

PVTA E- News

The International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management is a unique organization dedicated to promoting, enhancing, and advancing the advancement of certified veterinarians in pain management in animals. The practice of pain medicine demands an interdisciplinary approach, incorporating multiple modalities to ensure the comprehensive evaluation and treatment of the painful patient. The IVAPM represents the diverse scope of this field through membership from a variety of origins, including veterinarians, credentialed veterinary nurses, veterinary assistants, researchers, veterinary practice managers, etc. The integration of these perspectives is essential to treating pain in animals and establishing continuity of care.



**Pain Management Certification
Information from IVAPM Website**

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Founded in 2003, the IVAPM intends to become the recognized leading forum and resource in animal pain for the veterinary profession through research, education, and advocacy. The IVAPM hopes to facilitate contact, conversation, and the free exchange of information among like-minded individuals in an inclusionary manner. This website will provide access to archived information as well as to literature and abstracts relevant to pain management in animals.

International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management
Will credential Vets and Licensed Vet Techs as a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner (CVPP) and will credential Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants w/certification in canine rehabilitation as Certified Animal Pain Practitioner (CAPP). First exam will be in August 2009. www.IVAPM.org

Pet Pals: A Pet Palliative Caregiver Support Group

For many of us, providing daily comfort (palliative) care to our aging, chronically or terminally ill pets is done lovingly from the heart. Often this care involves giving medicines, helping our pet get around, special feedings and adjusting our schedule to fit the needs of our pets. Providing this day-to-day care can be difficult at times and emotionally bittersweet for the caregiver. Family and friends do not always understand this compassionate devotion to our ailing pets. Pet Pals is a self-help group offering a caring, understanding and supportive environment for pet owners who are traveling this road with their beloved companion animal. Each month, experts in both the veterinary and human hospice professions will offer informative pet palliative care related topics. There will also be time spent for group interaction and sharing. Please join us the first Wednesday of each month from October 2008 to March 2009. This group is for caregivers only, please leave your pet at home. *Pre-registration is required.*

Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

Location: **Abington Memorial Health Center** - Shilling Campus
Willowood Building, Cafeteria, Room 163
2510 Maryland Rd., Willow Grove, PA
Free parking

To register: 215-481-PETS (7387)

Cost: Free of charge

Co-facilitators: Ann P. McClenaghan, B.S., C.V.T., and
Susan Kristiniak, R.N., M.S.N.

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 - Understanding and Dealing with Compassion Fatigue

Wednesday, January 7, 2009 - Taking Care of the Caregiver

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 - Anticipatory Grief – The Long Goodbye

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 - Discussion about companion animal grief; commencement of group and parting thoughts on pet palliative and hospice care