



The College of
Animal Welfare

Nutrition Congress

Thursday 7 December 2023

9am-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 **Keeping Nutrition Simple for the Pet Owner**

Anne Selfe RVN CertNut, Cromwell Vets

This presentation will cover the following key learning points:

- The basics of nutrition and why it is so important
- What to consider when recommending diet(s)
- Case scenarios of pets and what nutrition you may recommend - and why

We will leave you with a good appreciation of the importance of nutrition and why one diet doesn't fit all. You will take away knowledge to use in practice when supporting your clients.

10.20am – 11.05am **Feeding the Veterinary Cancer Patient**

Sarah Holliday RVN C&GCertnes, Fitzpatrick Referrals Oncology and Soft Tissue Ltd

Adequate nutritional management can influence a cancer patient's remission time, survival time, and quality of life. This session will begin by outlining the current research available surrounding cancer nutrition in both veterinary and human oncology patients.

The nutritional management of veterinary cancer patients should be specific to each patient based on nutritional needs and cancer diagnosis. Many cancer patients are also geriatric patients and therefore often have pre-existing co-morbidities that should be taken into consideration. The second part of this lecture will outline nutritional considerations in veterinary cancer patients and the veterinary nurse's role in assessing patient's nutrition.

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

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

12pm – 12.45pm **Scientific Validation of Premium Pet Supplements vs Online or Branded supplements**

Dr. Stephen Barabas BSc (Hons), BVMS, MRCVS, VBS Direct Ltd

People and Pets eat more supplements than ever before on this planet and there is a desire by consumers to provide more natural alternatives to drugs for their pets. During this presentation, delegates will learn about the lack of legislation to protect consumers regarding efficacy of supplements, creating scepticism in animal care and veterinary professionals about the benefits of pet supplements, and the massive marketing by companies direct to consumers.

Four Areas will illustrate challenges for animal care and vet professionals for commonly used pet supplements:

1. Joint Supplements
2. Omega 3 Essential Fatty Acids
3. Anti-Diarrhoeas
4. Calming Products

12.45pm – 1pm

Live Q&A Panel Present questions to the speakers

1pm–2pm

Online Exhibition and Lounges

2pm – 2.45pm

Can cats and dogs be healthy on a plant-based diet?

Mike Davies BVetMed CertVR CertSAO FRCVS RCVS Specialist in Small Animal Clinical Nutrition, Provect Limited

Plant-based foods are increasingly popular in human nutrition and many owners want to provide exclusively vegetarian or vegan foods for their companions. The main Veterinary Associations such as the BVA and the Pet Food Manufacturers Association have until recently considered this trend as controversial.

This presentation will cover the scientific evidence that is available regarding the safety of feeding rations that do not contain any animal-derived ingredients to domesticated dogs and cats.

2.45pm – 3.30pm

The Raw Truth – Dealing with Raw Clients

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

Following on from last year's introduction to raw feeding, we will take a more hands on approach and equip you with the knowledge required to engage with your raw feeding clients. Whether you agree with this method of feeding or not, we have a duty of care to ensure we support those owners who chose to feed their dogs this way.

We will cover a basic nutritional balance, how to identify good commercial brands, and the issues with the labelling "complete". Moving more in-depth into health conditions and life stages we will explore when and how to feed raw and most importantly when it's not safe to support.

Raw feeding is an emotive subject and we will touch on handling a raw feeding client to ensure you maintain a good relationship.

3.30pm – 3.55pm

Live Q&A Panel Present questions to the speakers

3.55pm–4pm

Chairman's Close

4pm–4.30pm

Online Exhibition and Lounges

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