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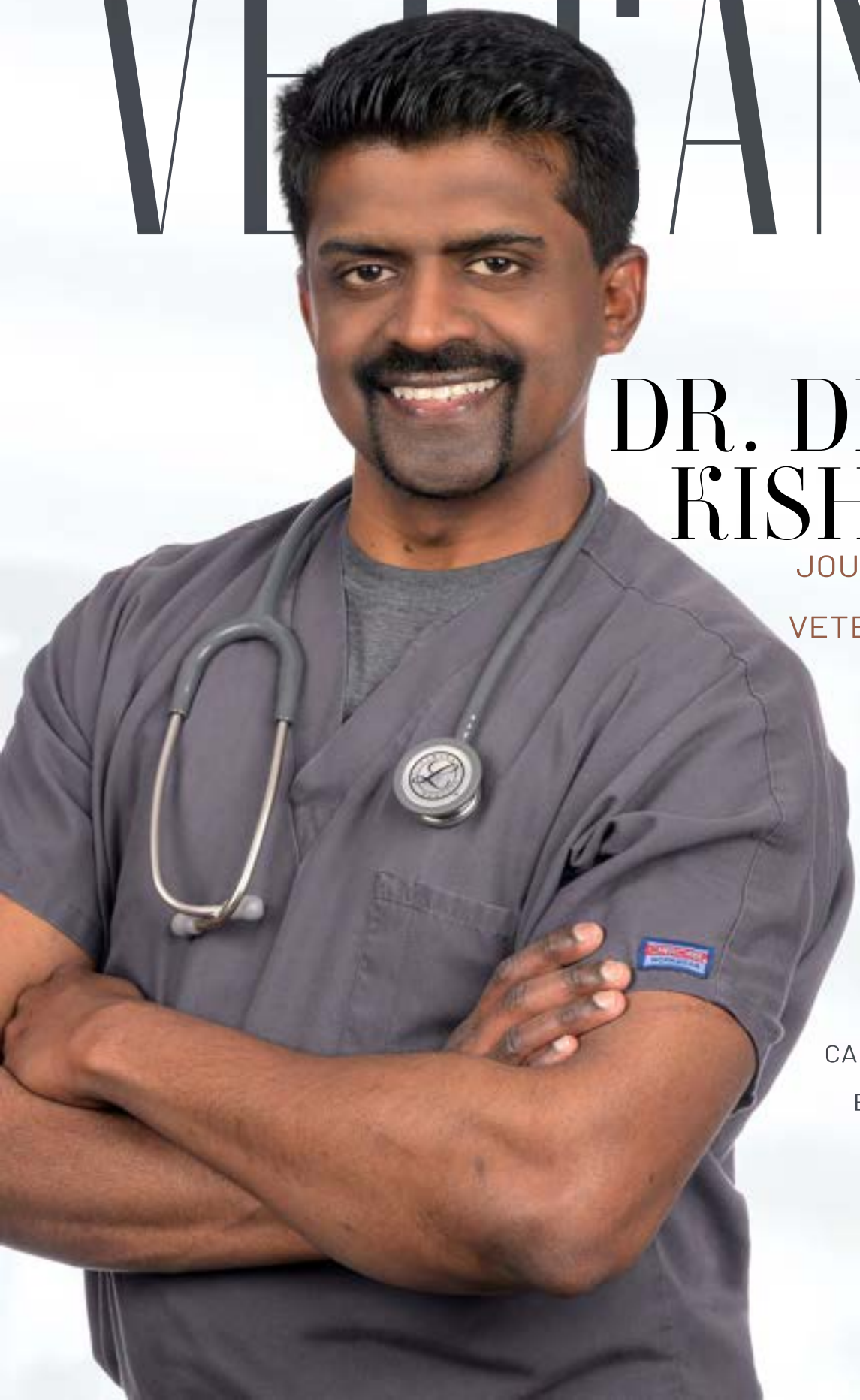

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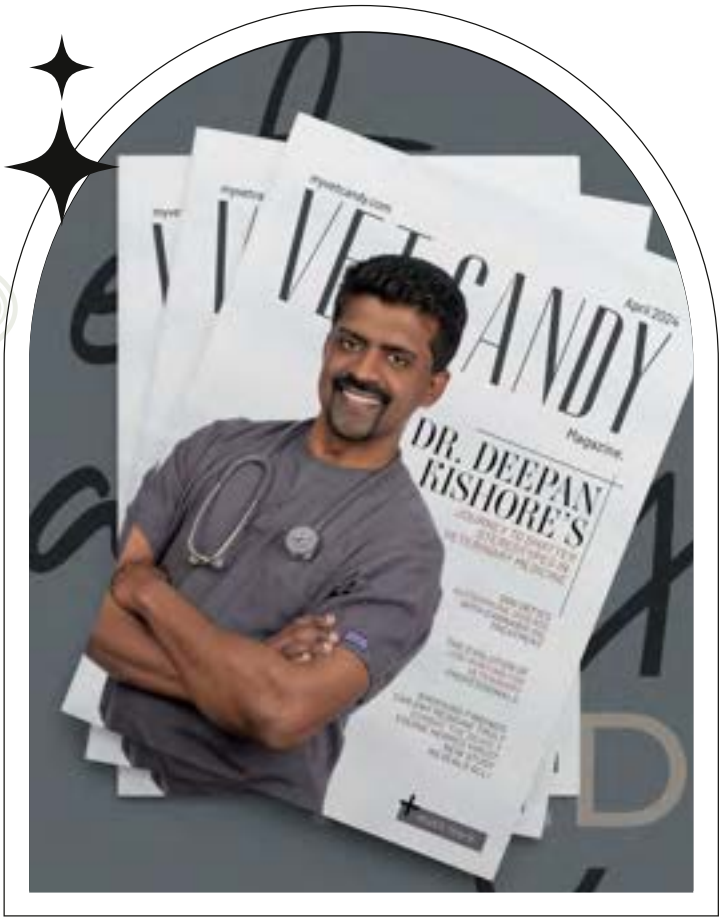

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06 Veterinary Breakthrough

Dear Vet Candy Community,

Welcome to the April issue of Vet Candy, where we dive deep into the latest discoveries, breakthroughs, and stories shaping the world of veterinary medicine. This month, we're thrilled to present our feature story, shining the spotlight on Dr. Deepan Kishore, a true pioneer in the field who's redefining excellence and championing diversity.

Dr. Kishore's journey is one of resilience, determination, and unwavering compassion—a testament to the transformative power of passion and dedication. His story serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration, reminding us all of the impact we can make when we dare to dream big and defy expectations.

In addition to Dr. Kishore's remarkable tale, this issue is packed with groundbreaking discoveries and life-saving innovations. From debunking myths about immune-mediated disease relapse in dogs to unveiling revolutionary decontamination protocols for our furry friends, each article is a testament to the tireless efforts and unwavering commitment of veterinary professionals worldwide.

Join us as we uncover the truth behind some of the most pressing issues facing our beloved animals, from equine herpes virus to kidney disease in cats. With each revelation, we gain a deeper understanding of the challenges ahead—and the incredible potential for progress and healing.

As always, we're grateful for your continued support and dedication to the welfare of animals everywhere. Together, we're shaping the future of veterinary medicine and paving the way for a brighter, healthier world for all creatures, great and small.
Thank you for being part of the Vet Candy community. Enjoy the April issue, and stay tuned for more exciting updates and stories in the months to come!

