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News articles

- Children and adults often misinterpret dog body language
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65958>
Awareness and recognition of dogs' stress signalling are vital to enable safe interactions
Date: 9 January 2019
- Do overweight dogs live shorter lives?
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65945>
Study finds an adverse effect of overweight body condition on life span in pet dogs
Date: 3 January 2019
- Empathy towards animals may be hardwired in human DNA
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65946>
Oxytocin has been linked to the relationships between people and animals for the first time
Date: 3 January 2019
- Oyster aquaculture may limit disease in wild oyster populations
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65911>
Aquaculture can serve either as a source or sink of disease-causing parasites of wild oyster populations depending on management variables
Date: 19 December 2018

- Study highlights welfare concerns within the UK pet rabbit breeding industry
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65865>
Researchers are calling for the creation of approved guidelines for managing and breeding pet rabbits
Date: 13 December 2018
- Research aims to improve the welfare of ridden horses
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65845>
Conference highlights the importance of saddle fit and pain recognition
Date: 12 December 2018
- Joint statement of N. American and European veterinarians on combating antimicrobial resistance
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65830>
Veterinary organizations in North America and Europe have teamed up to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR) while ensuring the continuing availability of medications essential for human and animal health.
Date: 11 December 2018
- WSAVA launches position paper on hereditary diseases
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65771>
WSAVA calls for health-conscious breeding and greater use of genetic testing
Date: 5 December 2018
- Changing times discussed at World Horse Welfare conference
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65678>
Enhancing value, being evidence-led and campaigning highlighted as key factors in improving equine welfare
Date: 22 November 2018
- International effort needed to combat antimicrobial resistance
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65640>
Ministers agree on international action to address antimicrobial resistance in animals and to safeguard medicines for humans and animals alike
Date: 9 November 2018
- Feeding cats: how to meet behavioural needs
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65581>
AAFP consensus statement provides strategies to allow normal feline feeding behaviours to occur in the home environment
Date: 31 October 2018
- Study identifies common health issues in Labradors
<https://www.cabi.org/vetmedresource/news/65556>
Chocolate Labrador Retrievers have a shorter lifespan than their black and yellow counterparts, according to a UK study
Date: 23 October 2018

Full-text online journals

- The following online journals are available to library members:

The Veterinary Nurse (2014-current)

Veterinary Nursing Journal (1997-current)

- [Browse through our A-Z list of electronic journals available to library members \(PDF\)](#)
- [Search for online full-text articles available from our electronic journals](#)
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Citation 5.

Accession Number

20183385682

Author

Mede, E.

Title

The veterinary technician in ambulatory exotic animal medicine. (Special Issue: Field and ambulatory medicine.)

Source

Veterinary Clinics of North America: Exotic Animal Practice; 2018. 21(3):563-578.

Publisher

Saunders, An Imprint of Elsevier

Country of Publication

USA

Abstract

Veterinary technicians are continuously evolving with changes in veterinary medicine specialties. Traditionally, ambulatory medicine has focused on large farm animal medicine. In today's world, technicians are finding themselves on house calls and in ambulatory practices that focus on exotic and zoologic species. In ambulatory medicine, technicians assist during field surgery work, on-site diagnostics, and in other various roles. The conditions often are not ideal and require attention to detail to avoid mistakes in record keeping, inventory, and unnecessary risk.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 10.

Accession Number

20183360763

Author

Veggel, N. van; Mres, J. O.;

Title

In dogs does feeding raw dietary treats reduce or prevent periodontal disease?

Source

Veterinary Evidence; 2018. 3(3):153. 15 ref.

Publisher

RCVS Knowledge

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

PICO question: In Dogs Does Feeding Raw Dietary Treats Reduce or Prevent Periodontal Disease? Clinical bottom line: Considering the weak evidence on raw bones and lack of evidence on other types of raw treats, veterinarians and veterinary nurses should be cautious when recommending raw treats to support periodontal health in dogs. Additionally, they should advise clients accordingly by relying on their clinical experience rather than the literature until more and better quality evidence is generated.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 11.

Accession Number

20183360496

Author

Bloor, C.

Title

Small animal dentistry - VN role in practice and home care.

Source

VN Times; 2018. 18(11):6...10. 8 ref.

