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

A: I joined IVAPM as I had an interest in pain physiology and pain management in veterinary patients so it seemed natural to join the IVAPM and become involved.

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

A: I believe that recognizing pain in animals is a bit of an art as is appropriately managing it. Many of our patients go untreated simply because they are non-verbal. Evaluating a patient for pain should be a regular part of the physical exam/TPR(P).

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

A: I previously served as President of Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Anesthesia and Analgesia (AVTAA) (2014-2016).

I earned my VTS (Anesthesia/Analgesia) in 2007. Since then I've been working as an editor, author and illustrator of numerous veterinary textbooks, board member of the IVAPM, board member of eagleYcondor, award winning instructor.

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

A: Through IVAPM I've become involved in [eagleYcondor](#) and helping shelter animals by partnering with a small animal surgeon to give them the care they need. And through my involvement with my community's backyard chicken coup I've most recently been dubbed 'The Chicken Nurse.'

Ms. Cooley is a graduate of Madison College.