cats within the same household can have fights that end up with lots of hissing, injuries, and spraying. Within this presentation, we will discuss how cats communicate, how to know if cats are good friends or not and how to have a comfortable space for multiple cats so they can avoid each other. When there is inter-cat aggression in a household, what treatment can be considered will be discussed including medication and behaviour modification techniques.

11.20am - 11.45am Live Q&A Panel Present questions to the speakers

11.45am - 12.05pm Online Exhibition and Lounges

12.05pm - 1.10pm

Fear and Anxiety in Dogs and Cats

Rosie Bescoby BSc(Hons), PGDipCABC, CCAB, Pet Sense

This talk will consider why the emotional state of animals is important to consider. We will look at the difference between fear & anxiety, and how body language can be observed to determine emotional states in both species. It will explore how to respond appropriately to dogs & cats when they exhibit signs of fear/anxiety, as well as how to reduce fear & anxiety associated with the vet practice.

1.10pm - 1.30pm

Live Q&A Panel Present questions to the speakers

1.30pm-2.10pm

Online Exhibition and Lounges

2.10pm - 3.05pm

Phantom Pregnancy - The Silent Killer

Sara Davies BVMS MRCVS CTC ABTC-VB

Recent research has highlighted the importance of the age at which we neuter dogs, but the timing in relation to the oestrus cycle of the bitch has received far less attention. Unfortunately, if spayed at the wrong point in their cycle, a bitch can enter a state of 'persistent phantom pregnancy' and, unlike a normal phantom pregnancy, this does not go away on its own and can lead to intractable and unpredictable anxiety or aggression. In this session you will find out why this happens, how to recognise, treat, and prevent it and also why it's 'the silent killer'.

3.05pm - 3.50pm

Behaviour modification for dogs who are fearful or neutral at the vet: The Academy's Husbandry Project

Kristi Benson CTC, PCBC-A, The Academy for Dog Trainers

Many dogs fear veterinary care, and these fears present barriers to veterinary care. Fears of social stimuli such as veterinarians and staff, fears of environmental contexts such as veterinary offices, and fears of handling such as restraint respond to behaviour modification involving operant and classical conditioning. The Academy for Dog Trainers' Husbandry Project is the first practical research project to test training protocols to address these fears specifically and release these protocols to the public. In this webinar, the presenter will provide an overview of the project, the training, and the protocols, and provide all the instructions and plans as well.

3.50pm - 4.10pm

Live Q&A Panel Present questions to the speakers

4.10pm-4.15pm

Chairman's Close

Lauren Norton BSc (Hons) RVN PGDipCAB CertVNECC, The College of Animal Welfare

4.15pm-4.30pm

Online Exhibition and Lounges



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