

Veterinary Ethics Conference

Programme

27—29 September 2023

Messerli Research Institute

University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna

Wednesday, 27 September 2023

8:00-9:00 Registration (Ceremony Hall Building, University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna)

9:00-9:30 **Welcome speeches** (Festsaal)

Petra Winter (Rector of the University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna)

Franck Meijboom (President of the European Society of Agricultural and Food Ethics)

Herwig Grimm and Svenja Springer (on behalf of the Veterinary Ethics Conference 2023 Organizing Team)

9:30-10:30 **PLENARY SESSION I**

Three forms of veterinary ethics – prescriptive, descriptive and reflective

Peter Sandøe, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 **PARALLEL SESSION I**

A | Breeding in the veterinary context: Ethical considerations for changing animals (Festsaal)

11:00-11:30 Ethics in Swedish veterinary education – from two perspectives

S. Sternberg Lewerin, H. Röcklinsberg

11:30-12:00 Teaching animal ethics to large groups in Flanders, Belgium

S. Aerts, C. De Ruyver

12:00-12:30 Veterinary ethics teaching: How does it help post-graduation?

A. Hanlon, P. Hobson-West, K. Millar, S. Mullan, A. Quain

B | Breeding in the veterinary context: Ethical considerations for changing animals (Festsaal Erweiterung)

- 11:00-11:30 The unnecessary suffering of Munchkin, Sphynx, Pug and Co. in the extreme breeding practice of pets - do ethical considerations reach their limits with this phenomenon?
S. Krämer, E. Raimann
- 11:30-12:00 Why are you keeping a brachycephalic dog?
J. Frehner, S. Hartnack
- 12:00-12:30 Do Veterinarians have a duty to generate pain free animals?
S. Camenzind

C | Ethical dilemmas and moral stress in the veterinary profession (Großes Sitzungszimmer)

- 11:00-11:30 Ethical dilemmas encountered by small animal veterinarians
B. Kippermann
- 11:30-12:00 Experience with futility contributes to moral distress in veterinary technicians in North America
N. Peterson, K. Foltz, J. Boyd, L. Moses
- 12:00-12:30 Swedish vet-students' perception of animals, responsibility and reasons for moral stress
A. Orrenius, H. Röcklinsberg

D | Ethical dilemmas and moral stress in the veterinary profession (Kleines Sitzungszimmer)

- 11:00-11:30 Veterinary medicine and the concept of 'dirty work'
C. Dürnberger
- 11:30-12:00 Herd as patient – professional ethics in veterinary herd health management
J. Karg
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-16:00 WORKSHOP SESSION I

A | Research Ethics (Festsaal Erweiterung)
Peter Sandøe (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

B | Betwixt and Between? Interdisciplinary work in veterinary ethics (Kleines

Sitzungszimmer)

Svenja Springer, Zsofia Viranyi (University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria)

C | Professional identity: How can we develop ourselves and others for confidence, satisfaction and success? (Großes Sitzungszimmer)

Elizabeth Armitage-Chan (Royal Veterinary College, London, UK)

16:00-16:30

Coffee Break

16:30-17:30

PLENARY SESSION II

Why it's bad to be good. Field notes from a career in veterinary ethics

Anne Quain, University of Sydney, Australia

18:00-20:30

Reception (Ceremony Hall Building, University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna)

Thursday, 28 September 2023

8:00-9:00 Registration (Ceremony Hall Building, University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna)

9:00-10:00 PLENARY SESSION III

The Birth of the 'Digital Turn' in Bioethics. Perspectives for Veterinary Ethics

Sabine Salloch (Hannover Medical School, Germany)

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-13:00 WORKSHOP SESSION II

A | Empirical ethics in the field of veterinary ethics (Festsaal Erweiterung)

Sabine Salloch, Marcel Mertz (Hannover Medical School, Germany)

B | When interests collide - Stakeholder engagement in mediating human-animal conflict situations (Kleines Sitzungszimmer)

Maite van Gerwen (Animo Animalis, The Netherlands)

C | Using clinical ethics support services to help veterinary team members navigate ethically challenging situations (Großes Sitzungszimmer)

Anne Quain (Univeristy of Sydney, Australia)

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 PARALLEL SESSION II

A | Competencies, professional obligations and codes of conduct in the veterinary profession (Festsaal)

14:00-14:30 Fraser's 'practical' ethics as baseline for creation of competencies and skills for an interdisciplinary Code of conduct

V. Ilieski

- 14:30-15:00 Code of ethics from students for students of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Freie Universität Berlin
C. Thöne-Reineke, L. Fischer-Tenhagen, S. Langforth, D. Meemken
- 15:00-15:30 Balancing professional obligations and animal welfare: the ethics and legal framework surrounding reporting of animal neglect and abuse by veterinarians in Belgium
S. Aerts, L. Burgelman, P. Christiaenssen, C. De Ruyver, S. De Vlieghe, C. Geutjens, A. Godfroid, T. Hendrickx, C. Landuyt, C. Moons, M. Van Cauteren, P. Weyens

B | Veterinary ethics in practice: Professional work under the influence of technical and societal changes (Festsaal Erweiterung)