Warm regards,
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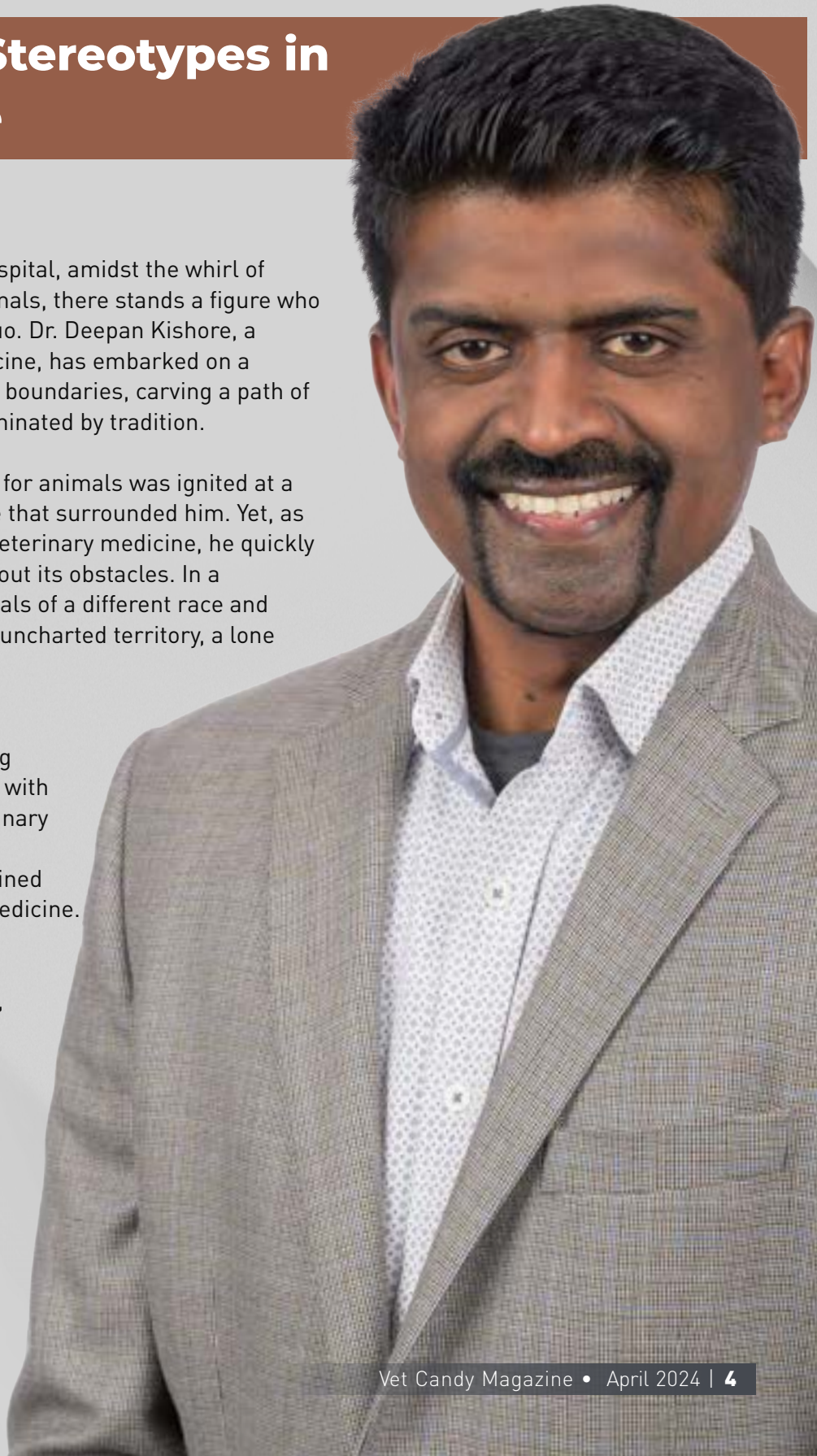
Dr. Deepan Kishore's

Journey to Shatter Stereotypes in Veterinary Medicine

By Dr. Jill Lopez



In the bustling corridors of Neel Veterinary Hospital, amidst the whirl of medical equipment and the gentle hum of animals, there stands a figure who defies convention and challenges the status quo. Dr. Deepan Kishore, a visionary leader in the field of veterinary medicine, has embarked on a journey that transcends borders, barriers, and boundaries, carving a path of inclusivity and diversity in an industry long dominated by tradition.

Born and raised in India, Dr. Kishore's passion for animals was ignited at a young age, fueled by the vibrant tapestry of life that surrounded him. Yet, as he embarked on his journey into the world of veterinary medicine, he quickly realized that the path ahead would not be without its obstacles. In a profession predominantly inhabited by individuals of a different race and ethnicity, Dr. Kishore found himself navigating uncharted territory, a lone pioneer in a sea of uniformity.

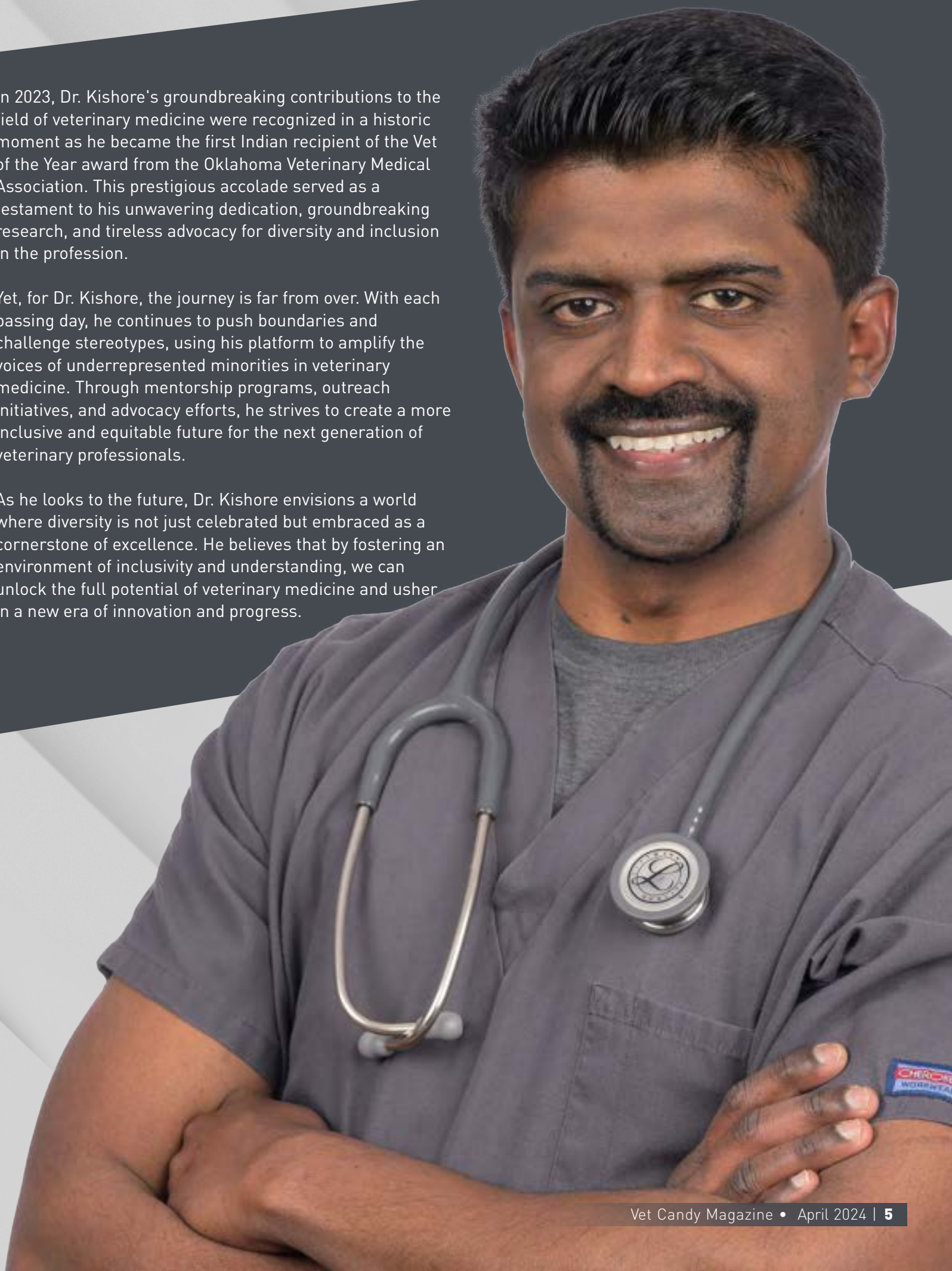
Undeterred by the challenges that lay ahead, Dr. Kishore pursued his dream with unwavering determination and unwavering resolve. Armed with a prestigious BVSC and AH from Madras Veterinary College and a Master's from the University of Missouri, he set foot on American soil, determined to make his mark on the world of veterinary medicine.

As he began his career in the United States, Dr. Kishore encountered skepticism and doubt, as well as an underlying sense of cultural unfamiliarity. Yet, with each patient he healed and each life he touched, he proved that excellence knows no boundaries and compassion transcends language and culture.

In 2023, Dr. Kishore's groundbreaking contributions to the field of veterinary medicine were recognized in a historic moment as he became the first Indian recipient of the Vet of the Year award from the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association. This prestigious accolade served as a testament to his unwavering dedication, groundbreaking research, and tireless advocacy for diversity and inclusion in the profession.

Yet, for Dr. Kishore, the journey is far from over. With each passing day, he continues to push boundaries and challenge stereotypes, using his platform to amplify the voices of underrepresented minorities in veterinary medicine. Through mentorship programs, outreach initiatives, and advocacy efforts, he strives to create a more inclusive and equitable future for the next generation of veterinary professionals.

As he looks to the future, Dr. Kishore envisions a world where diversity is not just celebrated but embraced as a cornerstone of excellence. He believes that by fostering an environment of inclusivity and understanding, we can unlock the full potential of veterinary medicine and usher in a new era of innovation and progress.



