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AVSPNI S/A Congress 2017

# Calm Vet, Healthy Pet

**Dermatology, Feline Medicine &  
Critical Care Without Stress**

Top quality CPD for vets & vet nurses with lectures by  
Marie Holowaychuk, Ross Bond, Claire Defries and Sarah Caney

**12th & 13th May 2017  
Armagh City Hotel**



# A warm conference welcome

from AVSPNI President Seamus O'Kane



Welcome to the brochure for the 2017 AVSPNI Small Animal Conference to be held in the Armagh City Hotel. Our lecture programme has been tailored to accommodate all levels of expertise so there is something for everyone. We aim to make CPD as enjoyable as possible and would encourage vets and vet nurses to come along to improve your knowledge, meet old friends and make new ones. The theme for the Party Night on Friday is "Black & White" so don the glad rags and join us for a fine evening's entertainment.



## Our Conference speakers



### Ross Bond

Ross graduated from Glasgow Veterinary School in 1985, spent five years in farm and small animal practice, and then joined the Royal Veterinary College in 1990, where he is currently Professor in Veterinary Dermatology and Head of the Dermatology Service. His research work into yeast infections in dogs led to an award of a PhD in 1996. Ross holds RCVS and European College Diplomas in Veterinary Dermatology and is recognised as a specialist in veterinary dermatology by the RCVS. His research interests relate primarily to microbial skin infections in dogs and cats.



### Sarah Caney

Sarah is a graduate of the University of Bristol where she also did her residency in feline medicine and PhD. She is an RCVS Specialist in Feline Medicine and enjoys seeing a mixture of first opinion and referral feline patients. She has written a number of books for cat owners and veterinary professionals including 'Caring for a cat with chronic kidney disease', 'Caring for a cat with hyperthyroidism' and 'Caring for an elderly cat' published by her company Cat Professional, a subdivision of Vet Professionals Ltd ([www.vetprofessionals.com](http://www.vetprofessionals.com)). Sarah does a lot of owner-orientated feline research through online questionnaires and is especially interested in geriatric feline medicine.



### Claire Defries

Claire qualified as a veterinary nurse in 2001 and went on to work as a senior nurse at The Queen Mother Hospital for Animals. She gained the Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (medical), working mainly in anaesthesia and diagnostic imaging, and was responsible for the endoscopy unit in the hospital. Claire developed an interest in laparoscopic surgery and flexible endoscopy. She moved into full time lecturing at a college in Staffordshire and joined The College of Animal Welfare in 2013 where she is now centre manager. Claire has achieved a Post Grad Dip in Veterinary Education at the RVC and is now working towards her MSc research project.



### Marie Holowaychuk

Marie is a specialist in small animal emergency and critical care. She travels worldwide as a speaker, consultant, researcher, editor and locum. She received her DVM degree in 2004 and following an internship in small animal medicine and surgery, she completed a 3-year small animal emergency and critical care residency at North Carolina State University. Marie was Asst. Professor of Emergency and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Guelph until 2013. She has been primary or co-author of more than 30 published manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals & is an Assistant Editor for the Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. She has spoken at many events including the International Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society and various general practitioner conferences.

## Our conference venue



Armagh City Hotel has excellent state of the art conference facilities, modern comfortable rooms, delicious food, friendly service, and great leisure facilities. Its elevated position gives views over Armagh, a city of saints and scholars, the capital of the orchard county of Ireland and the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland, with two Cathedrals both named for St Patrick.