Publisher

Veterinary Business Development Ltd

Country of Publication

UK

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 12.

Accession Number

20183360495

Author

Morrison, G.; Forsythe, P.;

Title

Managing otitis externa: clinical approach in small animals.

Source

VN Times; 2018. 18(11):18...22. 6 ref.

Publisher

Veterinary Business Development Ltd

Country of Publication

UK

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 13.

Accession Number

20183360494

Author

Manton, L.

Title

Nutritional know-how.

Source

VN Times; 2018. 18(11):16-17. 1 ref.

Publisher

Veterinary Business Development Ltd

Country of Publication

UK

Language

English.

Year of Publication

Citation 20.

Accession Number

20183368255

Author

Morgan, S.

Title

Webinar review: care and maintenance of surgical instruments: presented by Rachel Beauchamp RVN
DipHE CVN RCVS DipAVN.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(11):319-320.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 21.

Accession Number

20183368254

Author

Ward, A.

Title

Introducing the Ward Phlebitis Scoring Chart 2018: a reflective and personal practical review and approach.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(11):313-318. 15 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 22.

Accession Number

20183368253

Author

Foote, A. R.

Title

A review of current literature regarding the factors affecting recovery rates after routine surgery in rabbits -
Part 2.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(11):309-312. 28 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis
Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Registered Veterinary Nurses (RVN) and Veterinary Surgeons (VS) must understand the factors that contribute to anaesthetic recovery in rabbits, as emergencies and fatalities during the recovery stage are higher in comparison to cats and dogs. The first part of this article focused on stressors in rabbit handling, including tonic immobility, transport and the effects of stress on recovery rates. This part aims to cover factors which can affect recovery rate during the anaesthetic episode, including hypothermia and induction methods.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 23.

Accession Number

20183368252

Author

Ballantyne, H.

Title

An introduction to change management theory for veterinary nurses: Part One.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(11):305-308. 16 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

There are many reasons why a change in practice may need to be initiated. While the need for change may be explicit and essential, implementing new ways of working within an established team can be challenging and if mishandled may lead to high levels of stress among staff members. There are robust tools available to support the implementation of change in the workplace. This article does not seek to recommend any particular model to use, but aims to act as an introduction to elements of change management theory to encourage Veterinary Nurses to seek out information to support their practice.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 26.

Accession Number

20183361441

Author

Ballantyne, H.

Title

Using checklists in veterinary nursing: what can human healthcare teach us?

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(10):291-294. 13 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Checklists are used regularly throughout human-centred healthcare. There is a wide range of data available to support the use of checklists across varied healthcare disciplines. Checklists have been credited with improving teamwork and communication, addressing human factors to support performance, prevention of errors and supporting a culture of patient safety. This article will consider if such benefits may be transferable to veterinary nursing. It will outline the principles of using a checklist, the perceived benefits of the checklist and the factors that should be considered when designing an effective checklist.

Language

English.

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2018

Citation 27.**Accession Number**

20183361440

Author

Foote, A. R.

Title

A review of current literature regarding the factors affecting recovery rates after routine surgery in rabbits - Part 1.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(10):287-290. 43 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Veterinary professionals must maintain a high level of knowledge about all patients. Rabbit ownership is dramatically increasing and continues to do so, so it is essential to continue research and review current literature. Registered Veterinary Nurses (RVN) and Veterinary Surgeons (VS) must understand the factors that contribute to anaesthetic recovery in rabbits, as emergencies and fatalities during the recovery stage are higher in comparison to cats and dogs. Improvements in care for rabbits has increased life expectancy and owners expect the same level of care for all patients; therefore, research must continue as rabbit surgery is increasingly common.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 28.**Accession Number**

20183361439

Author

Bagshaw-Wright, P.

Title

Capnography: a guide for veterinary nurses.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(10):283-286. 7 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Capnography allows us to measure the amount of expired (end tidal) carbon dioxide (CO₂) and has become a vital monitoring tool when anaesthetising our veterinary patients. Knowledge and understanding of the information it provides is essential to the veterinary nurse (VN) anaesthetist. This article provides a brief history of this technology's development, the information capnography provides us, the varying waveforms commonly seen and how its use is an important contributor to the safety and stability of the anaesthetised patient. The waveforms encountered on the monitoring screen are also included and a brief description of what they may be demonstrating.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 41.