Dr. Deepan Kishore's journey serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration, reminding us that the power to effect change lies within each and every one of us. In a profession built on compassion and empathy, he stands as a shining example of what it means to lead with integrity, empathy, and courage. And as he continues to pave the way for a more diverse and inclusive future, he leaves an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of all who have the privilege of knowing him. Dr. Deepan Kishore isn't just a veterinary maverick—he's a trailblazer, lighting the way for a brighter, more inclusive tomorrow.

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Dog Defies Autoimmune Disease with Cannabis Oil Treatment

In a remarkable leap forward for veterinary science, a case study from the Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, alongside the Cannabis Development and Innovation Center, unveils a promising new horizon for treating canine autoimmune diseases. Discoid lupus erythematosus (DLE), a stubborn skin affliction in dogs, met its match with cannabinoid therapy (CT), charting a course for what could be a groundbreaking alternative to conventional treatments.

The Stubborn Enemy: Discoid Lupus Erythematosus in Canines

DLE, a common yet challenging autoimmune condition in dogs, manifests through disfiguring lesions primarily on the nose and ears, leading to depigmentation, hair loss, and in severe cases, painful ulcers. Traditional remedies, while sometimes effective, often bring a host of side effects, leaving a gap for safer, more sustainable options. Enter the innovative approach of CT, utilizing the holistic benefits of CBD-rich cannabis oil to not just treat, but transform the lives of afflicted canines.

A Case of Hope: The Journey of a DLE-Afflicted Dog

The study centers on a two-year-old mixed breed dog, bogged down by DLE and unresponsive to the usual corticosteroids and immunosuppressive medications. Not only were these treatments ineffective, but they also led to elevated liver enzyme levels, signaling potential harm. This dire situation set the stage for a novel intervention: cannabinoid therapy with a CBD-rich full spectrum Cannabis oil.

The Turning Point: Cannabinoid Therapy

The decision to administer cannabis oil marked a significant turning point. Starting with cautious dosages, the treatment was meticulously adjusted to find the least amount necessary for effect. Remarkably, within weeks of initiating CT, the dog showed significant improvements in both skin condition and liver function. A year into the treatment, and the dog remains stable on a low dose of the oil, with no signs of DLE resurgence.

The Science Behind the Success

Cannabinoids, including CBD and THC, have shown potential in modulating the immune response, suggesting a natural fit for treating DLE. Their ability to inhibit inflammatory mediators and promote regulatory T cells offers a beacon of hope for managing autoimmune conditions with fewer side effects. This case report sheds light on the significant role that the endocannabinoid system plays in maintaining cellular homeostasis and the potential of cannabis derivatives in veterinary medicine.

Beyond a Single Case: Implications and Future Directions

This pioneering case report does more than showcase a single success story; it opens a dialogue on the potential of cannabinoids as a viable, alternative, or complementary therapy for DLE in dogs, especially those suffering from adverse effects of conventional treatments. While further research is essential to fully understand the efficacy and safety of CT for DLE management, this case stands as a testament to the untapped potential of cannabinoid therapy in veterinary medicine.

The Evolution of Job Hunting for Veterinary Professionals:

Navigating the Modern Landscape

Securing employment in the veterinary field has undergone significant transformation in recent years, shaped by technological advancements, changing industry dynamics, and evolving job market trends. As veterinary professionals seek new opportunities, it's essential to understand how the landscape of job hunting has evolved and adapt strategies accordingly. In this article, we'll explore the key shifts in the job search process for veterinary professionals and offer insights into navigating the modern job market effectively.

1

Digitalization and Online Platforms:

The advent of online job boards, professional networking sites, and digital recruitment platforms has revolutionized the job search process for veterinary professionals. Rather than relying solely on traditional methods like newspaper ads or word-of-mouth referrals, job seekers now have access to a vast array of online resources to explore job openings, research potential employers, and connect with industry contacts. Websites such as VetCandy Jobs, AVMA Career Center, and LinkedIn have become indispensable tools for veterinary professionals seeking employment opportunities.

2

Specialized Recruitment Agencies:

In response to the growing demand for specialized talent in the veterinary field, an increasing number of recruitment agencies and staffing firms have emerged to cater specifically to veterinary professionals. These agencies leverage their industry expertise and networks to match candidates with suitable job opportunities, streamlining the hiring process for both employers and job seekers. Whether seeking permanent positions, locum tenens opportunities, or temporary assignments, veterinary professionals can benefit from partnering with specialized recruitment agencies to find the right fit for their skills and preferences.

3

Remote and Telemedicine Opportunities:

The rise of telemedicine and remote work has opened up new avenues for veterinary professionals, offering greater flexibility and access to job opportunities beyond traditional clinic settings. With advancements in technology and increased acceptance of telehealth services, veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and support staff can now explore remote work options, teleconsulting roles, and virtual veterinary services. This expansion of remote opportunities has widened the job market landscape, allowing veterinary professionals to pursue diverse career paths while maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

4

Emphasis on Work-Life Integration:

In addition to traditional factors such as salary and benefits, today's veterinary professionals prioritize aspects like work-life balance, professional development opportunities, and organizational culture when evaluating job prospects. Employers who prioritize employee well-being, offer flexible scheduling options, and support ongoing learning and growth are more likely to attract and retain top talent in the competitive job market. As such, veterinary professionals are increasingly seeking employers who value work-life integration and promote a positive and supportive work environment.

5

Networking and Personal Branding:

In an interconnected world, networking and personal branding have become essential components of the job search process for veterinary professionals. Building and maintaining professional relationships, both online and offline, can open doors to new opportunities, provide valuable insights into industry trends, and enhance career prospects. Additionally, cultivating a strong personal brand through social media, professional associations, and industry events can help veterinary professionals stand out in a crowded job market and showcase their expertise and passion for the field.

The landscape of job hunting for veterinary professionals has evolved significantly in recent years, driven by technological innovation, changing work preferences, and emerging industry trends. By embracing digital platforms, leveraging specialized recruitment services, exploring remote work opportunities, prioritizing work-life integration, and investing in networking and personal branding, veterinary professionals can navigate the modern job market with confidence and find fulfilling and rewarding career opportunities in the ever-evolving field of veterinary medicine.

QUICK & DIRTY: DECODING CANINE EPILEPSY

PHASES

1) **PRE-ICTAL**: CAN INCLUDE UNUSUAL BEHAVIOUR ex hiding, seeking attention

2) **ICTAL**: THE SEIZURE ITSELF

3) **POST-ICTAL**: CAN INVOLVE DISORIENTATION, TIREDNESS, TEMPORARY VISION LOSS & MAY LAST SEVERAL DAYS

FOCAL SEIZURES

* CERTAIN MUSCLE GROUPS
* DOG IS USUALLY CONSCIOUS

ABSENCE SEIZURES

* BRIEF ZONING OUT
* DOG LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS

(AKA GRAND MAL) GENERALIZED SEIZURES

* FULL-BODY CONVULSIONS
* DOG LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS
* 30 sec → 3 minutes

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS
Bloodwork, urinalysis, MRI, spinal fluid analysis

DOG'S HISTORY
SEIZURE DESCRIPTION

DIAGNOSIS

* CONSISTENT MEDICATION IS
* COMBINATION THERAPY MAY BE NECESSARY

TREATMENT

ANTI-SEIZURE MEDICATION

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VETERINARY BREAKTHROUGH:

Simple Blood Test Predicts Emergency Surgery in Cats with Astonishing Accuracy

An unprecedented study has unveiled a groundbreaking approach for veterinarians to swiftly identify cats in urgent need of surgery due to biliary obstruction (BO), a potentially fatal condition. By examining total serum bilirubin concentration (TBIL) levels in cats, researchers have provided a crucial tool in the early detection and treatment of this surgical emergency.