- 14:00-14:30 Captured! On the use of patient cameras in veterinary practices and clinics in the Netherlands
M.F. Giersberg, D.K. Geijtenbeek, F.L.B. Meijboom
- 14:30-15:00 To treat or not to treat - and for whose sake? Ethical considerations among veterinarians treating cats with diabetes mellitus
N. Rothlin-Zachrisson, B.S. Holst, M. Öhlund, H. Röcklinsberg
- 15:00-15:30 Emerging stronger from COVID: A thematic analysis of US veterinarians' perspectives on pandemic preparedness, animal welfare and ethics
R. Anthony

C | Veterinary ethics in equine practice: Dealing with particularities in the professional care and management of horses (Goßes Sitzungszimmer)

- 14:00-14:30 Conceptualising horse care: a study of owners' and their respective veterinarians' experiences of caring for an older horse
R. Smith, G. Pinchbeck, C. McGowan, J. Ireland, E. Perkins
- 14:30-15:00 Exploring factors that influence employee engagement and work satisfaction among equine veterinary professionals
Y. Elte, K. Acton, J. Martin, M. Nielen, P.R. van Weeren, I.A. Wolframm
- 15:00-15:30 Social proximity in horses
L. Torres Borda, J. Lumetzberger, P. Roth, U. Auer, F. Jenner

D | End-of-life care and decision-making in companion animal practice

(Kleines Sitzungszimmer)

- 14:00-14:30 An empirical study on euthanasia decision-making: Pet owner's view
S. Joo, M.S. Chun
- 14:30-15:00 Leaving Life. Preliminary empirical insights into hospice and palliative care
S. Springer, S. Axiak Flammer, C. Dürnberger
- 15:00-15:30 Dying like a Dog. A research project in its broader context
P. Kunzmann
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 PARALLEL SESSION III

A | Veterinarians' identity: normative demands and practical implications (Festsaal)

- 16:00-16:30 Applying the normative imperative that vets ought to advocate for patient best interest
K. Hiestand
- 16:30-17:00 Veterinary identity and moral residue: Could reclaiming compassion be a solace for an injured sense of self?
L. Moses

B | Ethical reflections on the care of wild and zoo animals (Festsaal Erweiterung)

- 16:00-16:30 A contemporary relationship and handling of wild animals from a biological and animal ethics perspective
T.G. Valencak, R. Winkelmayr
- 16:30-17:00 Clinical decision-making of public zoo veterinarians in Korea: An exploratory study
Y. Choi, M.S. Chun

C | 3Rs in animal research: historical, ethical, and practical perspectives (Großes Sitzungszimmer)

- 16:00-16:30 How are Apples and Oranges weighed in practice? On the incoherent implementation of the Harm-Benefit-Analysis as a requirement of the EU Directive 2010/63/EU.
D. Hajosi, H. Grimm

16:30-17:00 **Killing in the name of 3R?**
K. Persson, C. Rodriguez, E. Louis-Maerten, D. Shaw

D | Ethical reflections on economic aspects in the veterinary profession (Kleines Sitzungszimmer)

16:00-16:30 **Impact of costs of care on animal welfare and veterinarian well-being: What should veterinarians be doing to address economic limitations of clients?**
B. Kippermann

16:30-17:00 **'Access to care' debates: from economics to ethics**
J. Desmond

19:00 **Congress Dinner** (Mayor's reception at "10er Marie Heuriger"
– Ottakringer Straße 222-224, 1160 Vienna)

Friday, 29 September 2023

8:30-9:00 Registration (Ceremony Hall Building, University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna)

9:00-10:00 PLENARY SESSION IV

Through A Vet's Eyes: How We Can All Choose a Better Life for Animals

Sean Wensley (Senior Veterinarian, PDSA, UK)

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 PARALLEL SESSION IV

A | Killing animals: Legal backgrounds and moral implications (Festsaal)

10:30-11:00 The moral intricacies in euthanasia for diagnostic purposes
J. Karg, E. Linder

11:00-11:30 'My decision needs to be the right one': A Grounded Theory Model of veterinary killing justification.
M.J. Bubeck

11:30-12:00 Legal requirements as a source for moral problems in end-of-life situations
E. Deelen, F.L.B. Meijboom, T.J. Tobias, F. Koster, J.W. Hesselink, T.B. Rodenburg

B | Caring for animals in research contexts: Between harm and benefit (Festsaal Erweiterung)

10:30-11:00 Suffering for scientific progress. Realdo Colombo, William Harvey et al. disregarding 3R: A historical survey of animal testing in the light of multispecies ethics
S. Schreiner

11:00-11:30 Empirical evidence of inherent impossibilities within the ethical evaluation of animal research
S. Jörgensen, J. Lindsjö, F. Lundmark Hedman, E. Weber, H. Röcklinsberg

11:30-12:00 Culture of Care: On the question of animal agency in
laboratory animal science
K. Ameli, S. Krämer

C | Ethically challenging situations and approaches to deal with them (Großes
Sitzungszimmer)

10:30-11:00 Analysis of ethically challenging situations faced by Korean
small animal veterinarians: Applying a modified four-box
approach
Y. Jung, S. Joo, Y. Choi, M.S. Chun

11:00-11:30 The Veterinary Ethics Tool (VET) and developing relational
approaches to veterinary ethics
V. Ashall

12:00-12:30 Closing

12:30-14:00 Lunch and farewell

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