Accession Number

20183348638

Author

Oxley, J. A.; Kogan, L.;

Title

A preliminary study investigating the use of rabbit-related Facebook groups in relation to rabbit health information.

Source

The Veterinary Nurse; 2018. 9(7):382-387.

Publisher

MA Healthcare Limited

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Background: There has been a dramatic increase in the use of social networking sites such as Facebook over the last decade. However, limited research has been conducted focusing on pet owners' use of these sites for pet health information. Aim: The aim of this study was to gather, via an online anonymous survey, information from rabbit owners about their use of rabbit-related Facebook groups and determine if and how these group pages are used for rabbit health information. Methods: Responses from 304 UK rabbit owners who were members of at least one rabbit-related Facebook groups were received and analysed. Results: The majority of participants were a member of more than one rabbit-related Facebook group. The most common reasons for joining such groups were to 'keep up to date about rabbit-related information' (84.9%), 'to learn more about rabbits' (78.0%) and 'to discuss topics about rabbits with like-minded people' (71.1%). Just over half of respondents (52.3%) joined rabbit-related Facebook groups to 'seek advice about the health of my rabbits'. Nearly half of owners (41.3%) deemed Facebook groups as a trustworthy source of rabbit health information. The most common health issue Facebook group users asked about was gastrointestinal related. Conclusions: Results of this study highlight the importance of veterinarians and veterinary staff engaging with social media pet health groups to facilitate owners sourcing accurate and reliable online pet health information and seeking timely veterinary treatment.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 42.

Accession Number

20183348637

Author

Pace, C.

Title

A practical guide to heart murmurs for veterinary nurses.

Source

The Veterinary Nurse; 2018. 9(7):378-381.

Publisher

MA Healthcare Limited

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Heart murmurs are a relatively common finding in small animal medicine, and are additional sounds to the normal 'lub' and 'dub' heard on auscultation. The most common type of murmur recorded is a systolic murmur, and can be an indicator of disease severity in dogs with mitral valve disease. However, murmur intensity is not related to the severity of dilated cardiomyopathy, and in cats, having a murmur has been linked to a favourable outcome, while cats can have heart disease and have no heart murmur. It would be ideal if there was a heart murmur chart that correlated heart murmur auscultated, heart disease severity and anaesthetic risk. Unfortunately, such a thing does not exist, and it is up to the veterinary professionals involved, to interpret what heart murmurs mean and know which breeds are at risk of cardiac disease and/or cardiac failure. This means that the nurse needs to not only monitor heart rate, rhythm, and pulse quality, but also respiratory rate and effort, oxygen saturation and systolic blood pressure carefully in those suspected of, or those diagnosed with, cardiac disease.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 43.

Accession Number

20183348636

Author

Webb, G.

Title

Urethral obstruction in the male cat.

Source

The Veterinary Nurse; 2018. 9(7):372-377.

Publisher

MA Healthcare Limited

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Urethral obstruction in male cats is a common condition that can result in potentially life threatening complications. Veterinary nurses play a fundamental role in the nursing management and can greatly improve client education of these cases. It is important that veterinary nurses have an understanding of the pathophysiology, clinical signs and nursing interventions when dealing with cases of feline urethral obstruction to enable effective treatment.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 44.

Accession Number

20183348635

Author

Quimby, J. M.

Title

Appetite stimulants in chronic kidney disease.

Source

The Veterinary Nurse; 2018. 9(7):366-370.

Publisher

MA Healthcare Limited

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Poor appetite is a common clinical complaint in patients with chronic kidney disease. Nurses can play an important role by helping to perform regular nutritional assessment to identify patients that require intervention. This article aims to discuss the importance of this clinical problem and the different mechanisms by which appetite may become abnormal in chronic kidney disease. Recent research on pharmacologic options for appetite stimulation offer new options such as mirtazapine for cats and capromorelin for dogs.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 45.**Accession Number**

20183348634

Author

Hargrave, C.

Title

Helping kittens to become confident cats - why they and their owners need the support of the veterinary team. Part 2: Environmental effects and support.

Source

The Veterinary Nurse; 2018. 9(7):356-363.