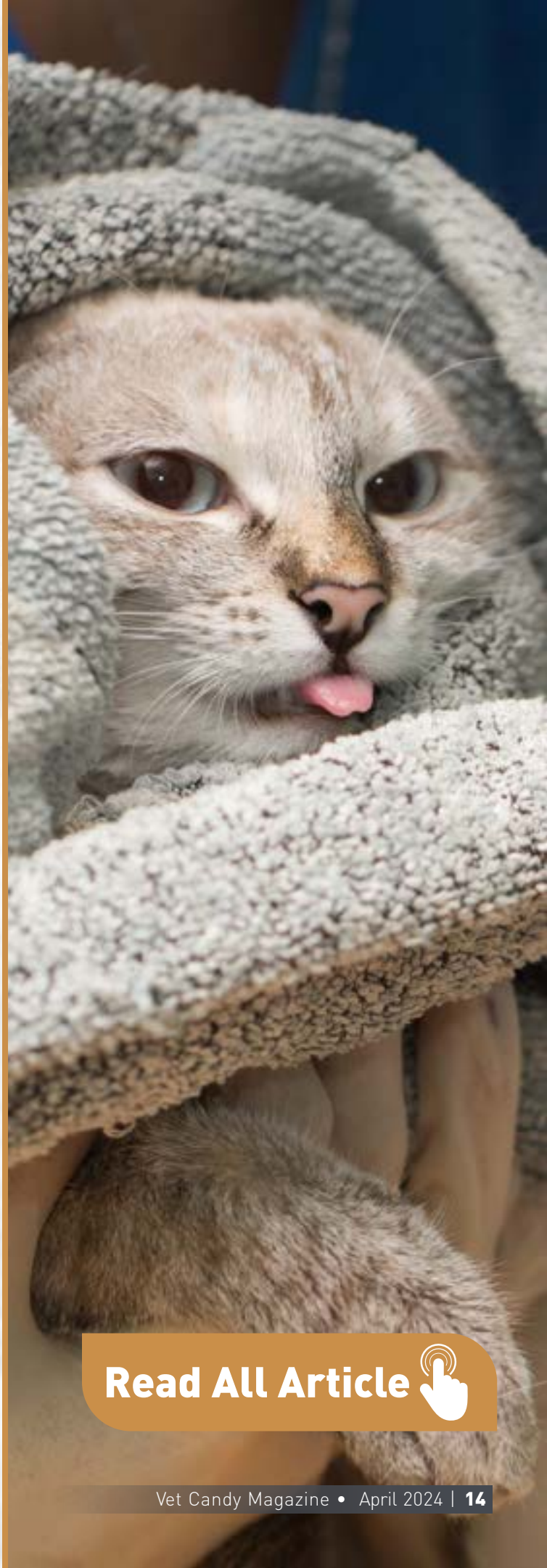
The study, which analyzed data from 216 client-owned cats across three UK referral centers from January 2015 to August 2022, focused on cats presenting with increased TBIL levels (>0.58 mg/dL or >10 µmol/L). The goal was to explore whether varying degrees of hyperbilirubinemia could help clinicians pinpoint BO, thereby facilitating timely surgical intervention.

Hyperbilirubinemia, or elevated bilirubin in the blood, was categorized into four severity classes: mild, moderate, severe, and very severe. Among the cats studied, 7.9% were found to have BO, all recommended for emergency surgery. The findings revealed a significant difference in median TBIL levels between cats with BO (9.69 mg/dL or 165.7 µmol/L) and those without (1.51 mg/dL or 25.8 µmol/L), highlighting the test's potential in distinguishing between affected and unaffected animals.

Crucially, the study established an optimal TBIL cut-off of ≥3.86 mg/dL (≥66 µmol/L) for predicting BO, boasting a high sensitivity (94.1%) and specificity (82.4%). This threshold offers veterinarians a reliable indicator for identifying cats at risk of BO, underscoring the importance of TBIL measurement in clinical assessments.

Moreover, the research pointed out that as cats age, the likelihood of experiencing BO increases, adding another layer of consideration for practitioners assessing feline patients with hyperbilirubinemia.

This landmark study not only underscores the clinical significance of measuring TBIL levels in cats but also paves the way for improved diagnostic accuracy and treatment outcomes for feline BO. By integrating TBIL levels and age into their evaluation, veterinarians can make more informed decisions, potentially saving the lives of cats facing this critical condition.



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NAVIGATING GENERALIZED ANXIETY:

BREAKING THE SILENCE AND SEEKING SUPPORT

Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) affects millions of people worldwide, yet it remains widely misunderstood and stigmatized. In the veterinary profession, where stress and pressure are inherent, it's essential to shine a light on anxiety disorders, break the silence surrounding them, and encourage individuals to seek help without shame or judgment. In this article, we'll explore what generalized anxiety is, share personal experiences, provide guidance on seeking help, and discuss the importance of normalizing conversations about mental health.

Understanding Generalized Anxiety:

Generalized Anxiety Disorder is characterized by persistent and excessive worry or anxiety about various aspects of life, such as work, health, relationships, and everyday situations. Individuals with GAD may experience physical symptoms like restlessness, fatigue, muscle tension, and difficulty concentrating. In the veterinary profession, where high-stress environments and emotional demands are commonplace, GAD can significantly impact well-being and job performance if left untreated. Many veterinary professionals grapple with generalized anxiety, myself included. The constant pressure to perform, fear of making mistakes, and overwhelming workload can exacerbate feelings of anxiety and contribute to a sense of helplessness. It's crucial to acknowledge that struggling with anxiety does not make us weak or inadequate as professionals. Instead, it's a sign of our humanity and the challenges we face in a demanding field.

Seeking Help and Support

If you suspect you may have generalized anxiety, it's essential to seek help from a mental health professional who can provide an accurate diagnosis and recommend appropriate treatment options. Therapy, such as cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) or mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR), can help individuals develop coping strategies, challenge negative thought patterns, and manage anxiety symptoms effectively. Medication, such as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) or benzodiazepines, may also be prescribed to alleviate symptoms.

One of the most significant barriers to seeking help for anxiety is the stigma and shame associated with mental health disorders. As veterinary professionals, we must work together to normalize conversations about anxiety and other mental health challenges. By openly discussing our experiences, sharing resources, and offering support to one another, we can create a culture of acceptance and compassion where individuals feel comfortable seeking the help they need.

Why It Matters

Normalizing conversations about anxiety is not just about individual well-being; it's about creating a healthier and more supportive veterinary community. When we break the silence surrounding mental health, we create space for vulnerability, empathy, and connection. By acknowledging and addressing our mental health challenges, we become stronger advocates for ourselves and our colleagues, fostering a profession where everyone can thrive.

Generalized anxiety is a common and treatable mental health condition that affects many veterinary professionals. By sharing our experiences, seeking help without shame, and normalizing conversations about anxiety, we can break down barriers, reduce stigma, and create a more compassionate and supportive profession. Together, let's embrace vulnerability, cultivate empathy, and prioritize mental health in the veterinary community.

Shocking Findings:

Can Any Medicine Truly Combat the Deadly Equine Herpes Virus?

New Study Reveals All!

A meticulous systematic review has cast new light on the battle against Equine Herpes Virus type 1 (EHV-1), a formidable adversary responsible for upper respiratory disease, neurological disorders, abortions, and neonatal fatalities in horses. The critical question at the heart of this research: Can pharmacological therapy effectively reduce the incidence or severity of EHV-1 in domesticated horses?

To find answers, researchers embarked on an extensive search across several databases, including AGRICOLA, CAB Abstracts, Cochrane, PubMed, Web of Science, and WHO Global Health Index Medicus Regional Databases, collating articles published before February 15, 2021. The criteria for selection were strict, focusing solely on original research reports in peer-reviewed journals that delved into the in vivo use of therapeutic agents against EHV-1 in horses, looking closely at clinical outcomes and infection rates.

Out of an initial pool of 7009 studies, only 9 made the cut, covering a range of interventions from valacyclovir and small interfering RNAs to more unconventional treatments like a Parapoxvirus ovis-based immunomodulator, human alpha interferon, herbal supplements, a cytosine analog, and heparin. The research varied in its methodology, including both randomized controlled studies and observational trials, though it was hampered by moderate to high risk of bias and generally small sample sizes.

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GROUNDBREAKING

STUDY REVEALS SURPRISING HEART CONDITIONS IN CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIELS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

A comprehensive study spearheaded by Maiken B T Bach and her team from various esteemed institutions has shed light on the health challenges faced by Cavalier King Charles spaniels (CKCS), focusing on the relationship between syringomyelia (SM) and myxomatous mitral valve disease (MMVD). These conditions, prevalent among CKCS, pose significant health risks, affecting the spinal cord and heart, respectively. The study aimed to unravel the complexities of cardiac health in CKCS, both with and without SM, and its findings offer new perspectives for pet owners and veterinarians alike.

The research encompassed a mixed retrospective and prospective approach, employing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and echocardiography to diagnose SM and MMVD, respectively. Fifty-five CKCS were included in the study, segmented into groups based on the presence of SM (22 symptomatic, 18 asymptomatic) and those without SM.

The core of the study revolved around evaluating the association between SM and the severity of MMVD, specifically measuring the left ventricle internal diameter in diastole normalized to body weight (LVIDDN) and the left atrium to aortic ratio (LA/Ao). These measurements are critical indicators of heart size and function, with abnormalities potentially indicating underlying heart disease.

Surprisingly, the investigation revealed no significant differences in LVIDDN and LA/Ao among CKCS with or without SM when considering the group as a whole. However, a deeper dive into the data uncovered a noteworthy distinction: CKCS suffering from symptomatic SM exhibited significantly smaller LVIDDN and LA/Ao compared to their asymptomatic counterparts and CKCS without SM. These findings suggest that while SM and MMVD do not necessarily co-segregate, the presence of symptomatic SM could be linked to smaller heart size in affected dogs.

This nuanced discovery highlights the importance of comprehensive health assessments for CKCS, especially those showing clinical signs of SM. The implications of this study extend beyond academic interest, offering valuable insights for the clinical management and treatment of these beloved pets. By understanding the intricate relationship between spinal and cardiac health in CKCS, veterinarians are better equipped to provide targeted care and potentially improve the quality of life for these dogs.

