# 2024 State of the IAAAHPC International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care



#### Your IAAHPC

#### Mission:

The IAAHPC promotes comfort care that addresses the physical, psychological, and social needs of animals with chronic and/or life-limiting diseases. We promote physical, emotional, and spiritual support for caregivers. We also educate professionals and advance research in the field of animal hospice and palliative care.

#### Your IAAHPC

#### Vision:

The IAAHPC strives to create a world in which animal hospice and palliative care services are widely available to animals and their caregivers. We want hospice and palliative care to be broadly recognized by veterinarians, veterinary nurses/technicians, and mental health/spiritual care professionals worldwide as an integral part of quality care.

#### Your IAAHPC

#### **Core Purpose Statement:**

Leadership for the field of Animal Hospice & Palliative Care.

#### Core Values:







Integrity

**Commitment** 

Inclusivity



#### **IAAHPC Structure**

- Board of Directors
  - > Executive Committee
    - President
    - President-Elect
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
    - Past-President
- Executive Director and support staff
- Committee Chairs and Initiative Champions
- Volunteers

\*\* All serving the IAAHPC membership \*\*



#### **Executive Board of Directors**









# **IAAHPC** Board of Directors and Team















#### Your 2024 IAAHPC Board

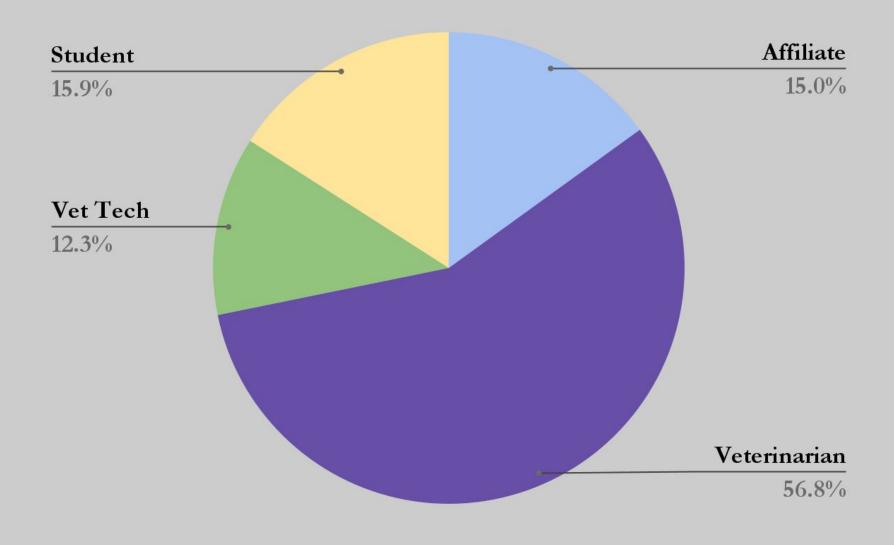
- Karin Christopher President
- Tyler Carmack President-Elect
- Sara Hopkins Past-President
- Diane Eigner Treasurer
- Sandra Soucheray Secretary
- Laurie Brush
- Maja Redfern
- Anupam Sharma
- Kellie Barrett
- Kelly Hill

- Executive Director-Coleen Ellis
- Director of Operations Danielle Schloemp
- Director of Outreach –
   Stephanie Messick
- Social Media Manager -Caitlin DeWilde

#### Where do we stand?

- **❖** IAAHPC was founded in 2009
- Today membership totals nearly 2000 members
  - Official representatives in <u>11</u> countries
  - ➤ Members in <u>47</u> countries (15 more than 2023!)
  - ➤ Members in <u>48</u> states in the United States
- The certification program has 374 graduates to date