Publisher

MA Healthcare Limited

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Despite having outcompeted the dog in popularity in UK, the cat has lived in close proximity to man for a relatively short period of time. This shorter period for domestication has affected the nature of the cat's level of domesticity, creating limitations on the behavioural flexibility that companion cats can offer. A previous article examined possible genetic predispositions that may interfere with a kitten's social flexibility. This article examines whose responsibility it is to assist a cat in maximising that flexibility while considering the question of how the cat's experience during its early weeks of life can place considerable restrictions on its capacity to relax with and interact with other cats, humans and a human environment. Following this, the article considers the nature of the advice that veterinary clients may benefit from, if they are to improve the behavioural welfare of the kitten that is expected to become a confident, sociable, companion cat.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 46.**Accession Number**

20183348633

Author

Elsheikha, H.

Title

A heart-breaking disease: how to prevent lungworm infection.

Source

The Veterinary Nurse; 2018. 9(7):348-355.

Publisher

MA Healthcare Limited

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Since first detected in the British Isles, in a Greyhound in Ireland in 1968, the lungworm *Angiostrongylus vasorum* has spread to become a prevalent parasitic disease, and a leading cause of morbidity and mortality, in dogs. Faced with the increasing threat posed by canine lungworm, parasitologists are tracing the geographic spread of infections; and some clinicians remain uncertain about the optimal frequency of dosing for preventive therapy. For this reason, control of canine lungworms has been an increasingly important focus of the veterinary profession, with significant progress being made on a number of fronts, particularly the diagnosis and treatment of lungworm disease. One notable success has been the development of potent anthelmintic drugs to control this disease. Despite this progress, infection due to *A. vasorum* remains a formidable clinical problem, and may continue to do so for many years to come. What has been learned over the past decade, is that control of lungworms is too complex to be handled by a single approach; and any attempt to do so may be unsuccessful. In this article, the author argues that the implementation of integrated parasite control strategies is crucial, in order to mitigate the risks caused by lungworms, reduce the transmission of infection and improve treatment outcomes.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 50.**Accession Number**

20183345629

Author

Dunne, K.; Brereton, B.; Duggan, V.; Campion, D.;

Title

Motivation and prior animal experience of newly enrolled veterinary nursing students at two Irish third-level institutions.

Source

Journal of Veterinary Medical Education; 2018. 45(3):413-422. many ref.

Publisher

Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges

Country of Publication

USA

Abstract

Veterinary nurses report an intrinsic desire to work with animals. However, this motivation may be eroded by poor working conditions and low pay, resulting in the exit of experienced veterinary nurses from clinical practice. This study sought to quantify the level of animal-handling experience students possessed at the start of their training and to explore the factors motivating them to enter veterinary nurse training in two Irish third-level institutions. The authors had noted a tendency for veterinary nursing students to possess limited animal-handling skills, despite their obvious motivation to work with animals. The study explores possible reasons for this, as it mirrors previous reports in relation to students of veterinary medicine. First-year veterinary nursing students at Dundalk Institute of Technology and University College Dublin were surveyed and a focus group was held in each institution to explore student motivations for choosing this career and their prior animal-handling experience and workplace exposure. The results show that

veterinary nursing students are highly intrinsically motivated to work with and care for animals. The majority had spent time in the veterinary workplace before starting their studies but they had limited animal-handling experience beyond that of family pets, primarily dogs. The study also revealed potential tensions between the veterinary nursing and veterinary medical students at University College Dublin: a hitherto unexposed aspect of the hidden curriculum in this institution. The results of this study highlight the need for ongoing investment in practical animal-handling training for veterinary nursing students.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 54.

Accession Number

20183326303

Author

Dagnall, C.

Title

Animal anaesthesia - what vet nurses need to know.

Source

VN Times; 2018. 18(10):8-10. 13 ref.

Publisher

Veterinary Business Development Ltd

Country of Publication

UK

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 55.

Accession Number

20183326302

Author

Oliver, J.

Title

Hyperthyroidism: knowledge tips to raise your game.

Source

VN Times; 2018. 18(10):22. 3 ref.

Publisher

Veterinary Business Development Ltd

Country of Publication

UK

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 56.

Accession Number

20183326301

Author

Chandler, M.

Title

Canine and feline foods: helping owners negotiate options.

Source

VN Times; 2018. 18(10):16...19. 28 ref.