In conclusion, while the study did not confirm a direct association between MMVD and SM in CKCS, the significant findings regarding heart size in dogs with symptomatic SM open new avenues for research and clinical practice. This investigation not only contributes to the growing body of knowledge surrounding canine health but also underscores the need for ongoing research to protect and enhance the well-being of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels.

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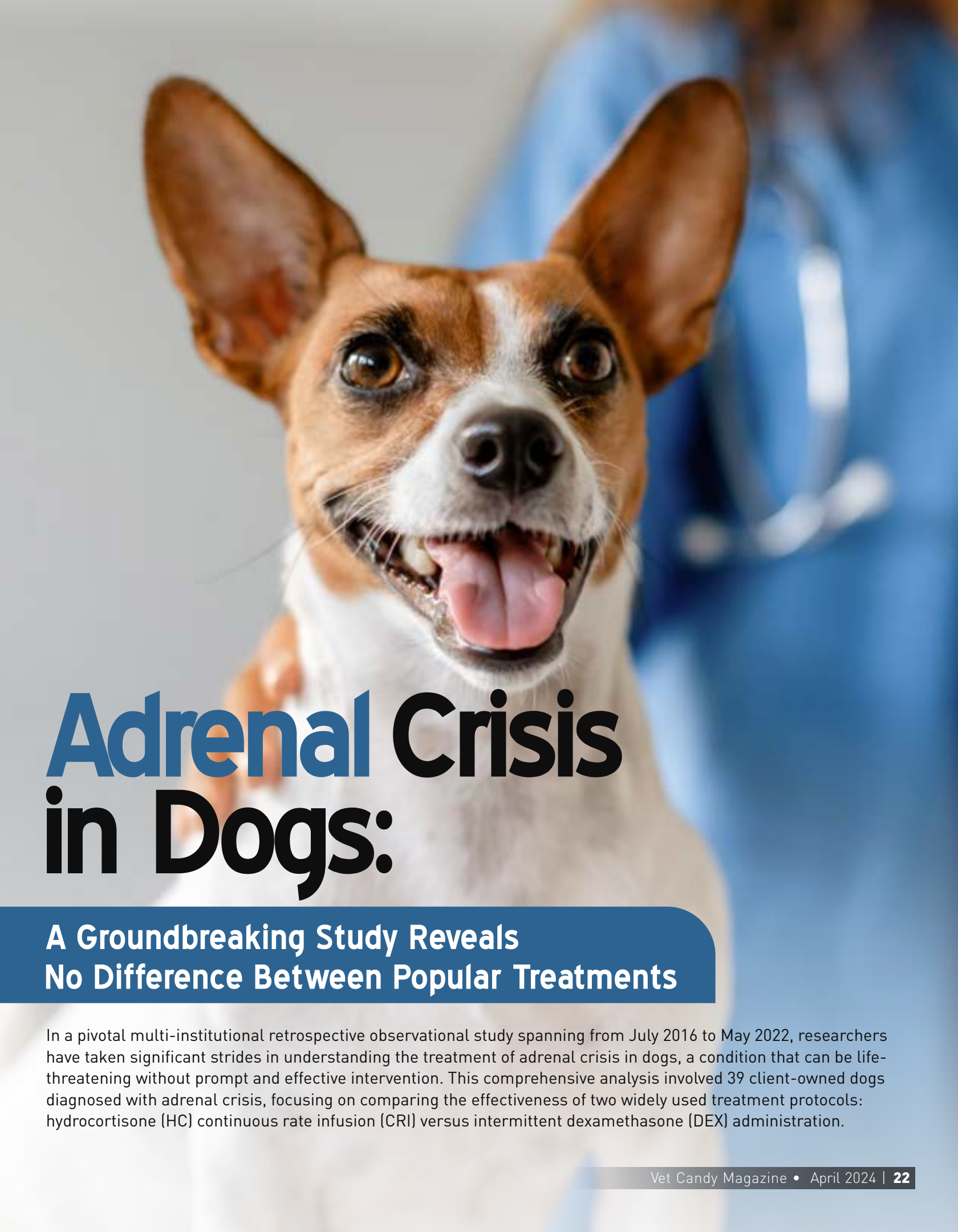

Adrenal Crisis in Dogs:

A Groundbreaking Study Reveals No Difference Between Popular Treatments

In a pivotal multi-institutional retrospective observational study spanning from July 2016 to May 2022, researchers have taken significant strides in understanding the treatment of adrenal crisis in dogs, a condition that can be life-threatening without prompt and effective intervention. This comprehensive analysis involved 39 client-owned dogs diagnosed with adrenal crisis, focusing on comparing the effectiveness of two widely used treatment protocols: hydrocortisone (HC) continuous rate infusion (CRI) versus intermittent dexamethasone (DEX) administration.

Adrenal crisis in dogs is a critical condition characterized by insufficient production of essential hormones by the adrenal glands, requiring immediate veterinary attention to prevent severe complications or death. The study meticulously evaluated several key outcomes, including the duration of hospitalization, survival rates, frequency of electrolyte concentration measurements, and the time required for the normalization of electrolyte and acid-base status among the affected canines.

Interestingly, the findings revealed no significant differences between the two treatment groups in any of the assessed outcomes. The duration of hospitalization was similar for dogs treated with HC (median 48 hours, range 19-105 hours) and those receiving DEX (median 57 hours, range 17-167 hours), with no significant difference in the case fatality rate observed between the two protocols. Furthermore, the frequency of electrolyte concentration measurements and the time to normalization of critical electrolytes like sodium (Na), potassium (K), and the Na/K ratio were comparable across both treatment options.

This groundbreaking study underscores the notion that both HC continuous rate infusions and intermittent dexamethasone administrations are viable treatment strategies for dogs experiencing an adrenal crisis, offering no distinct advantage over one another in terms of hospitalization duration, survival rates, or speed of electrolyte normalization. This revelation provides invaluable insights for veterinarians and pet owners alike, suggesting that treatment choice can be tailored to individual patient needs, availability, and clinical judgment without compromising the quality of care.

As the veterinary community continues to strive for the optimal management of adrenal crisis in dogs, this study contributes significantly to the body of knowledge, ensuring that affected dogs have the best possible chance for a full recovery.

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Advocating for Wage Transparency in the Veterinary Profession: Fostering Equity and Fairness

In recent years, conversations surrounding wage transparency have gained momentum across various industries, including veterinary medicine. Wage transparency refers to the practice of openly sharing information about salaries and compensation structures within an organization or profession. In the veterinary profession, where disparities in pay and compensation packages have been reported, advocating for wage transparency is crucial for fostering equity, fairness, and accountability. In this article, we'll explore the importance of wage transparency in the veterinary profession and its potential benefits for veterinary professionals.

Understanding the Issue:

Wage disparities in the veterinary profession have been well-documented, with factors such as gender, race, experience, and geographic location influencing salary discrepancies. Studies have shown that female veterinarians, on average, earn less than their male counterparts, even when controlling for factors such as hours worked and years of experience. Additionally, veterinarians working in certain specialties or practice settings may receive higher compensation than those in other areas, contributing to further inequities within the profession.

The Case for Wage Transparency:

Advocates of wage transparency argue that it can help address wage disparities and promote fairness and equity in the workplace. By openly sharing information about salaries and compensation structures, veterinary professionals can gain insight into whether they are being fairly compensated relative to their peers and colleagues. Wage transparency can also help identify and address systemic biases or discriminatory practices that may contribute to pay disparities based on gender, race, or other factors.

Benefits of Wage Transparency:

1 Promoting Equity:

Wage transparency can help ensure that all veterinary professionals receive fair and equitable compensation for their work, regardless of gender, race, or other demographic factors.

2 Fostering Trust:

Open and transparent communication about salaries and compensation can foster trust and confidence among veterinary team members, leading to greater job satisfaction and morale.

3 Encouraging Accountability:

Transparent salary structures hold employers accountable for their compensation practices and encourage them to proactively address any disparities or inequities that may exist.

4 Empowering Negotiation:

Armed with information about salary ranges and compensation benchmarks, veterinary professionals can negotiate more effectively for fair and competitive compensation packages.

5 Attracting and Retaining Talent:

Organizations that prioritize wage transparency may attract and retain top talent by demonstrating a commitment to fairness, equity, and transparency in their compensation practices.

Challenges and Considerations:

While the benefits of wage transparency are clear, implementing it within the veterinary profession may pose challenges. Some employers may be hesitant to disclose salary information due to concerns about privacy, competition, or potential employee dissatisfaction. Additionally, navigating salary discussions and negotiations can be complex, requiring careful consideration of various factors such as experience, education, and job responsibilities.