# Membership 2024





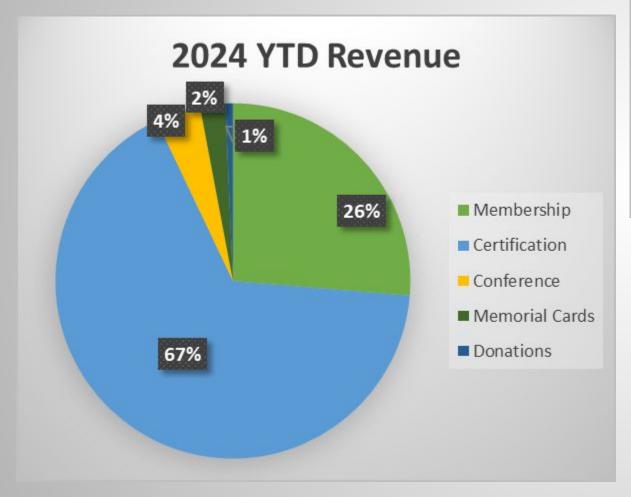
#### Conference Stats for 2024

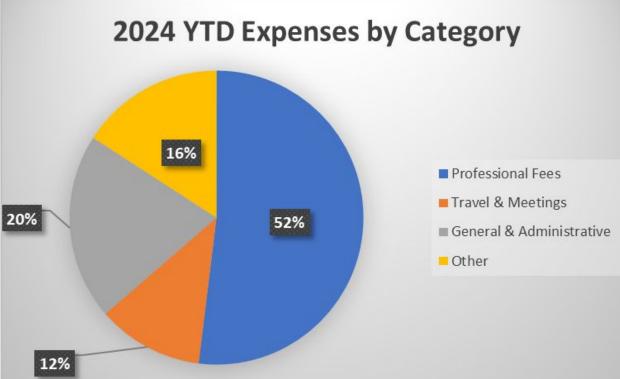
- Total attendees: Almost 500!!
- LARGEST IAAHPC Conference EVER!
- Participants from 40 of 50 states
- International Attendees from 13 countries worldwide!

United Kingdom Hong Kong Italy Singapore
Canada Taiwan Portugal France
Australia South Africa South Korea

Japan Chile

# **Financial Updates**

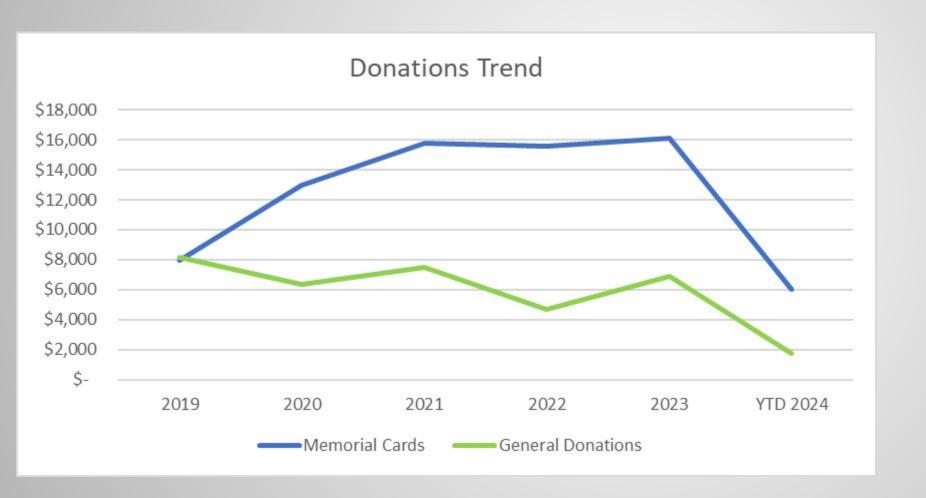








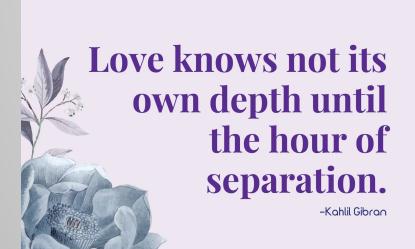
# **Financial Updates**





# Honoring YOU...

- Memorial Card donations totaling almost \$75,000 overall to date (including support from the community after receiving a card)
- Almost \$35,000 donated to general fund
- Thank-you card sent to every donor



This thoughtful donation supports the IAAHPC's mission in promoting comfort care—addressing the physical, psychological and social needs of animals with chronic and/or life-limiting diseases. Even more, this donation will also enhance the work done to physically, emotionally and spiritually support caregivers like yourself, and continue the work in educating professionals and advanced research in the field of animal hospice and palliative care.

The love you shared with your beloved pet was obvious, and this gift allows the work for the IAAHPC to continue in honor of your journey together. We would love to pay tribute to the life you shared.

Please share a photo, video or memory with us at IAAHPC.org/pet-memorials or scan the QR code. We will include your pet's tribute on our website, social media channels and in our annual Honoring Ceremony Tribute Video so that our community of pet lovers can join in supporting you through this time.







