



The College of
Animal Welfare

Nutrition Congress

Thursday 5 December 2024
9am-4.30pm



Nutrition Congress Programme

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

9.30am – 9.35am **Chair's Welcome**

Lauren Norton BSc (Hons) RVN PGDipCAB CertVNECC

9.35am – 10.20am **Serving Up Solutions: Nutritional Considerations for Diabetic Patients**

Laura Jones BSc(Hons) DipAVN(Small Animal) ISFMDipFN VTS(IM-SA) RVN, Veterinary Internal Medicine Nursing

Diabetes is one of the most common endocrine disorders we see in practice, and the veterinary nurse is heavily involved in the management of these patients.

Though treatments like insulin are widely accepted in the management of diabetes mellitus, diet is a vital – and often overlooked – aspect of managing the diabetic cat or dog.

This session will include a refresher on diabetes mellitus and how the pathophysiology and treatment recommendations differ between cats and dogs, followed by a review of the evidence surrounding feeding the diabetic patient – including what they should be fed, meal timings, and frequency.

10.20am – 11.05am **Nutritional Considerations for Wildlife Patients**

Nicola Williams BSC (Hons) RVN C&GCertVNES

Nutrition should be seen as part of a holistic nursing care plan. This is widely accepted for domestic patients, but often overlooked when it comes to treating wildlife. Wildlife rehabilitation success can be greatly impacted by the diet they receive, and accept, in practice and considerations of clinical state and wild feeding ecology should be considered and applied as appropriate.

This presentation aims to provide a good grounding in wildlife nutrition and how to apply this practically within the restrictions of a veterinary clinic, discussing case studies for specific species and potential disease presentations.

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

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

12pm – 12.45pm **Nutrition and the Microbiome: how is it relevant to my patient?**

Dr Libby Sheridan MVB MSc CertSAN MRCVS, Purina Petcare

Microbiome is a word on everyone's lips at the moment, but what does it refer to exactly, and how is it of relevance to the veterinary patient?

Join us for this delve into the unfolding world of the body's population of microorganisms and the role they play in health and disease. We'll be particularly focusing on the gut microbiome population, and the influence that different diet formats, ingredients and food supplements, such as pre and probiotics can have.

We'll also explore how the microbiome changes in disease, such as chronic enteropathy, and how veterinary treatments, such as anti-microbials, can have a profound effect on the microorganisms that are so important to the health of the entire body.

12.45pm – 1.05pm **Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

1.05pm–2.05pm **Online Exhibition and Lounges**

2.05pm – 2.50pm **The bugs are coming! Are insect-based pet foods the future?**

Georgia Woods-Lee BSc(Hons) RVN CertCFVHNut VTS (Nutrition), University of Liverpool

The global pet food market is vast, and as increasing demand for protein sources for both pet foods and food for humans continues, there is significant concern that food (particularly meat) shortages will be seen in the next 50 years unless changes are made. This, together with a drive for more sustainable ways to own a pet, has the pet food industry looking for alternative, more sustainable methods of safely delivering proteins to pets. Insect-based proteins are one such option.

This presentation will cover the following key learning points:

- Explore how insect-based proteins are produced
- Discuss the advantages of insect-based proteins
- Discuss the disadvantages of insect-based proteins

2.50pm – 3.40pm **Feline Obesity: The problem with fat cats**

Sian Baker RVN, SMART Veterinary Clinic Ltd

Despite feline obesity being almost as prevalent as canine obesity, and often much harder to manage, it is focused on far less in practice.

This lecture will aim to highlight why obesity is such an important condition to consider in our feline patients, how to help owners recognise when it is a problem and some hints and tips on how to implement successful weight loss plans in practice.

Early owner education, as with canine obesity, is key and feline obesity needs the same attention as our canine patients. We will explore ways of developing this in practice from kittenhood, through adolescence and into adulthood.

The individual lifestyle (e.g house cat, free-roaming, multi-cat households) will also form an important aspect of this talk and how this can affect the dietary management of our feline patients.

3.40pm – 4.05pm **Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

4.05pm–4.10pm **Chair's Close**

Lauren Norton BSc (Hons) RVN PGDipCAB CertVNECC

4.10pm–4.30pm **Online Exhibition and Lounges**

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