



IAAHPC

International Association for
Animal Hospice and Palliative Care

IAAHPC Conference suggested topics:

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

Hospice/Palliative Care Tracks (medically based, primarily for veterinarians and veterinary technicians)

- 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
- Integrative medicine (TCVM, acupuncture, food therapy, herbal medications)
- 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)
- Equine hospice topics
- Exotics hospice topics- detailed procedure descriptions (where, how, which drugs, and which doses for different species), pictures, videos, or a wet lab
- Nutrition for hospice patients

Business Track (primarily for business/practice owners)

- Building a more client centric experience
- Including welfare concepts in your marketing efforts
- Survey of clinics that are allowing no people, 1 person, or multiple people in the clinic for euthanasias (questions on plans/what factors must be present for re-opening for this service or other services vs.

curbside; and what is driving clinic curbside longevity when grocery stores, salons and restaurants are open)

- Poster presenting COVID's effects on end of life practices - include data about revenue and appointment demand through the lean early months and as we got busier (may include subjective info, too, about effects on how we've changed how we do things)
- Marketing to referring veterinary hospitals: Business Circle Panel to discuss marketing ideas for different times of the year (BC members as panelists - some who have been in business for a while and some who started up in the last year) including ideas for new practices, existing practices, etc.
- The Business of Telehealth in End-of-Life Practice
- Nurturing your hospice team culture as a leadership skill
- Utilizing an LVT for patient care and communications within the hospice team
- Aquamation startups
- Accounting for small business owners
- Financial statements and how they can help you run your business better
- 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) and emerging technologies

The Human Factor Track (for anyone who deals with the humans involved in end-of-life care, including Social Workers, veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and other allied professionals)

- Supporting elderly clients (I just put this together for MPET so it's on my mind)
- Team retention and appreciation
- preventing and bouncing back from burnout (this comes up at most of my biz circles meetings)
- How to do strat planning/long-term planning (1, 3, 5, 10 yr planning)
- What to do with clients expressing suicidal ideation
- 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

Hospice Assisted Death with Euthanasia Track (primarily for veterinarians and veterinary technicians who are involved with providing euthanasia services or mental health professionals who work with clients before or after pet euthanasia)

- Preplanning tips for euthanasia and aftercare.
- Dealing with angry clients
- Withholding judgment when a client chooses something that is contrary to our beliefs
- Techniques to move visits along
- Making connections with clients, how to talk to clients who don't say much
- Alternative euthanasia routes - techniques and communication tips
- Dealing with other pets in the home during appointments and discussing the impact loss has on other pets
- De-escalation techniques/ alternatives to calling police in mental health crisis emergencies
- Language when kids are present
- Sympathy card writing tips
- Exotics euthanasia topics- detailed procedure descriptions (where, how, which drugs, and which doses for different species), pictures, videos, or a wet lab