# Programme Friday 12th May

Time	Vet Lectures			Nurse Lectures	Time
0900 on-wards	Registration			Registration	0900 onwards
0930 - 1015	<b>Cat friendly tips</b> <i>Sarah Caney</i>			<b>An Introduction to Emergency Nursing</b> <i>Claire Defries</i>	0930 - 1015
1015 - 1045	Tea/Coffee Break in Trade Exhibition with Bacon Butties			<b>Triage a case based study</b> <i>Marie Holowaychuk</i>	1015 - 1100
1045 - 1130	<b>Blood pressure assessment in cats</b> <i>Sarah Caney</i>				1100 - 1130
1130 -12 30	<b>Canine atopic dermatitis</b> - do's and don'ts for first opinion practice <i>Ross Bond</i>			<b>Management of Shock and Trauma</b> <i>Marie Holowaychuk</i>	1130 - 1230
1230 - 1330	Lunch in Trade Exhibition			<b>VN Futures</b> <i>delivered by BVNA President Sam Morgan</i>	1230 - 1330
1330 - 1430	Delegates divided into three groups for Interactive Seminars			Lunch in Trade Exhibition	1330—1430
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3		
	<b>Dermatology</b> - history and examination <i>Ross Bond</i>	<b>Preventive healthcare for older cats</b> <i>Sarah Caney</i>	<b>The dyspnoeic cat</b> <i>Marie Holowaychuk</i>		
1430 - 1530	<b>Preventive healthcare for older cats</b> <i>Sarah Caney</i>	<b>The dyspnoeic cat</b> <i>Marie Holowaychuk</i>	<b>Dermatology</b> - history and examination <i>Ross Bond</i>	<b>Pain assessment &amp; analgesia 1</b> <i>Claire Defries</i>	1430 - 1530
1530 - 1600	Tea/Coffee Break in Trade Exhibition with Tray Bakes			Tea/Coffee Break in Trade Exhibition with Tray Bakes	1530 – 1615
1600 - 1700	<b>The dyspnoeic cat</b> <i>Marie Holowaychuk</i>	<b>Dermatology</b> - history and examination <i>Ross Bond</i>	<b>Preventive healthcare for older cats</b> <i>Sarah Caney</i>		<b>Pain assessment &amp; analgesia 2</b> <i>Claire Defries</i>
1700 - 1800	<b>Is veterinary medicine headed for disaster or is it on the road to recovery?</b> <i>Marie Holowaychuk</i>				1700 - 1800
1800 - 1930	FREE TIME				1800 - 1930
1930 onwards	<div><div><div>★ ★ ★ ★ ★</div><div>★ ★ ★ ★ ★</div><div>★ ★ ★ ★ ★</div></div><div><div>Welcome drinks on arrival . Dress code - monochrome!</div><div><b>Black &amp; White Party Night</b></div><div>Three course dinner with wine, then dancing ‘til late to the “The Gents” followed by a DJ</div></div><div><div>★ ★ ★ ★ ★</div><div>★ ★ ★ ★ ★</div><div>★ ★ ★ ★ ★</div></div></div>				1930 onwards

# Programme Saturday 13th May

0815 onwards	Registration		Registration	0815 onwards
Time	Vet Lectures		Nurse Lectures	Time
	Stream a - GP	Stream b – Advanced		
0930 – 1015	<b>Optimising outcomes in canine otitis externa</b> <i>Ross Bond</i>	<b>Chronic kidney disease</b> – diagnosis and management <i>Sarah Caney</i>	<b>Nursing the Feline Patient</b> <i>Claire Defries</i>	0930 – 1015
1015 - 1115	<b>Myths and Misconceptions in Canine Trauma</b> <i>Marie Holowaychuk</i>		Tea/Coffee Break in Trade Exhibition Tea/coffee/smoothies with homemade shortbread	1015 - 1100
			<b>Dermatology sample collection and preparation</b> <i>Ross Bond</i>	1100 - 1145
1115 - 1200	Tea/Coffee Break in Trade Exhibition Tea/coffee/smoothies with homemade shortbread		<b>Wellness in the veterinary workplace</b> <i>Marie Holowaychuk</i>	1145 - 1230
1200 - 1245	<b>Osteoarthritis and cognitive dysfunction syndrome in the older cat</b> <i>Sarah Caney</i>	<b>Current concepts in systemic and topical therapy of microbial skin disease</b> <i>Ross Bond</i>		
1245 - 1330	<b>The anorexic cat</b> <i>Sarah Caney</i>	<b>New drugs for allergic dogs</b> <i>Ross Bond</i>	Lunch in Trade Exhibition	1230 - 1330
1330 - 1415	Lunch in Trade Exhibition		<b>Nursing care for patients with tubes going in and tubes coming out!</b> <i>Claire Defries</i>	1330 - 1415
1415 - 1500	<b>Making sense of the samples</b> <i>Ross Bond</i>	<b>The Entitlement Generation:</b> Understanding and working with millennials <i>Marie Holowaychuk</i>	<b>Nursing the haemorrhaging patient and blood transfusions care</b> <i>Claire Defries</i>	1415 - 1500
1500 - 1545	<b>Clinical assessment and management of bleeding patients</b> <i>Marie Holowaychuk</i>	<b>What is your diagnosis?</b> <i>Ross Bond</i>	Tea/Coffee Break in Trade Exhibition with homemade scones	1500 - 1545
1550 - 1630	Tea/Coffee Break in Trade Exhibition with homemade scones		<b>Setting up and running successful feline chronic kidney disease clinics</b> <i>Sarah Caney</i>	1545 - 1630
1630 - 1715	<b>Parasitic skin disease: new strategies for old diseases</b> <i>Ross Bond</i>	<b>Hyperthyroidism</b> <i>Sarah Caney</i>	<b>Martha, a traumatic case</b> <i>Claire Defries</i>	1630 - 1715
1715 - 1800	<b>How can we thrive (not just survive) in veterinary medicine?</b> <i>Marie Holowaychuk</i>			1715 - 1800
1800	Home!			1800