Moving Forward:

Despite the challenges, advocating for wage transparency is essential for promoting equity and fairness in the veterinary profession. Veterinary professionals can take proactive steps to advocate for greater transparency within their organizations, such as initiating conversations with employers, supporting legislation or policies that promote wage transparency, and sharing information about salary ranges and compensation benchmarks within professional networks.

By working together to prioritize wage transparency, veterinary professionals can help create a more equitable and inclusive profession where all members are fairly compensated for their contributions and expertise. Together, let's champion transparency, fairness, and equity in veterinary practice.

BREAKING:

Revolutionary Toolkit Unveiled to Transform Lives of Painful Cats

In the world of veterinary medicine, there's a silent struggle that often goes unnoticed—the battle against chronic pain in our feline friends. For years, veterinarians and cat caregivers alike have grappled with understanding and managing this elusive foe. But now, thanks to the tireless efforts of the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP), a beacon of hope has emerged.

Meet Dr. Kelly St. Denis, a dedicated veterinarian and Chair of the Chronic Pain Toolkit. With a passion for feline welfare, Kelly spearheaded the development of a groundbreaking resource aimed at transforming the lives of cats suffering from chronic pain.

"It's a silent epidemic," St Denis remarks, her eyes reflecting both determination and compassion. "Many cats suffer in silence, and it's our duty as caregivers to alleviate their pain."

The Chronic Pain Education Toolkit, unveiled by the AAFP, isn't just another manual—it's a lifeline for cats in need. Through meticulous research and collaboration with experts, the toolkit offers a comprehensive understanding of chronic pain in cats, from its types to its prevalence.

But behind every great initiative lies a support system, and in this case, it's Zoetis, whose educational grant made the development of the toolkit possible. With their generous contribution, the AAFP is poised to make a tangible difference in the lives of countless cats and their caregivers.

As the toolkit launches, it heralds a new era in feline healthcare—one where chronic pain is no longer a silent adversary, but a challenge met with knowledge, compassion, and unwavering dedication. And for every cat who finds relief, it's a testament to the power of collaboration and compassion in the face of adversity.

But the toolkit doesn't stop at awareness—it arms veterinary professionals with practical tools and strategies to tackle chronic pain head-on. From enhanced assessment methods to science-based treatment strategies, every aspect is meticulously designed to empower caregivers in their mission to alleviate feline suffering.

"It's about more than just treating symptoms," St. Denis explains. "It's about understanding the root cause and addressing it holistically."

What sets this toolkit apart is its unwavering focus on support—not just for the cats, but for their caregivers too. Recognizing the emotional toll of watching a beloved companion suffer, the toolkit provides invaluable insights into fostering a collaborative and compassionate approach to pain management.

Click here to read the
Chronic Pain Education Toolkit

ADHD in Veterinary Practice:

Embracing Support and Normalizing the Conversation

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects individuals of all ages, including veterinary professionals. While ADHD can present unique challenges in the fast-paced and demanding environment of veterinary practice, with proper understanding, support, and management strategies, individuals with ADHD can thrive in their careers. In this article, we'll explore the realities of living with ADHD, how to seek help and support, and why it's crucial to normalize conversations about mental health in the veterinary community.

ADHD is characterized by symptoms such as difficulty sustaining attention, impulsivity, and hyperactivity. These symptoms can manifest differently in each individual, ranging from mild to severe. In veterinary practice, where attention to detail, multitasking, and time management are essential skills, managing ADHD symptoms can be particularly challenging. However, many veterinary professionals with ADHD find creative ways to harness their strengths and overcome obstacles in their work environment.

Recognizing the Signs:

If you suspect that you may have ADHD, it's essential to recognize the signs and seek a professional evaluation. Common symptoms of ADHD in adults include:

1. Difficulty staying focused on tasks
2. Impulsivity or acting without thinking
3. Forgetfulness and disorganization
4. Restlessness or fidgeting
5. Difficulty with time management and prioritization

Seeking Help and Support:

Once you've identified potential ADHD symptoms, the next step is to seek help and support. Start by scheduling an appointment with a mental health professional, such as a psychiatrist or psychologist, who specializes in ADHD diagnosis and treatment. They can conduct a thorough evaluation, provide an accurate diagnosis, and recommend appropriate treatment options.

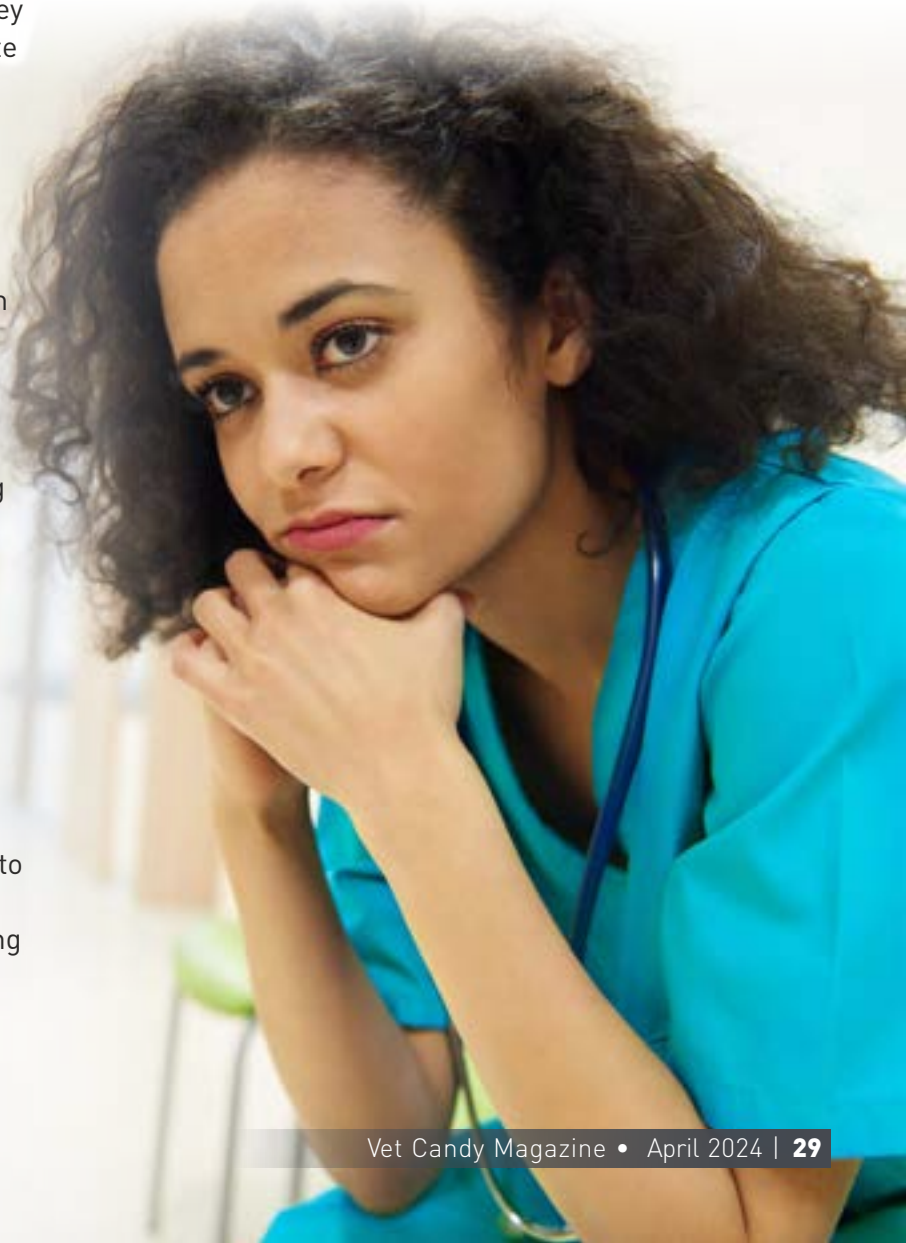
Treatment for ADHD often involves a combination of medication, therapy, and lifestyle modifications. Medications such as stimulants or non-stimulants can help manage ADHD symptoms and improve focus, attention, and impulse control. Therapy, such as cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) or coaching, can teach coping strategies, organizational skills, and stress management techniques. Additionally, adopting healthy lifestyle habits, such as regular exercise, adequate sleep, and a balanced diet, can support overall well-being and symptom management.

Normalizing the Conversation:

It's essential to normalize conversations about ADHD and mental health in the veterinary community to reduce stigma and promote understanding and empathy. Many veterinary professionals may hesitate to seek help for ADHD due to fear of judgment or discrimination. By openly discussing ADHD and sharing personal experiences, we can create a supportive and inclusive environment where individuals feel comfortable seeking the help they need.

As veterinary professionals, we understand the importance of compassion and empathy in caring for our patients. Let's extend that same compassion and empathy to ourselves and our colleagues who may be navigating ADHD or other mental health challenges. By fostering a culture of acceptance and support, we can empower individuals with ADHD to thrive in their careers and lead fulfilling lives.

