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1	Greetings to all. I have a question on the topic of the day. I'm from Ukraine. Please tell me, given our situation of war and the ecological catastrophe in the south of our country, the lack of access to animal care, including vaccination, not only against rabies, but also against other diseases, will be unavailable for a long period. What are your recommendations?	<p>Hi, I agree with you that the situation in Ukraine is very challenging. On the other hand there are many foreign NGOs supporting in the country at the moment, and even more encouraging for me is that many of the communal enterprises keep on delivering services for stray dogs, even in these challenging times.</p> <p>Hi, Veterinarians Without Borders Canada is working with local partners in Ukraine to address these concerns. You can find out more information on the website here: https://www.vetswithoutborders.ca/site/blog/2022/05/12/ukraine-animal-crisis-emergency-appeal</p>	<p>Manuela Rowlings</p> <p>Michelle Tuma</p>
2	Hi How we can get support of some organisation that can this as well do in Albania and help us? Thank you	Hi, anyone can take the course online, also in Albania - find the full course here https://www.four-paws.org/campaigns-topics/topics/companion-animals/shelter-adoption-programme	Manuela Rowlings
3	can you please share the link to this video? thank you!!	Hi, here you go https://www.four-paws.org/campaigns-topics/topics/companion-animals/shelter-adoption-programme	Manuela Rowlings
4	Hello to everyone. Is the Shelter Adoption Academy available to everyone and what are the costs for this e-learning course?	Hello, yes the course is available to everyone for free. You can find more information here https://www.four-paws.org/campaigns-topics/topics/companion-animals/shelter-adoption-programme	Ivet Vasileva
5	hello will You have the courses in other languages?	<p>Hi, yes, we are working on additional languages. Please send us a message which language is a priority for you via the course platform.</p> <p>Hello, we currently have the course available in English, Ukrainian, Bulgarian and Romanian.</p>	<p>Manuela Rowlings</p> <p>Ivet Vasileva</p>
6	Do you after follow what happens with adopted animals(cats/dogs)? How many of them after ending up again on the street? There is big difference between just "adoption" and "responsibile adoption". Any adoption createria? or anybody takes what they want?	<p>Hi, good point and fully agree. The objective of the course is to increase responsible adoptions! And yes, shelters should track their "success rate" accordingly. We provide an online training course to shelters., We are not actively involved in the management of the shelters.</p> <p>Hi, one of our modules focuses exclusive on Adoption which also includes mathcing the right adopter to the right animal, so that every adopted animal ends up in a responsible home.</p> <p>1. No, the responsibility of following up with new owners falls with the shelters. This is a free education resource developed by FOUR PAWS and designed to help shelter staff and volunteers gain more knowledge and skills, so that they are better able to match and adopt animals, while improving their quality of life while in the shelter.</p> <p>2. No, we are unable to follow up how many of the adopted animals end up back on the street, please refer to my answer above.</p> <p>3. As I mentioned in my previous answer we do cover adoption extensively, including adoption criteria, adoption agreements etc. You can alway take a look at the course by registering.</p> <p>We do not promote 'anybody takes what they want' approach.</p>	<p>Manuela Rowlings</p> <p>Ivet Vasileva</p>

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7	Can you please send the right link for applying for Grant for this thema? Rehoming/shelter/adoption improvement ?thank you Will be much easier for us to apply if we can get this link here. I really appreciate	https://www.dogstrustworldwide.com/champions-fund/	Craig Rooney
8	if we can get 30 delegates to attend the behaviour course, can DogTrust provide this training in the caribbean region?	Hi, sadly we are not able to do this at this time. Our work is currently focussed on 5 key strategic locations, and the human resources we have available for the delivery of behaviour training is limited. We need to ensure that our requirements in those key strategic locations are met first and foremost; however, this does not mean that we won't be able to provide these in other countries again in the future as we very much recognise there is a need elsewhere.	Craig Rooney
9	will dog trust fund TNR programmes? if yes, what are the main criteria or requirements for the organization to secure the fund?	Hi, this depends on where you are based. We are not able to provide funding through our Champions Fund for programme costs related to TNR; however, we may be able to provide funding for equipment which is used in TNR programmes and other programmes within an organisation. I would advise you to contact us at international@dogstrustworldwide.com if you would like to discuss potential options further.	Craig Rooney
10	IcatCare Vicky, do you partner with other organization outside of UK? For exchange of information, funding or cooperations.	yes,, we are open to discussion with other organisations anywhere in the world for exchange of information. Unfortunately we are not a funding organisation but we are always open to international collaborations. Please contact me direct to discuss further if you wish.	Vicky Halls
11	Question for Vicki ♥ Can we get a link for the free course you mentioned in the presentation. And thank you for great resources IcatCare ♥	https://icatcare.org/unowned-cats/cat-friendly-homing/cat-friendly-homing-course/	Vicky Halls
12	Paul - Battersea, any link or deadline times for the application for the funds? Where is the link?	Hi The link to https://www.battersea.org.uk/what-we-do/working-with-other-rescues/battersea-grants-our-grants-page-on-our-website-is-here	Paul Marvell
