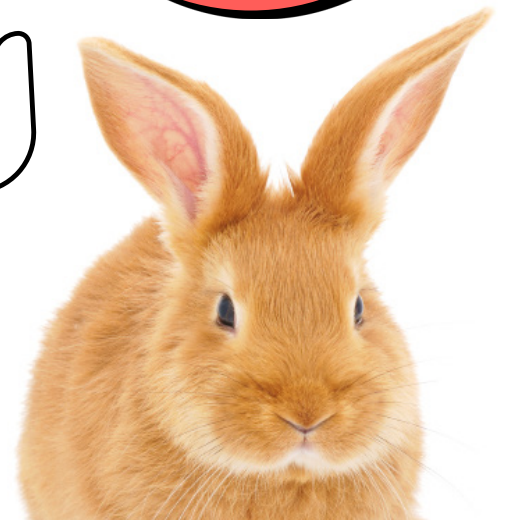




The College of
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VCA Congress

Wednesday 6th November 2024
9.30am-4.30pm



VCA Congress Programme

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

9.30am – 9.35am **Chair's Welcome**
Kirsty Jones RVN Cert Ed, The College of Animal Welfare

9.35am – 10.20am **From A to ZZZZ: Considerations for Pre-Anaesthetised Patients**

Sarah Little, AFHEA, VCA

This presentation will discuss various factors that may affect the quality of induction of anaesthesia; including behavioural, environmental, and handling aspects.

Anaesthesia is a complicated area where great care and consideration should be taken into account before the patient is even pre-medicated, so I will be using examples based on my experience as an Anaesthesia Assistant, which considers both the emotional and physical wellbeing of patients during what is undoubtedly a stressful time for them.

This presentation will be suitable for VCA's who will be dealing with canine and feline patients who are about to be anaesthetised.

10.20am – 11.05am **Dog Friendly Clinic scheme – how Veterinary Care Assistants can make a positive difference to the emotional wellbeing of canine patients within their care.**

Kate Main BVSc PGCERT SAM MRCVS

Tamson Durston RVN CAB BA (Hons) BSc (Hons) MSc (Hons)

During this presentation we will take a journey through the veterinary clinic and using Dog Friendly Clinic principles, look at how Veterinary Care Assistants can best support the emotional wellbeing of canine patients within their care.

By the end of this presentation, you will be able to:

- *Outline the aims of Dog Friendly Clinic scheme and the benefits of joining.*
- *Summarise how you would become a member of the Dog Friendly Clinic scheme.*
- *Describe how Veterinary Care Assistants can use Dog Friendly Clinic principles to support the emotional wellbeing of canine patients within their care.*

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

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

12pm – 12.45pm **Taming the Tigers**

Dr Libby Kemkaran MA VETMB MRCVS

This presentation will show you how understanding the 4 different brain types can lead to increased confidence, superstar communication and growing an enviable high-performance culture, where everyone gets to love their work and get along.

Work doesn't have to feel like work. It can feel instead like a game, learning which Big Cat Brain you're running (and who are the Big Cats you walk with every day) is the key to unlocking your next level life.

Grow your communication skills and power to influence others around you in this deep dive into cognitive diversity.

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 **Dental procedures and client education – the full potential of the VCA role**

Bronte Stephenson RVN BSc (Hons) C-SQP NCert (Dent)

Dentistry has become a large focus for many practices over the last few years, and rightly so. The oral cavity, though it is not often seen, plays a huge role in overall animal health and welfare. There are often many painful problems which go unnoticed, and it can be difficult to get through to clients about the importance of oral hygiene.

How can the VCA get involved with client education, and become an advocate for dental health? And how can the VCA assist with dental procedures in practice?

2.50pm – 3.40pm **The VCA Role in Hydrotherapy & Rehabilitation**

Helen Matyear RVN Cert HE ICH

Have you ever considered a career in the world of animal rehabilitation? Our beloved pets are living well into their senior years and an increase in complex surgical procedures and further medical treatments means the world of rehab has never been so important.

This presentation will focus on looking at the different ways the veterinary care assistant can become involved with rehabilitation of patients. We will cover the basics of hydrotherapy, name conditions that benefit from rehab treatment and investigate the career paths into the world of rehab.

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

4.05pm–4.10pm **Chair's Close**

Kirsty Jones RVN Cert Ed, The College of Animal Welfare

4.10pm–4.30pm **Exhibitor Promos to close**

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