



The College of
Animal Welfare

Rabbits and Small Furrries Congress

Thursday 11 April 2024

9am-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**
Jan De La Rey BVSc MRCVS, Medivet

9.35am – 10.20am **Rabbit breeds – When appearance affects health and welfare**

Claire Speight RVN, A1, C&G Cert VNES

There are over 100 recognised rabbit breeds that vary greatly in size, fur type, ear position and length, as well as facial elongation and shape. These man-made characteristics are far removed from how nature intends rabbits to look and as such, many of these breeds can suffer from health, behaviour and welfare problems.

During this presentation we will look at:

- The breeds and which are predisposed to problems
- Common health problems seen
- Welfare considerations
- Advice to be given to owners of certain breeds to help prevent problems

10.20am – 11.15am **Rabbits – Pain and Analgesia**

Livia Benato DVM MScR CertZooMed Dip ECZM (Small Mammals) MRCVS

This presentation will cover the following key learning points:

- How pain management in rabbits has improved greatly in the last 20 years
- Optimal pain assessment is a key factor in rabbit pain amelioration
- The Bristol Rabbit Pain Scale is a multifactorial pain scale specific for rabbits, similar to those available for cats and dogs
- The knowledge of common painful conditions and available analgesic drugs helps to ameliorate pain where possible

11.15am – 11.35am **Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

11.35am – 12pm **Morning Break, Online Exhibition and Lounges**

12pm – 12.45pm **Families: The two legged and four-legged smallies**

Dr Anne McBride

Research suggests that ownership of dogs and cats can support favourable psychological development in children, especially where there are suitable adult role models. Yet, small mammals, and other taxa, are increasingly chosen as children's pets. They require less space, time and money - important considerations, especially for families with no garden access. However, this may not mean that children and small pets are a match made in heaven.

In this session we will explore ways to help children and their animals benefit from each other throughout the whole of the animal's life, which can span several developmental phases of the child.

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

1.05pm–2.05pm **Lunch Break, Online Exhibition and Lounges**

2.05pm – 2.55pm **Small Rodent Pre, Peri and Post Anaesthesia Protocols**

Carly Tonner RVN CertVNES

In this session, we will delve into comprehensive pre, peri and post-anaesthesia protocols for small rodents. There will be emphasis on the critical importance of monitoring these delicate creatures throughout the anaesthesia process.

The goal of this presentation is to increase confidence for veterinary professionals, when dealing with a variety of small rodent species, taking into account their specific requirements along the way.

2.55pm – 3.50pm **Dealing with Rats and Mice in Practice**

John Chitty BVetMed CertZooMed MRCVS

This presentation will cover the following key learning points, to enable you to feel better equipped when dealing with rats and mice within practice:

- Learning to handle rats and mice
- Making the clinic less stressful for rats and mice
- How to medicate rats and mice
- Some common diseases and husbandry issues in rats and mice

3.50pm – 4.10pm **Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

4.10pm–4.15pm **Chair's Close**

Jan De La Rey BVSc MRCVS, Medivet

4.15pm–4.30pm **Online Exhibition and Lounges**

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