13	Thanks for the presentation! have this courses evaluation or feedback from the participants? like a way to improve and reinforce the education experiences	From a Battersea point of view we do a number of things: we try to get to know delegates as well as we can before they come on a course, e.g. through a pre-course questionnaire; we carry out detailed evaluation of our training and capture feedback from delegates after they have attended; we stay in touch with learners through our online forums, LinkedIn, Facebook and our online learning system and through our regular check in and chat sessions.	Paul Marvell
14	To Ana Maria: Have you considered using a campaign like this one to rescue the dogs from the public shelter in Targu Jiu, which are due to be killed because of the major of this city hiring a company to run the public shelter which is know for its bad management and killing dogs.	We are a department of the Ilfov County Council, we are only responsible for this county in Romania. It is difficult in Targu Jiu because they no longer have a team in League 1 and then such a campaign will never see its results there, because there is no visibility. Another project should be thought of. And first of all, the authorities there need to understand that killing is not the solution and then all sorts of campaign can be thought of.	Ana-Maria Constantine scu
15	Any new information on the new development of a drug to induce sterilization without surgery? Can you expand on this promising drug? Any study of side-effects?	I will talk about a recently published study on a single-injection vaccine for females in this presentation. Happy to answer any specific questions in the follow-up Q&A.	Valerie Benka

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16	Interesting information. I have a query. How one can use Megestrol acetate in free roaming dogs, because you mentioned it should not be given to those who have existing comorbidity	It's definitely far more difficult/risky in free-roaming animals because of the difficulty in identifying comorbidities and monitoring animals. We have information on our website re: the safety profile in cats; we will be updating data on dogs in the coming months. But in general, long-term use is not advised in any animal. It's more of a stop-gap solution when you have a relatively brief surgery delay.	Valerie Benka
17	ACC&D What happened to Gonacon?	An organization called SpayFIRST! (https://www.spayfirst.org/) is continuing to pursue GonaCon. Based on the results of the study that ACC&D sponsored a few years back, we determined that it unfortunately didn't have the reliable efficacy necessary to pursue regulatory approval for free-roaming cats.	Valerie Benka
18	Any study on the effects of early "neutering" using epivara on Osteoarticular disease and ligament ruptures. Also in infantile vulva, incidence of certain tumors and other issues recently associated with early surgical neutering?	Very good question. Studies haven't yet explored these health outcomes; they've focused on more initial measures of safety. As time goes on there should be more longitudinal data.	Valerie Benka
19	Very interesting presentation. Could you please comment on the management / minimising of the adverse effects of Depo provera and other contraceptives in dogs; since it is already in use.	If you are willing, can you e-mail me? I'm interested to learn about other contraceptives besides Depo provera that are in use in your community, and I can connect you with veterinary colleagues who will be able to speak to the management/minimizing of adverse effects better than I can. Thank you!	Valerie Benka
20	How does EPivara impacts metabolism, appetite and weight control?	I don't know the answer to this question offhand, though I can look into what data exist. Please feel free to reach out to me with the question so that I can follow up.	Valerie Benka
21	Any suggestions in controlling non surgical fertility in free roaming dogs in countries LMICs	At this point, there unfortunately are no great long-term, affordable options for controlling FRDs in LMICs using non-surgical options. But the groups behind the Epivara and the AAV-AMH technologies are proponents of developing products that will be affordable, including for use in populations of unowned/free-roaming animals. And ACC&D recognizes that in order to have the greatest impact on overall animal welfare, technologies need to be able to be used among free-roaming animals in LMICs.	Valerie Benka
22	Can you comment on actual prices of these new non-surgical options for neutering?	For the promising single-treatment gene therapy, cost has not been determined. However, the team sponsoring the studies (Michelson Found Animals Foundation) has a goal of making the eventual product affordable to both the veterinarian and the cat owner (and dog owner if canine studies are successful), and to ensure that the product can be used to help control populations of unowned animals. Epivara would be inexpensive/highly affordable. Suprelorin, the contraceptive implant that is currently available in ~50 countries, is very effective but quite pricey. I hope that there will be some creative ways of making future products affordable for vulnerable animals and communities with fewer resources — e.g., using some profits from private veterinary use to subsidize costs for free-roaming populations.	Valerie Benka

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23	if this is really implimented, what are the risks? and is there a way that you identify the animals who got the treatment? and will it work on the whole population without individual variation?	<p>Different technologies would carry different risks and other considerations for use. We have some information on the safety profiles of Suprelorin and megestrol acetate on our website (https://www.acc-d.org/approaches-overview). As other technologies in development are studied further, we will update information on them, as well. One great thing about the single-injection AAV-AMH vaccine is that it is species-specific. A cat gene was used in creating the cat vaccine, and so it wouldn't work in dogs (or humans, for that matter). A canine vaccine would use a dog gene, and so efficacy would be limited to dogs.</p> <p>Re: marking, I only had time to touch on it very briefly, but marking and identification of treated animals is something that ACC&D has been working hard on. More information is here: https://www.acc-d.org/markings-and-id.</p> <p>Re: individual variation, it would depend on the product. Epivara and the gene therapy vaccine should lead to consistent fertility suppression outcomes, but more research is needed.</p>	Valerie Benka
