

ANZCVS Online Scientific Series 2020

Veterinary Oncology

Dr Kathleen Cooney Abstracts

7:00PM AEST | Wednesday 26 August, 2020

Animal Hospice Best Practices; Are you ready to deliver?

Abstract

Supporting dying pet patients has been gaining traction over the past 20 years. Clients are asking for and expecting elevated medical and emotional care as their pets near the end of life. Animal hospice is one of the fastest growing sub-specialties in vet med today. In this 90-minute session, US-based Dr. Kathleen Cooney will lay out what it takes to get started and provide enhancement ideas for those already familiar with hospice work. Special focus will be given to the burgeoning aquamation (water-based cremation) industry and the business opportunities it holds for hospitals.

Outline

Philosophy of care

- Defining animal hospice today

- The 5 main components (palliation, euthanasia, natural death, bereavement, body care)

Consultations and Hospice Planning

- Key elements

- The 5-step hospice plan

The multimodal approach

- Physical and emotional support

- Managing symptoms

Update on service models

- Current business models

- What we've learned

Bereavement support

- Traditional and non-traditional approach

Ethical aftercare

- Protecting our industry

- Keeping clients at the front of decision-making

Water-based cremation (aquamation)

- The science behind the process

- Machine operations

- Successes and challenges

- Incorporating it into hospitals

7:00PM AEST | Wednesday 2 September, 2020

Euthanasia in the Modern Age; The good death revolution is upon us

Abstract

Euthanasia is changing and evolving along with the rest of veterinary medicine. Many of us have placed euthanasia on cruise control, but in modern times, it's important we line up with client expectations and the best of patient care. In this 90-minute session, we will look at euthanasia with a fresh pair of eyes; reviewing what works well and maybe what doesn't. Attention will be given to administration techniques, sedation protocols, unique ways to support clients, and practicing with strong emotional intelligence. Dr. Kathleen Cooney, our presenter from the Companion Animal Euthanasia Training Academy, will also introduce you to the concept of dysthanasia. As the session wraps up, we will review COVID 19 implications as we strive to Provide, Protect, and Preserve.

Outline

Modern euthanasia

- Euthanasia education
- Unconventional approaches
- The Fear Free mindset

Updates on barbiturate administration

- Increasing popularity of intraorgan injections
- The 5 most common techniques
- Oral dosing and expectations

Pre-euthanasia sedation/anesthesia protocols

- Common drugs and dosing
- Benefits of oral sedation before the appointment

Enhanced client support

- Appointment preplanning
- Bereavement options

Defining dysthanasia

- Protecting mental health
- Protecting welfare

Emotionally Intelligent Euthanasia

- Setting up for sustainability
- Taking ownership of what is ours to control

COVID 19 best practices

- Hospital and mobile services
- Provide, Protect, Preserve