



## **2022 IAAHPC Conference Presentation and Submission Ideas**

We know you know! We know you know something about one of these things and we want to hear from YOU! Here are a variety of ideas for you to peruse, and then let the Conference Selection Committee know what you'd like to share your knowledge on with the IAAHPC Conference attendees.

### **Hospice/Palliative Care Track (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
- 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 (primarily for business/practice owners)**

- 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 / Pet Loss / Mental Health Track (for anyone who deals with the humans involved in end-of-life care, including Social Workers, veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and other allied professionals)**

- 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

**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)**

- 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