

Sunday 23rd August | 09:30-10:30

Speaker: Nikki McLeod PGDip(CAB) BSc(Hons) RVN NCert(Behav) ISFM CertFN & AdvCertFB Associate Clinical Animal Behaviourist

Session Title: “Be Behaviourally Aware.... doggy-style”



A crazy cat lady and even crazier study geek, Nikki has a passion for cat and dog behaviour, reducing fear/anxiety/stress in the vet practice, and for collecting post-nominals. She has a dislike to cats being called ‘spicy’, shock collars on dogs, and human vomit. With a neurodivergent mind, she loves to share her knowledge in her own quirky way, by verbally diarrhoeing facts and figures and images of cats and dogs that wouldn’t be that interesting on YouTube. Despite being in her twilight years of her career, Nikki is now a St Andrews University student studying the human side of behaviour while running a nurse-led, practice-based behavioural referral service, her bones don’t allow her to roll around on the floor clipping nails and taking bloods anymore!

Synopsis:

As veterinary nurses, we are very good at looking after the physical aspect of our canine patients – but what about the emotional aspect? Nikki will be covering dog behaviour with relevance to the veterinary nurse, with lots of useful tips for dealing with our canine patients in the veterinary practice.

Learning Objectives:

1. Why being behaviourally aware is important
2. How we can listen to our canine patients
3. How we can help our canine patients in the veterinary practice