Living with ADHD presents unique challenges, but with the right support and resources, individuals can manage their symptoms effectively and excel in their veterinary careers. By recognizing the signs of ADHD, seeking help and support, and normalizing conversations about mental health, we can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all veterinary professionals. Together, let's break down barriers, reduce stigma, and embrace neurodiversity in the veterinary community.



Life-Saving Discovery:

Texas A&M Unveils Groundbreaking Dog Decontamination Protocols!

Amidst the chaos of disaster events, the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences' Veterinary Emergency Team (VET) has pioneered a groundbreaking solution: protocols for decontaminating dogs. These new guidelines, set to be published in the journal Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness, aim to equip disaster management teams nationwide with the knowledge and resources needed to cleanse companion animals of external contaminants, including toxic chemicals.

Led by Dr. Debra Zoran, the VET's interim director, the team's expertise has enabled them to develop comprehensive instructions for setting up decontamination stations and effectively cleaning animals using specialized bathing techniques. With their extensive experience in emergency response, the VET understands the critical importance of decontamination in safeguarding both human and animal health.

Dr. Zoran emphasizes the significance of including animals in disaster planning, particularly in scenarios where pet owners seek refuge in emergency shelters. The absence of proper decontamination measures for animals can pose significant risks, leading to recontamination of individuals and continuous exposure to harmful substances.

To streamline the decontamination process, the research team devised a cost-effective system that takes an average of 10 to 15 minutes per dog. By utilizing readily available equipment and materials, such as plastic tubs and dish soap, communities can replicate the VET's approach to ensure efficient decontamination procedures during crises.

While the guidelines were developed based on data from well-behaved dogs accustomed to bathing, Dr. Zoran acknowledges the need for flexibility in real emergency situations. Factors such as coat length and temperament may influence the duration and effectiveness of the decontamination process.

Looking ahead, Dr. Zoran and her collaborators aim to expand their research to encompass a wider range of pets, including cats, to enhance disaster preparedness efforts further.

In a world increasingly susceptible to natural and man-made disasters, the unveiling of these dog decontamination protocols marks a significant milestone in safeguarding the well-being of both humans and animals during times of crisis.

Stunning Discovery:

The Truth About Immune Mediated Disease Relapse in Dogs Exposed

Vaccinations Not to Blame!

A comprehensive study focusing on immune-mediated conditions in dogs, including immune-mediated hemolytic anemia (IMHA), thrombocytopenia (ITP), and polyarthritis (IMPA), has revealed critical insights into the risk and timing of disease relapse. Conducted on 160 client-owned dogs diagnosed with these conditions, the research aimed to determine the average time to relapse and assess any potential link between vaccination post-diagnosis and the likelihood of disease recurrence.

IMHA, ITP, and IMPA are significant clinical concerns in veterinary medicine, with relapses posing substantial challenges in managing these autoimmune diseases. Understanding the factors influencing relapse is crucial for developing more effective treatment and monitoring strategies.

Over a 24-month period, the study meticulously tracked the incidence of relapse among the dogs, categorizing them based on their specific condition. The findings revealed notable differences in relapse rates across the diseases: IMPA dogs exhibited a significantly higher relapse rate (35%) within the first 12 months compared to IMHA and ITP dogs (both 11%). By the 24-month mark, the relapse rates adjusted to 41% for IMPA, 18% for IMHA, and 23% for ITP, underscoring the particularly high risk of relapse for IMPA within the first year after diagnosis.

One of the most significant revelations of this study was the lack of association between vaccine administration after diagnosis and the occurrence of relapse across all conditions, with a P-value of .78 indicating no statistical significance. This finding challenges prevailing concerns and provides reassurance to pet owners and veterinarians about the safety of vaccinating dogs with a history of these immune-mediated diseases.

The clinical implications of this research are profound, highlighting the need for vigilant monitoring and tailored management strategies, especially for dogs diagnosed with IMPA, given their elevated risk of relapse. Additionally, the study dispels fears regarding vaccination post-diagnosis, suggesting that vaccines do not increase the risk of disease relapse in dogs with IMHA, ITP, or IMPA.

As the veterinary community continues to navigate the complexities of treating autoimmune diseases in dogs, this study offers valuable guidance, emphasizing the importance of personalized care plans and the safety of vaccinations. This groundbreaking research not only advances our understanding of immune-mediated conditions in dogs but also paves the way for improved treatment outcomes and quality of life for affected pets.

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Reference: *Vet Candy's Essentials of Canine Epilepsy by Dr. Gaemia Tracy et al.*

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Organizing Your Life:

Practical Tips

For veterinary professionals, the demands of a fast-paced and dynamic career can often spill over into personal life, leading to feelings of overwhelm and disorganization. However, with effective organization strategies in place, it is possible to create balance and harmony between work and personal commitments. Here are some practical tips to help veterinary professionals organize their lives and enhance overall well-being:

1

Prioritize Tasks:

Start by making a list of tasks and responsibilities, both professional and personal. Prioritize these tasks based on urgency and importance, and allocate time slots in your schedule to address them. Use tools such as to-do lists, planners, or digital calendars to keep track of deadlines and appointments.

2

Establish Routines:

Develop consistent daily routines to streamline your workflow and minimize decision-making fatigue. Set aside specific times for tasks such as patient consultations, surgical procedures, administrative duties, and personal activities. Stick to your routines as much as possible to create structure and predictability in your day.

3

Declutter Your Space:

A cluttered work environment can contribute to feelings of stress and overwhelm. Take time to declutter your workspace by organizing files, clearing out unnecessary items, and creating designated storage areas for supplies. A clean and organized workspace can enhance productivity and mental clarity.

4

Delegate Responsibilities:

Recognize that you don't have to do everything yourself. Delegate tasks and responsibilities to colleagues, staff members, or family members when appropriate. Assigning tasks to others not only lightens your workload but also fosters a sense of teamwork and collaboration.

5

Practice Time Management:

Effective time management is essential for maintaining a healthy work-life balance. Use time-blocking techniques to allocate specific time slots for different activities throughout the day. Set realistic goals and deadlines for tasks, and break larger projects into smaller, manageable steps to prevent overwhelm.

6

Set Boundaries:

Establish clear boundaries between work and personal life to prevent burnout and promote well-being. Designate specific times when you will be fully present with your family or engage in self-care activities. Learn to say no to additional commitments or obligations that may encroach on your personal time.

7

Embrace Technology:

Take advantage of technology tools and apps designed to enhance productivity and organization. Explore digital calendar apps, task management tools, note-taking apps, and project management software to streamline your workflow and stay organized on the go.

8

Practice Self-Care:

Finally, prioritize self-care and well-being as an integral part of your organizational strategy. Make time for activities that recharge and rejuvenate you, such as exercise, hobbies, meditation, or spending time with loved ones. Taking care of your physical and mental health will improve your overall productivity and effectiveness in both your professional and personal life.

By implementing these organization strategies, veterinary professionals can create a more balanced and fulfilling life, both inside and outside the clinic. Remember that organization is not about perfection but rather about finding systems and routines that work for you. With practice and consistency, you can achieve greater efficiency, effectiveness, and well-being in all areas of your life.

Revolutionary Cat Study Discovers Key Indicator for Kidney Disease:

What Every Vet Needs to Know

Innovative Research Identifies Critical Urine Test Difference in Cats with Kidney Disease

A groundbreaking study has unveiled significant insights into the detection and management of chronic kidney disease (CKD) in cats, potentially revolutionizing the way veterinarians monitor and treat this common condition in feline patients. By analyzing urine samples from both healthy client-owned cats (n = 59) and those suffering from stable CKD (n = 17), researchers sought to evaluate the relationship between urine ammonia-to-creatinine ratio (UACR) and urine anion gap (UAG), as well as to determine the differences in UAG between healthy cats and those with CKD.

Chronic kidney disease is a prevalent issue among cats, characterized by a gradual loss of kidney function over time. Early detection and monitoring are crucial for managing the disease effectively and improving the quality of life for affected cats. The study focused on UAG, calculated from urine electrolyte concentrations ([sodium] + [potassium]) - [chloride], as a potential surrogate marker for assessing urine ammonia levels, which are known to decrease as kidney function declines.

The findings revealed an inverse correlation between UAG and UACR in healthy cats, indicating that as UAG decreases, the concentration of urine ammonia relative to creatinine increases. However, this correlation was not observed in cats with CKD, suggesting that UAG does not reliably reflect urine ammonia levels in cats suffering from kidney disease. Moreover, a significant difference in UAG values was identified between healthy cats and those with CKD, highlighting the potential of UAG as a marker for distinguishing between these two groups.

Despite these discoveries, the study concludes that UAG cannot be used as a substitute for direct measurement of UACR in cats. The implications of the differences in UAG between healthy cats and those with CKD remain uncertain, signaling a need for further research to explore the clinical relevance of these findings.