Publisher

Veterinary Business Development Ltd

Country of Publication

UK

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 57.**Accession Number**

20183326300

Author

Bescoby, R.

Title

Canine firework fears - preparing clients appropriately.

Source

VN Times; 2018. 18(10):14-15. 15 ref.

Publisher

Veterinary Business Development Ltd

Country of Publication

UK

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 59.**Accession Number**

20183343709

Author

Ryan, L.

Title

Better veterinary visits - working towards a patient-friendly practice.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(6):171-174. 22 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Awareness for improving patients' veterinary experiences is growing. A patient-friendly approach is not only considered better for our patients, but it makes working with them easier and safer for staff, saves time and makes day-to-day work with animals more fulfilling. This article discusses approaches to caring for patients' behavioural/emotional welfare while attending to their clinical needs, highlighting ways to achieve this. Patients' emotional welfare could be argued to be the animal's highest priority, so how can we make this happen alongside providing the best possible clinical care, as part of our aspiration towards an evidence-based approach to veterinary care?

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 60.**Accession Number**

20183343708

Author

Chapman, E.

Title

Nursing a canine with presumptive tremorgenic mycotoxicosis following ingestion of mouldy dog food - a case report.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(6):166-169. 22 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

A one-year-old neutered female Labrador Retriever presented with twitches and subsequent generalised tonic-clonic seizure activity following ingestion of mouldy dog food. Further complicating factors were hyperthermia and metabolic acidosis. Initial emergency treatment involved seizure management, blood analysis, intravenous fluid therapy, active cooling and decontamination via gastric lavage, administration of activated charcoal and an intralipid infusion. The patient was maintained under general anaesthesia to manage the seizure activity. Post-anaesthetic management included treatment of aspiration pneumonia, physiotherapy, intravenous fluid therapy and management of an indwelling urinary catheter. The patient was discharged 48 h post-admission without further complication.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 66.**Accession Number**

20183328380

Author

Belshaw, Z.; Yeates, J.;

Title

Assessment of quality of life and chronic pain in dogs. (Special Issue: Pain - from recognition to resolution.)

Source

Veterinary Journal; 2018. 239:59-64. many ref.

Publisher

Elsevier Ltd

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Assessment of chronic pain and quality of life (QOL) are integral to clinical veterinary research and practice, and recent years have seen an increase in the published tools available for the assessment of both.

However, the relationship between chronic pain and QOL in veterinary patients has received insufficient attention. This narrative review for the first time explores similarities, differences and interactions between chronic pain and quality of life and identifies common challenges to their assessment in dogs. In the opinion

of these authors, assessments of both chronic pain and quality of life should be pro-active, global, regular, applied to answer specific questions for researchers and decision makers, and transparent about what has, and has not, been assessed. Collaboration in this field between animal welfare scientists, veterinary researchers and clinicians appears rare, and should be prioritised.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 67.

Accession Number

20183327008

Author

Woodham-Davies, S.

Title

Nursing patients with a corneal graft and the use of a subpalpebral lavage system.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(9):266-268. 5 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

We as veterinary professionals are often faced with challenging patients that require up-close and personal attention. A common scenario seen in veterinary practice is administering eye medications to an aggressive or difficult patient. This article discusses nursing considerations for these patients with a corneal graft and the use of a subpalpebral lavage system to aid us with our treatments. Perhaps with more options available we will not have to be so quick to sway towards enucleation for these aggressive patients.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 68.

Accession Number

20183327007

Author

Sheppard, D.

Title

Understanding and improving airway management in companion animals - Part 2.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(9):262-265. 11 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

This article reviews alternatives to endotracheal tubes for airway management in veterinary patients under anaesthesia. Anaesthesia has had many improvements over the past few decades and now airway management is finally catching up and so veterinary anaesthetists have a wider choice of options. As in other areas of anaesthesia, airway management should not be a one-size-fits-all approach. Patient and procedure should be considered before selecting the most appropriate airway device.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 69.

Accession Number

20183327006

Author

Mann, A.

Title

Hospital-acquired infections in the veterinary establishment.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(9):257-261. 18 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Hospital-acquired infections (HAIs) are present in both human and veterinary hospitals with data for each. There is no surveillance into the numbers and types of HAIs in veterinary establishments, but studies have found that they are a problem. This article discusses some of the more common HAIs that can occur in the veterinary establishment as well as patient risk factors and ways of minimising them so that HAIs and their consequences can be kept to a minimum.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 70.

