

Suggested 2019 topics:

Please note - we can't provide advice, make recommendations, or anticipate decisions about abstract topics. If you would like to see a topic included for consideration, please submit a proposal.

Hospice Track

Fear free certification
Mobility support devices - best options and how to order them
Cognitive dysfunction - treatment options: behaviour modification, supplements, drugs
Pain management - case studies for common disorders/diseases, drug protocols with dosing recommendations
What's new in the treatment of cats with renal disease?
Management of the neurologic patient
Handling aggressive animals with care and compassion
QOL assessments/tools/walking owners through a "QOL exam"
Cannabinoids/marijuana
Telehealth and telemedicine
Wearables
Nutraceuticals
Comfort/crisis kits
Stages of dying
Alternative medicine
Hospice/QOL intakes (what the doctor does, nurse does, ongoing communication)
Hospice pharmacy
Comfort kits/crisis decision tree
Advanced wound management
Physical therapy for true end of life pets (not just dogs with arthritis)
Ethics and morality
Hands on training tools that can be taken back to help teach others (staff, lunch and learns)

Business Track

Emerging technologies
Accounting for small business owners
Financial statements and how they can help you run your business better
Marketing to referring veterinary hospitals
Supervising employees, annual reviews, firing
How practices are using freelancers
Pricing strategies for home hospice and euthanasia practices
Technology tips and tricks (implementing online scheduling)

Social Work / Mental Health Track

What to do with clients expressing suicidal ideation
Gallows humor and death care
Awareness of desensitization and customer service
Clients with addictions or under the influence or mental illness
Animal neglect/abuse
Supporting clients experiencing loneliness/isolation
Supporting children and grief
Psychosocial concerns of families and why they are important/how the impact care
Communication skills and coping skills; communication with emotional people

Technician Track

Medical care

Education

Advocacy

Euthanasia Track

Alternative routes for euthanasia injections

Step-by-step guide to managing in home euthanasia visits

The latest in memorialization - what to offer for pet owners

Panel discussion about updated pre-euthanasia sedation protocols

Setting up your car for home euthanasia practice

How's your back? Practical tips for lifting and transporting heavy dogs

Handling aggressive animals with care and compassion

Successful euthanasia appointments and special needs families - mental health, autism, substance abusers, behavioral challenges for both two and four legged participants