### 2023-2026 Strategic Initiatives

2023-2026 IAAHPC Initiatives



Research



Education



Member Benefits



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International



Conference

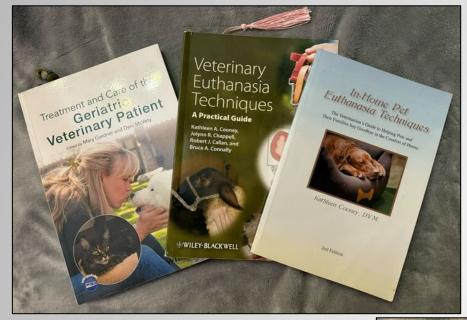


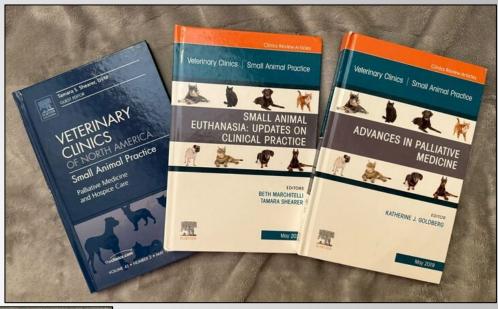
Partnership Development



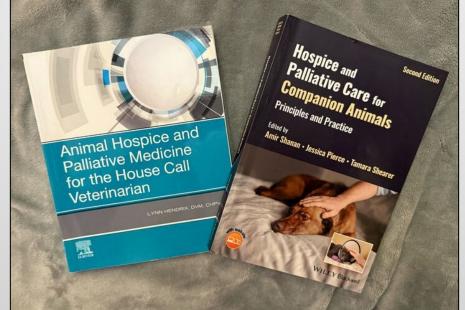


#### Research





Member and/or Certification Graduate Authors





#### Research

- Human-Animal Actions Special Issue!
  - > Call for Proposals
  - > "Veterinary hospice, palliative care and the human-animal bond
  - > Deadline is April 14, 2025
  - > All species
- Research library
- Future Journal?







#### **Education:** Certification

- Class of 2024 graduating:
  - > Veterinarians: 27
  - > Veterinary technicians: 11
  - > Advocate: 15
- Official launch of CHPA Program
- Introduction of International Communication Workshop
- Module 1: Introduction to AHPC in veterinary (Penn State & Clemson) and veterinary technician school curriculum (Lonestar Veterinary Technology)









#### **Education: Conference**

- Continue to elevate content
  - > Now with expert speakers in equine and exotic species
- International conference
- PETS Scholarships

### **Education: Student Chapters**

- Student IAAHPC Chapters:
  - Colorado State University College of Vet Med
  - Lone Star Veterinary Technology
  - University of Tennessee
- Continue to increase awareness of HPC education among veterinary and veterinary technician students



# Congratulations to this year's PETS Scholarship Conference Recipients! Proudly sponsored by:



Allie Ponkey

DVM Candidate from

Western University of

Health Sciences



Zoe Marinacci

DVM Candidate

from Lincoln

Memorial

University College

of Veterinary

Medicine



# Congratulations to the 2024 PETS Certification Scholarship Recipients!



Dr. Samantha Thomas



Kaylee Lepianka, RVT



# **Operational Development**

- Develop infrastructure for continued growth
- GOAL: Increase membership to 3000 members by 2026
  - > Increase education and exposure internationally
- Petitioned ABVS under ABVP to form Animal Hospice and Palliative Care as a Recognized Veterinary Specialty
- Updated IAAHPC Bylaws and Board Policy Manual







#### International

- IAAHPC brochures downloadable in many languages
- Templated IAAHPC branded slide-decks
- Publications, presentations and interviews and expos
  - Germany, Switzerland,
     Australia, Portugal, S.
     Korea, UK, Canada
- Italy conference in March 2024
- Continued growth of our international membership



# Partnership Development

- Continue to develop and foster partnerships to advance the mission and vision of the IAAHPC
- May include other associations, sponsors, general practitioners, pharma





# **Enhancing a Strong Network of Professionals**

#### **Our Industry Friends**

We're proud to work on projects with these organizations









#### Member Benefits

- FREE, RACE-approved CE each year
- 200+ hours of free webinars and archived conferences
- Marketing Toolkit updated, with more to come!
  - Grief brochures
  - > Forms for daily business use
  - Branded, customizable PowerPoint presentations

#### **My Membership - Benefits** Overview





Our membership is a group of veterinarians, veterinary technicians, social workers, mental health specialists, and other vital end-of-life professionals whose mission is to provide the comfort, care, and support for a loving pet parent and their pet to create a memorable final experience.