Accession Number

20183327005

Author

Bedford, S.; Anscombe-Skirrow, E.;

Title

Bullying and disillusionment in veterinary nursing.

Source

Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2018. 33(9):250-256. 69 ref.

Publisher

Taylor & Francis

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Aiming to determine the effect of bullying on disillusionment, registered (RVN) and student veterinary nurses (SVN) undertook an anonymous survey, where linear and dichotomous responses facilitated variable assessment. Of participants, 58.7% met the criterion for behavioural-measured bullying, with no significant difference between RVN and SVN scores ($P=0.335$) or perception of bullying (RVN: $P=0.819$, SVN: $P=0.176$). Although 85.5% of disillusioned participants ranked as bullied, negative behaviours were not significant predictors of disillusionment ($P=0.6$), but low incidence of positive behaviours were ($P<0.001$), denoting an unexplored factor of disillusionment. Results indicate risk and complexity of bullying in veterinary nursing, suggesting requirement for further research.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

Citation 73.

Accession Number

20183299218

Author

Chandler, M.

Title

Pet probiotics - application in vet practice.

Source

VN Times; 2018. 18(9):18...22. many ref.

Publisher

Veterinary Business Development Ltd

Country of Publication

UK

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 74.

Accession Number

20183299217

Author

Williams, K.

Title

Pet parasite predicaments in practice.

Source

VN Times; 2018. 18(9):10-11.

Publisher

Veterinary Business Development Ltd

Country of Publication

UK

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 75.

Accession Number

20183299194

Author

Belshaw, Z.; Robinson, N. J.; Dean, R. S.; Brennan, M. L.;

Title

Owner and veterinary surgeon perspectives on the roles of veterinary nurses and receptionists in relation to small animal preventive healthcare consultations in the United Kingdom.

Source

Veterinary Record; 2018. 183(9):296.

Publisher

BMJ Publishing Group

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

Veterinary receptionists and veterinary nurses rarely feature in published practice-based research, yet are integral to small animal veterinary practice in the UK. The aim of this study was to investigate the perspectives of UK-based owners and veterinary surgeons about veterinary nurses and receptionists in relation to their role in preventive healthcare. Semistructured telephone interviews were conducted with 15 dog and cat owners and 14 veterinary surgeons. Interview transcripts were thematically analysed. Reception staff were identified as having a range of important roles, from rapport building to providing healthcare information and advice. The perceived importance of those roles appeared to differ between owners and veterinary surgeons. Veterinary nurses were described as performing a diversity of roles in relation to preventive healthcare, both in the reception area and in the consulting room. Many owners, and some veterinary surgeons, expressed uncertainty about the remit and status of veterinary nurses in relation to providing veterinary advice. This study identifies for the first time the degree of responsibility for preventive healthcare given to veterinary receptionists and veterinary nurses in UK small animal practices. Further work is needed involving reception and nursing staff to fully appreciate and define their roles in small animal practice.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018

Citation 77.**Accession Number**

20183262420

Author

Ballantyne, H.

Title

Veterinary nursing care plans: theory and practice.

Source

Veterinary nursing care plans: theory and practice; 2018. :138 pp.

Publisher

CRC Press Inc.

Country of Publication

UK

Abstract

This book offers a broad overview of the theory and practice of care planning in veterinary nursing, answering three key questions: What are nursing care plans?; Why should nursing care plans be used in practice?; How should nursing care plans be used in practice? It provides basic definitions and explanations which will be useful to those unfamiliar with nursing care plans. For those veterinary nurses and technicians who are using nursing care plans, the content stimulates debate and discussion, by covering some of the philosophical and theoretical aspects of nursing and drawing comparisons and contrasts between the veterinary and human nursing roles and contexts. There is a pressing need for veterinary nurses to establish themselves as professionals and develop their unique role within the veterinary care team. Nursing care plans are a core tool to support that development. It is hoped that veterinary nurses may borrow tools from the pages of this book or use it as a resource design their unique care plans: either way, this practical guide will support the application of care planning, no matter the species of the animal kingdom for whom you are caring.

Language

English.

Year of Publication

2018