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Q: Why did you join IVAPM?

A: I joined IVAPM in order to learn from the best in the field about all the various modalities and methods of alleviating pain as well as to delve deeper into the pathophysiology involved in nociception. This is a great community to openly discuss ideas, tips, and tricks to improve the quality of life of our patients.

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

A: Pain management is at the heart of everything we do. Most pets experience discomfort that needs to be controlled, from their castration or ovariohysterectomy (spay), to osteoarthritis from age, and even pain from cancers. Our patients cannot speak with us in ways we can definitively understand, so recognizing and alleviating any pain our four legged friends are experiencing in order to improve their quality of life is paramount.

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

A: I am most proud of being a board member of IVAPM, being able to help shape how this organization proceeds in the future to increase veterinarian engagement and public awareness.

Q: What passion veterinary projects are you currently involved?

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