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

A: I recognize the need for a transformed understanding of pain. Knowledge of pain needs to be enriched from all levels. Being part of IVAPM enables all of us to see better ways to develop, evaluate and make available new approaches to pain management and to address pain in all communities we serve.

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

A: Foremost, we should treat the patient not focusing wholly on the disease. With their resilience, treating their pain allows the body to heal and bring about faster recovery. Pain still remains inappropriately or inadequately treated due to the underutilization of knowledge and techniques available. As members of IVAPM, it is our responsibility to disseminate the latest advances to recognize pain and treat accordingly in all our patients.

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

A: I previously owned and operated two veterinary hospitals with a heavy emphasis on pain management in the Seattle area. After becoming certified in Veterinary Medical Acupuncture in 2002, I continued to be an instructor until 2015. I have received Masters degrees in both Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and Pain Research, Education and Policy. I've also completed the Harvard Medical School Acupuncture for Physicians program. I enjoy acupuncture instruction and will continue with a new course in Colorado.

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

A: Acupuncture! in both veterinary and human medicine to include teaching and needling any creature living!

Dr. Neary is a graduate of both Oregon and Washington State Veterinary Schools of Medicine, the New England School of Acupuncture and Tufts School of Medicine.