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Q: Why did you join IVAPM?

A: I joined quite a while ago because I was interested in learning more about animal pain and how to help my painful patients. I knew that the IVAPM was the premier veterinary source for pain education.

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

A: Managing pain is the key to improving quality of life. Pain management is an indicator or quality of care in the veterinary practice. Veterinarians have an ethical responsibility to alleviate animal pain. When a beloved pet is in pain, not only does the pet suffer but the caregiver suffers as well. By mitigating pain, we can give the caregivers back their beloved pet and support the human-companion animal bond.

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

A: I have created and delivered an Integrative Pain management course for veterinarians. I have given Pain awareness and Pain management lectures to veterinary students and practitioners to inform and educate about new pain management initiatives. Often practitioners in my area now consult with me about pain control for their patients and I am so happy that more pets are receiving better pain management.

Q: What passion veterinary projects are you currently involved?

A: Training residents and interns on rehabilitation, acupuncture and pain management and developing an acupuncture course for Canadian veterinarians.