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Q: Why did you join IVAPM?

A: I joined IVAPM because I LOVE to learn and share knowledge about pain and analgesia! The IVAPM is a group of people bonded by the desire to alleviate pain in animals and it brings together veterinarians, veterinary specialists, veterinary technicians and other people with interest in improving quality of life for our patients. Not many groups have such a diverse membership with a common goal.

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

A: Immeasurable! Just like in human medicine, the pain level in animals should be a VITAL SIGN. Providing pain relief is just as important to healing as any other medical treatment at our disposal. Saying that animals feel pain is NOT anthropomorphism – it is SCIENCE! And IVAPM is committed to broadcasting that message.

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

A: My favorite accomplishments are the teaching awards that I have had the honor to earn from the students at Washington State University and Oregon State University. The pain management initiatives that I am involved in are primarily centered around education of veterinarians and veterinary technicians. I am currently helping to develop a Student Chapter of the IVAPM.

Q: What passion veterinary projects are you currently involved?

A: I am involved in several projects with IVAPM that are very rewarding. I'm also a supporter of a variety of programs that work with dogs for veterans. I'll soon have the opportunity to become involved in [eagleYcondor](#) in Ecuador through IVAPM. Lastly, I'm very passionate about the education of future veterinarians through 4-H and FFA programs.

Dr. Grubb earned her veterinary medical degree from Texas A&M University, a master's degree from the University of Illinois and a PhD from the Swedish Agricultural University.