This pioneering study sheds light on the complexities of diagnosing and monitoring CKD in cats, offering valuable data for veterinarians and pet owners alike. As the veterinary community continues to seek better ways to manage CKD, understanding the nuances of urine testing and its implications for kidney health will be vital in advancing the care of our feline friends.

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Overcoming Imposter Syndrome:

Three Books You Should Read

Imposter syndrome—a pervasive feeling of self-doubt and inadequacy despite evident success—is a common experience among many professionals, including veterinarians. Despite our extensive training and expertise, it's not uncommon to feel like we're not measuring up or that we're somehow "faking it." Fortunately, there are resources available to help combat imposter syndrome and build confidence in our abilities. Here are three books every veterinarian should read to help overcome imposter syndrome:

1

"The Confidence Gap" by Russ Harris:

In "The Confidence Gap," author Russ Harris explores the concept of confidence and how to develop a healthier relationship with it. Drawing on principles of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Harris provides practical strategies for managing self-doubt and fear, allowing readers to move forward with courage and resilience. By challenging negative thought patterns and embracing discomfort, veterinarians can cultivate greater confidence in their skills and abilities.

2

"Mindset: The New Psychology of Success" by Carol S. Dweck:

Renowned psychologist Carol S. Dweck's groundbreaking book, "Mindset," examines the power of mindset—specifically, the distinction between a fixed mindset and a growth mindset. Dweck explains how individuals with a growth mindset view challenges and setbacks as opportunities for growth and learning, whereas those with a fixed mindset may shy away from challenges due to fear of failure. By adopting a growth mindset, veterinarians can reframe their perception of failure and setbacks, embracing them as integral components of the learning process.

3

"The Gifts of Imperfection" by Brené Brown:

In "The Gifts of Imperfection," research professor and bestselling author Brené Brown explores the concept of wholehearted living and the power of embracing vulnerability. Through personal anecdotes and research-backed insights, Brown encourages readers to let go of the need for perfection and embrace their authentic selves. By cultivating self-compassion and embracing vulnerability, veterinarians can overcome feelings of inadequacy and imposter syndrome, allowing them to show up authentically in their professional lives.

Imposter syndrome is a common experience that can undermine confidence and hinder professional growth. However, by equipping ourselves with the right tools and resources, we can challenge self-doubt and cultivate a greater sense of confidence and self-assurance in our abilities as veterinarians. Whether through practical strategies for managing self-doubt, embracing a growth mindset, or embracing vulnerability and imperfection, these books offer invaluable insights and guidance for overcoming imposter syndrome and thriving in our veterinary careers. So, pick up a copy, dive in, and embark on the journey toward greater confidence and self-belief. Your veterinary journey—and your patients—will thank you for it.

Veterinary Breakthrough:

Simple Blood Test Predicts Emergency Surgery in Cats with Astonishing Accuracy

An unprecedented study has unveiled a groundbreaking approach for veterinarians to swiftly identify cats in urgent need of surgery due to biliary obstruction (BO), a potentially fatal condition. By examining total serum bilirubin concentration (TBIL) levels in cats, researchers have provided a crucial tool in the early detection and treatment of this surgical emergency.

The study, which analyzed data from 216 client-owned cats across three UK referral centers from January 2015 to August 2022, focused on cats presenting with increased TBIL levels (>0.58 mg/dL or >10 µmol/L). The goal was to explore whether varying degrees of hyperbilirubinemia could help clinicians pinpoint BO, thereby facilitating timely surgical intervention.

Hyperbilirubinemia, or elevated bilirubin in the blood, was categorized into four severity classes: mild, moderate, severe, and very severe. Among the cats studied, 7.9% were found to have BO, all recommended for emergency surgery. The findings revealed a significant difference in median TBIL levels between cats with BO (9.69 mg/dL or 165.7 µmol/L) and those without (1.51 mg/dL or 25.8 µmol/L), highlighting the test's potential in distinguishing between affected and unaffected animals.

Crucially, the study established an optimal TBIL cut-off of ≥3.86 mg/dL (≥66 µmol/L) for predicting BO, boasting a high sensitivity (94.1%) and specificity (82.4%). This threshold offers veterinarians a reliable indicator for identifying cats at risk of BO, underscoring the importance of TBIL measurement in clinical assessments.

Moreover, the research pointed out that as cats age, the likelihood of experiencing BO increases, adding another layer of consideration for practitioners assessing feline patients with hyperbilirubinemia.

This landmark study not only underscores the clinical significance of measuring TBIL levels in cats but also paves the way for improved diagnostic accuracy and treatment outcomes for feline BO. By integrating TBIL levels and age into their evaluation, veterinarians can make more informed decisions, potentially saving the lives of cats facing this critical condition.

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FIVE THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE RELOCATING for your veterinary career

Making decisions about career advancement can often be complex and daunting, especially when it involves the possibility of relocating to a new city or even a new country. For veterinary professionals, the question of whether to relocate for career opportunities is one that frequently arises, prompting careful consideration and weighing of various factors. So, should you relocate for your veterinary career? Let's delve into some key considerations to help you make an informed decision.

1

Career Advancement Opportunities:

One of the primary factors to consider when contemplating relocation is the availability of career advancement opportunities in your desired field. Research the job market in your prospective location to determine if there are ample opportunities for professional growth and development. Consider factors such as demand for veterinary services, specialization options, and potential for advancement within veterinary practices or research institutions.

2

Specialization and Training:

Relocating for career purposes may also provide access to specialized training programs or mentorship opportunities that are not available in your current location. If you have a specific area of interest or a desire to pursue advanced training in a particular veterinary specialty, relocating to a region with renowned veterinary institutions or specialized practices may be advantageous for your career trajectory.

3

Work-Life Balance and Quality of Life:

Beyond career considerations, it's essential to evaluate how relocation may impact your overall quality of life and work-life balance. Consider factors such as cost of living, access to amenities and recreational activities, commute times, and the availability of support networks such as family and friends. Assessing these aspects can help ensure that your career move aligns with your personal values and lifestyle preferences.

4

Financial Implications:

Relocating for your veterinary career may entail financial considerations such as moving expenses, potential changes in salary or compensation packages, and adjustments to living expenses in your new location. It's crucial to conduct a comprehensive financial analysis to determine if the potential benefits of relocation outweigh the associated costs and potential financial risks.

5

Long-Term Career Goals:

Before making a decision to relocate, take the time to reflect on your long-term career goals and aspirations. Consider how the opportunities available in your prospective location align with your career objectives and whether relocation would facilitate the achievement of your professional ambitions. Evaluating the potential impact of relocation on your career trajectory can help ensure that your decision is in line with your broader career goals.

Final Thoughts:

Ultimately, the decision to relocate for your veterinary career is a deeply personal one that requires careful consideration of multiple factors. By thoroughly assessing career opportunities, work-life balance, financial implications, and long-term career goals, you can make an informed decision that aligns with your professional and personal aspirations. Remember to weigh the pros and cons, seek advice from trusted mentors or colleagues, and trust your instincts when determining whether relocation is the right choice for you and your veterinary career.

Revealing Study

Discovers Key Factors Contributing to Sleep Disorders in Dogs

A groundbreaking study has brought to light the key risk factors associated with sleep-disordered breathing (SDB) in dogs, shedding new insights into how brachycephalic (short-nosed) breeds struggle with sleep due to their physical characteristics. Conducted on 63 privately owned dogs, including 28 brachycephalic and 35 normocephalic (mesaticephalic or dolicocephalic) breeds, the research aimed to pinpoint the causes behind SDB, a condition that significantly impacts canine welfare.

This prospective observational cross-sectional study utilized convenience sampling and innovative neckband recording technology to monitor the dogs in their home environment for one night. The primary focus was on the obstructive respiratory event index (OREI), a measure of breathing disruption during sleep. Additionally, the researchers assessed each dog's body condition score (BCS) and graded the severity of brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome (BOAS) in brachycephalic dogs.

The findings were revealing: brachycephaly itself emerged as a significant risk factor for a higher OREI, indicating a 5.6 times increase in the risk of SDB compared to normocephalic dogs. Contrary to the researchers' hypothesis, aging did not significantly affect the risk of SDB. However, excess weight, defined as a BCS over 5/9, was identified as another significant risk factor, tripling the likelihood of SDB. Moreover, in brachycephalic dogs, those showing moderate to severe signs of BOAS were twice as likely to experience SDB.

These results highlight the multifaceted ways in which brachycephaly can diminish a dog's quality of life, particularly by disrupting normal sleep patterns. The study underscores the importance of monitoring weight and managing BOAS symptoms in brachycephalic breeds to mitigate the risk of SDB. It calls attention to the need for pet owners and veterinarians to be vigilant about the health and well-being of brachycephalic dogs, ensuring they receive the appropriate care to lead comfortable and restful lives.

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