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Q: Why did you join IVAPM?

A: I joined the IVAPM very early in my career as a veterinary assistant because I saw first-hand the importance of being a pain management advocate and mentor. I wanted to be a part of the close-knit community of like-minded individuals who I have looked up to since the start of my veterinary nursing journey. I also plan on continuing my education and acquiring my certification in veterinary pain management (CVPP) which wouldn't be possible without this organization.

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

A: There is such a need for being proactive in identifying and treating pain in our patients. Early detection is an essential responsibility of the veterinary care team.

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

A: I believe pain management in the ER/ICU setting can be accidentally overlooked, which is why I have dedicated my career in emergency and critical care to educating the importance of multimodal analgesia and the use of locoregional anesthesia in our severely ill patients. I am extremely lucky to work for a company where I am encouraged to collaborate with veterinarians to create the perfect pain management protocol for our surgical and hospitalized patients.

Q: What passion veterinary projects are you currently involved?

A: I have had the amazing opportunity to work alongside the eagleYcondor Foundation, which provides surgical and medical care to the owned and stray animals of different regions in Ecuador. Additionally, I put my creative and educational sides to the test as IVAPM's Social Media Coordinator. Finally, my passion for emergency nursing has led to me starting the process of obtaining my Veterinary Technician Specialty (VTS) in Emergency and Critical Care.