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Rabbits and Small Furrries Congress

Thursday 9 June 2022

9.30am-4.30pm



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Rabbits and Small Furrries Congress Programme

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

9.30am – 9.35am **Chair's Welcome** *Dan Sutcliffe RVN, Medivet*

9.35am – 10.35am **Rabbits as Prey and Humans as Predators: The Dichotomy of Interacting and Living Together**

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

Rabbits began to become domesticated only around 1,400 years ago and the domestic bunny retains the same instincts and needs as their wild counterparts. Whilst pet rabbits' flight instinct is inhibited compared to wild rabbits, they remain a prey species and humans an apex predator. This consideration should influence how we keep domestic rabbits in terms of companionship and their home environment, as well as how owners interact with them on a daily basis and how veterinary staff handle rabbits and meeting their needs when hospitalised.

10.35am – 11.20am **Making a Rabbit Friendly Practice**

Claire Speight RVN, A1, C&G Cert VNES

How can you make your practice rabbit friendly? As a prey species, rabbits have different environmental, care and nursing requirements to dogs and cats – this starts in the reception and waiting area and continues through the consulting room, theatre and kennels. Reducing stress and implementing protocols to ensure that care is standardised is imperative. Learn how to advise clients on preventative health care, how to look after hospitalised rabbits and help reduce stress in your rabbit patients, whether or not they are coming in for an appointment or being admitted.

11.20am – 11.40am **Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

11.40am – 12.05pm **Online Exhibition and Lounges**

12.05pm – 1pm **Holistic Rabbit Anaesthesia – It's more than just the drugs!**

Jo Hinde RVN, LagoLearn

Rabbit anaesthetics have a reputation for being stressful and high risk. This talk provides an overview of the holistic aspects of anaesthesia (pre, peri and post GA), including how and why husbandry has a direct effect on the ASA grade of your patient. It will also share top tips for making these anaesthetics run smoother and safer along with discussing airway options and patient monitoring recommendations. By the end of this talk you should have a better understanding of how to plan and implement rabbit anaesthetic procedures in a way that is less scary for both you and your patient.

1pm – 1.15pm **Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

1.15pm–2.15pm

Online Exhibition and Lounges

2.15pm – 3pm

Nursing the Small and Mighty Rodents!

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

With the use of case studies, we will look at all aspects of the proactive nursing care of small rodents, including preventative medicine.

- Understanding of how to Triage and handle small mammals
- Administration of medicines, how to do it safely
- Safe anaesthesia of small mammals

3pm – 3.35pm

Developing a Nursing Plan for Small Mammals and Exotics

Mary Fraser BVMS PhD MResCVR MAcadMed CBiol FRSB FHEA FRCVS, Girling & Fraser Ltd

Nursing care plans are central to the process of planning and reviewing the care of our patients. Whilst current vet nursing care plans can be applied to exotics, the individual requirements of small mammals, birds or reptiles don't always fit in to current models.

A review of the current literature on veterinary nursing care plans was undertaken, and a new model developed for use with exotics, incorporating a plan and checklist that highlight specific areas of relevance for exotics. It is hoped this will encourage more discussion amongst the veterinary team, about the nature of care needed when nursing exotics.

3.35pm – 4pm

Live Q&A Panel Present questions to the speakers

4pm–4.05pm

Chair's Close *Dan Sutcliffe RVN, Medivet*

4.05pm–4.30pm

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