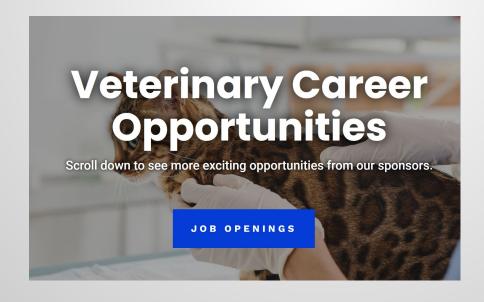
IAAHPC membership not only brings you into the company of people dedicated to a respectful and dignified final walk for a beloved pet, but also includes access to member only resources and opportunities:

- · Click here for ----> Member Resources:
  - o Aftercare Resources
  - · Grief resources
  - o International brochures
  - o IAAHPC Logos and Badges
  - o Info Sheets & brochures
  - Power point Presentations
- Click here for ----> Practice Memberships
- Click here for ----> To Renew Your Membership
- · Click here for ----> Member only Facebook group
- Click here for ----> BiSGroups
- Click here for ----> Free RACE Approved Continuing **Education for members**
- Click here for ----> Past Conference Recordings (all but the most recent!)
- Click here for ----> Member Rewards Program member only
- Click here for opportunities in our ----> Career Center
- Click here for ---> International Members



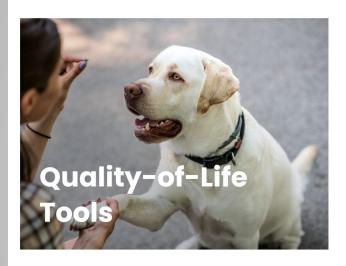
#### **Member Benefits**

- Pet Parent Resource page for your clients
- Members only discount platform: Lifemart.com
- BiSGroups 2.0
- \$10K AD&D coverage





#### Member Benefits



#### Lap of Love Scale

A quality-of-life scale from Lap of Love. Be sure to discuss your results with your veterinarian.

#### **Learn More**

#### **QOL Pyramid**

A pyramid visual that explores the three facets that make up a pet's quality of life:

#### The HHHHHMM Scale

**Blank Tracking** 

A printable tool from

events and trends in

Calendar

IAAHPC to help

track treatments,

your aging pet's quality of life.

**Learn More** 

A quality-of-life tool meant to help determine whether hospice care



#### Chronic Pain

Chronic pain in pets can be difficult to recognize. Feel free to use these resources to work with your vet in assessing your pet's symptoms and, ultimately, determining what course of action may be needed.

- Canine BEAP
- Canine Brief Pain Inventory
- Feline BEAP CSU Chronic Canine
- AAFP Chronic Pain Toolkit
- Feline MS Pain Index

#### **Acute Pain**



#### **How To Help A Child Grieving A Beloved**

The loss of a beloved pet is a major life experience for children and it is often their first introduction to death. The closer the bond and the longer the pet's life, stronger the impact.

**Read More** 

#### How to Memorialize a Beloved Pet

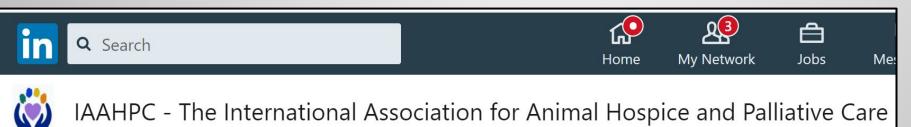
It's hard to imagine life after a beloved pet dies, but

IAAHPC.org/Helpful-Links

# **Enhancing a Strong Network of Professionals**







### How can you connect with YOUR people?

- Social Media:
  - Facebook and Instagram Pages
  - Facebook Groups
- BiSGroups
- ❖ GET INVOLVED!





#### Support Your IAAHPC



Scan the QR code to Take advantage of the Pet
Memorial Program to help fundraise for the IAAHPC, build organization awareness all while showing your families love and support as well





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Show your support for the IAAHPC by wearing it! Visit our Swag Store!





#### Get Involved!

2023-2026 IAAHPC Initiatives





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Volunteer on an initiative committee!



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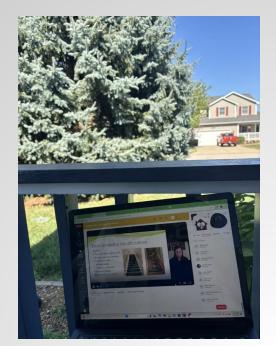
Consider joining our Board of Directors!

Applications open each spring and are open to any member! Come join us!

