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***Q: Why did you join IVAPM?***

A: I have been a veterinarian for 20 years and in clinics since I was 14. One of the biggest concerns I always had was whether the patients' pain was managed. The IVAPM is an opportunity to collaborate with professionals and share with our colleagues the importance of diagnosing and properly treating pain in our patients.

***Q: What is the importance of pain management in veterinary medicine?***

A: Pain management is incredibly important in veterinary medicine. It is often difficult to get clients to acknowledge that their pet is painful. If we can educate clients on what the subtle signs of pain can look like, it gives us a better chance at improving the quality of life of our patients. It also helps maintain the bond between owners and their pets. When dogs are painful, they are less likely to interact and want to go for walks. If we can manage their discomfort, it maintains the relationship and reduces the potential for euthanasia.

***Q: What vet medicine pain management related initiatives are you involved with and/or most proud of accomplishing?***

A: After completing my certifications in rehabilitation and medical acupuncture, I have gradually shifted my career to focus away from general practice and towards integrative medicine, combining acupuncture, rehabilitation, pharmaceuticals and supplements to treat my patients. I am incredibly proud of what we accomplish and love hosting vet students and vets completing their certifications to educate further on the options available. I have also been very proud of helping teach medical acupuncture at both Curacore as well as the Michigan State Vet School certification program.

***Q: What passion veterinary projects are you currently involved?***

A: I have been involved in committees with the IAVRPT as well as our local regulatory body to try to advance the regulation of rehabilitation and acupuncture in veterinary medicine. I am also passionate about mentoring and love mentoring students as well as rehab practitioners.