



The College of
Animal Welfare

Nutrition Congress

Thursday 1 December 2022

9.30am-4.30pm



Nutrition Congress Programme

9am – 9.30am **Online Registration and Exhibition**

9.30am – 9.35am **Chairman's Welcome**

Lauren Norton BSc (Hons) RVN PGDipCAB CertVNECC

9.35am – 10.20am **Nutrition for Super Senior Felines**

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

In this webinar we will be looking at the physical and mental changes that occur in older cats, and how these can affect their appetite, digestion, and body condition. We will cover how the nutritional requirements of an older cat differ from their younger counterparts, with many super senior cats suffering from a co-morbidities, affecting their overall health and longevity.

Key learning objectives include:

- To know the physical and behavioural changes occurring in the aging cat, and how they can affect both its nutritional needs and feeding habits
- To learn the nutritional requirements of a geriatric cat and how they differ from younger cats
- To understand the veterinary nurse's role in educating owners about geriatric cat nutrition

10.20am – 11.05am **The Overweight Pet and His Owner**

Dr Marge Chandler DVM, MS, MANZCVS, DACVIM (Small Animal Medicine and Nutrition), MRCVS, Vets Now

The key learning points this presentation will cover are:

- Gain a better understanding of the aetiology of obesity in dogs and cats
- Understand the consequences of canine and feline obesity
- Be able to perform a quick nutritional assessment
- Improve skills in engaging the owner in the discussion on obesity
- Recognize the difficulties in weight loss and weight maintenance
- Be able to set realistic goals and provide support to the owner for obesity management

11.05am – 11.30am **Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

11.30am – 12pm **Online Exhibition and Lounges**

12pm – 12.45pm **The Raw Truth**

Katie McCaul BSc VN ANutR DipNat, The Pet Diet and Raw Feeding Veterinary Society

The raw pet food industry has grown tenfold in the last decade. Emerging ahead of legislation and education leaving veterinary professionals unarmed to support their clients. During this presentation we will look at nutritional adequacy of raw foods as well as safety concerns surrounding bacteria and parasites. We will be providing you with resources and busting common myths to help you support your clients and be able to answer common questions. All information is unbiased and evidence based. By the end of the talk you will be able to gain information and put together a handout for your clients on how to minimise risks of raw feeding to their pets.

12.45pm – 1pm

Live Q&A Panel Present questions to the speakers

1pm–2pm

Online Exhibition and Lounges

2pm – 2.45pm

Advances in Cardiac Nutrition

Nicola Lakeman MSc BSc(Hons) RVN CertSAN CertVNECC VTS(Nutrition), Plymouth Veterinary Group

The interaction of dietary nutrients and cardiac health has really come to the forefront recently for both positive and negative reasons. Grain-free diets have been linked with dilated cardio-myopathies in dogs and this has led to interesting findings regarding the involvement of non-grain carbohydrate and protein sources and cardiac health.

Other nutrients have shown to have a massive positive effect on cardiac health, so much that the correct diet can help to slow (or even stop) the progression of cardiac issues. We will discuss these new findings and what that means to the veterinary nurse in practice.

2.45pm – 3.30pm

Exotics – Nutritional advice for common exotics seen within practice

Matthew Rendle RVN, The Association of Zoo and Exotic Veterinary Nurses (AZEVN)

Nutrition is sadly often not prioritised in the assessment of exotic pets despite it being the underlying issue resulting in many of the conditions exotic pets present with in veterinary practice.

In this lecture we will look at the commonly kept species, how we can prevent nutrition problems occurring as well as discussing how we nurse these patients once these problems are present, including the need for welfare assessments as well as QOL reviews.

3.30pm – 3.55pm

Live Q&A Panel Present questions to the speakers

3.55pm–4pm

Chairman's Close

4pm–4.30pm

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