

Saturday 4th July | 10:00 - 11:00

Speaker: Lewis Knox RVN NCert (Medical Nursing), ISFM DipFN

Session Title: Age is just a number: senior pet nursing consultations



Lewis is a registered veterinary nurse from Aberdeen and qualified in 2017. He has experience in both first opinion and referral settings; his main interest lies within medical nursing, gaining the nurses certificate in medical nursing in 2024. He is passionate about nursing being able to utilise their skills within practice and focusing on their specialist areas. Currently, he is studying towards the VetsNow certificate in emergency and critical care.

Synopsis:

Senior screening clinics for cats and dogs can be so valuable to promote early detection of disease, improve patient welfare and increase job satisfaction by allowing application of a range of skills, from communication and client support to patient assessment and sample taking. This session will take you through history gathering, the senior pet examination, common screening tests, and all-important education we can provide for pets and their owners within the RVN remit.

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand how to structure and run senior clinics effectively.
2. Develop skills in taking a thorough history for senior patients around health, behaviour and conducting a clinical examination.
3. How screening tests can be incorporated into senior consults and understand when referral to a veterinary surgeon is appropriate.
4. Understand the role of nutrition and lifestyle support in maintaining health and cognitive function in senior patients.