# **Good Times!**

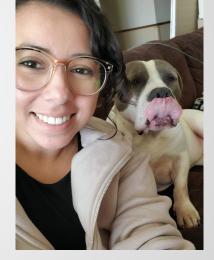












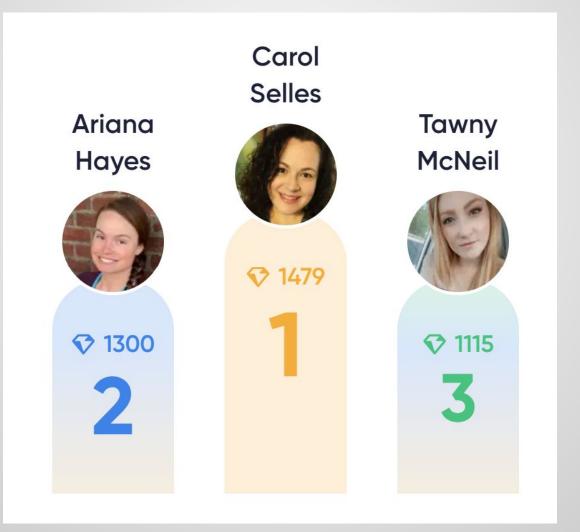








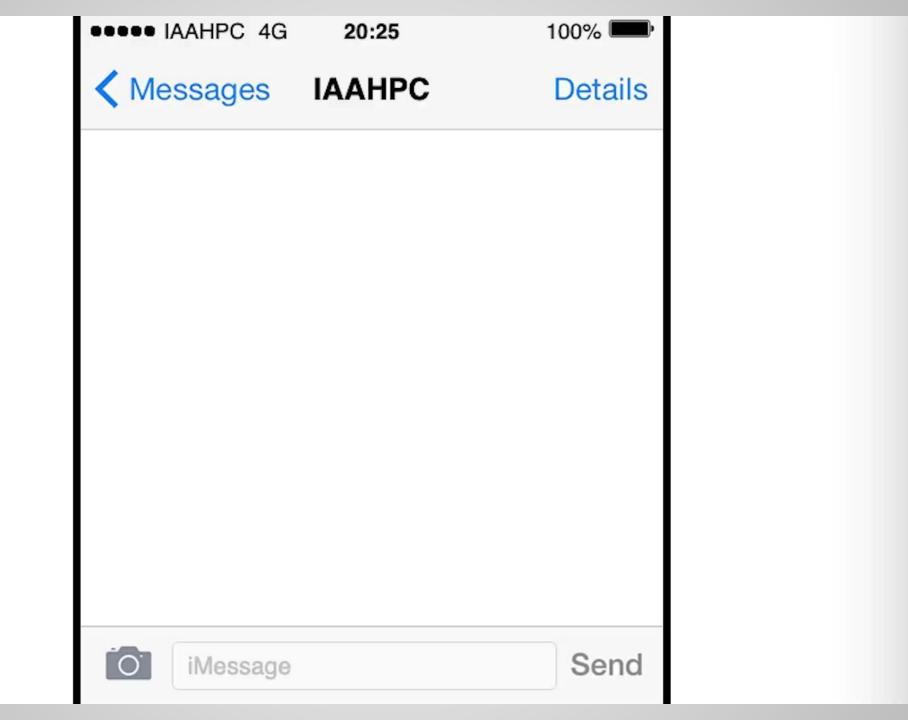
# Leaderboard Winners!





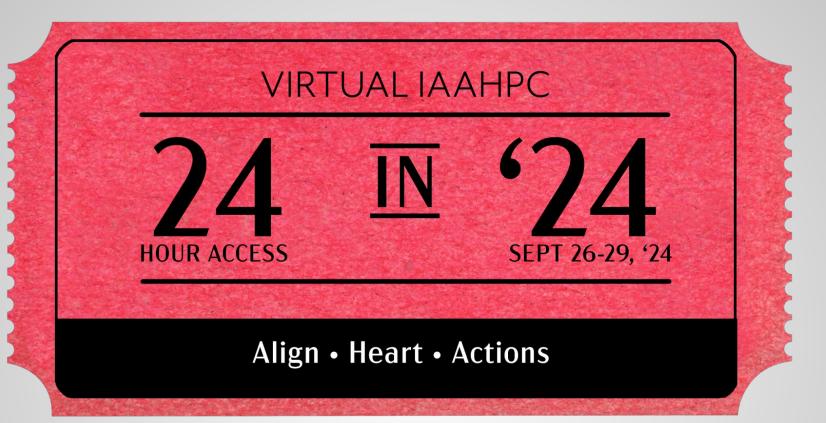


# And NOW! A VERY Important Announcement!





We'll see you in Louisville, KY
September 25 - 28, 2025
Save The Date!



Thank you for attending the 24In'24
IAAHPC Virtual Conference