24	'@Valerie Have there been any advancements in PZP vaccines? Are they still being considered as a possible solution for permanent non-surgical sterilisation in companion animals, and/or free roaming populations?	<p>I am not aware of recent work using PZP vaccines for companion animals. ACC&D's e-book (https://static1.squarespace.com/static/60106baf6eaab30c510d352a/t/6049b81d48638940f786f028/1616300091169/ACCD-e-book.pdf) has information on PZP vaccine research in dogs and cats as of 2013. Other approaches studied since then appear more promising for companion animal species (pet and free-roaming).</p>	Valerie Benka
25	Any publication available in public domain on this study.	<p>Here is ACC&D's webpage on the gene therapy approach: https://www.acc-d.org/gene-transfer. It includes a link to the original research paper (which is open-access) as well as reports on the research by the Michelson Prize & Grants program (a great summary!) and some popular press.</p>	Valerie Benka
26	<p>Some studies have examined the potential impacts of early-age neutering on certain health conditions in animals, including the incidence of certain tumors and orthopedic issues. However, findings can vary, and it's essential to consider the specific context, population, and methodology of each study.</p> <p>To obtain the most accurate and up-to-date information on the effects of early neutering using a specific method like "epivara," it is recommended to consult veterinary literature, academic journals, and reputable veterinary organizations that publish research and guidelines on this topic. Veterinary professionals can provide the most relevant and evidence-based information for your specific inquiries.</p>	<p>Yes — thank you for stating this.</p> <p>I'd also note that ACC&D is currently working with Banfield Pet Hospital (a large primary care veterinary clinic practice in the United States) to explore the relationships between (surgical) sterilization and different health outcomes. We began by looking at sterilization and overweight/obese outcomes, and we will look at CCL rupture on the future. Our goal here is to expand baseline data on health outcomes related to surgical spay/neuter so that we can more effectively compare it to future non-surgical options. This project won't be able to address all health outcomes, but we're trying to push the needle forward on this general topic! One of the benefits of this database is that it looks a more general population of dogs, as compared to studies that come out of speciality veterinary hospitals. https://www.acc-d.org/sterilization-and-health</p>	Valerie Benka
27	Was yours a grounded theory study?	Hi Julie, we used reflexive thematic analysis as we were interested in exploring DPM implementer perspectives and experiences rather than building a new theory	Abi Collinson

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28	'@Abi Could you please post a link to your study? Thanks	Hi Andreas, I am writing up this study for publication at the moment. If you send me an email, then I can send you a link once it has been published. This is a link to a previous study we conducted which was looking at priorities for DPM: https://www.mdpi.com/2076-2615/11/8/2250	Abi Collinson
29	Is the DCMT in these countries legalised and regulated by the government?	No, in fact the DCMT is not legal in all 3 countries, but current laws are not enforced	Matt Backhouse
30	We know from history dog and cat meat came as a stop gap measure for food in cases of food lack due to wars and famine but unfortunately became a set diet. When doing the work was a study done on the alternative meat protein gap and development eg poultry, goat pork that can be capacity built so in future there will not be a fall back to dog and cat meat?	That's a great question, and we have not looked into that yet but will certainly consider it for our future work. Thanks for the suggestion	Matt Backhouse
31	To the presenter, International Adoption will not solve the problem there. It will be just part of the problem. The waves of animals will be keep coming.	I agree with you	Matt Backhouse
32	Euthanasia is a part of Animal Welfare, for my opinion	Thank you for this comment	Matt Backhouse
33	I think dogs and cats are bred for meat purpose in SEA and the dog and cat population will reduce only if people stop eating meat	In some countries they are raised for this purpose, but we often see thousands of pets being stolen. I agree that meat reduction is an important part of the solution	Matt Backhouse
34	Why then is the DCMT popular or rather why is the consumption of Dog and Cat meat common in these countries?	It's quite a complex answer, but here you will find all of our reports which explain this in much more detail: https://dogcatmeat.four-paws.org.uk/the-truth/publications-on-the-dog-and-cat-meat-trade-in-southeast-asia	Matt Backhouse
35	Question for Matt- What would you think about a global treaty under the UN or other intergovernmental body to make the dog meat trade illegal as well as to improve global health? It could be done under WOA and the World Health Program?	I think it's a great idea! Thanks for the suggestion	Matt Backhouse
36	Hi Matt has Four Paws ever looked into human consumption of dogs in Micronesia?	Hi, we haven't but I'd be interested in any data you might have	Matt Backhouse
37	so, the awareness program should be focused on stopping eating dog and cat meat	I think that's part of it, along with keeping animals safe from theft, promoting responsible pet ownership and CNVR to reduce unwanted animals	Matt Backhouse
38	Hi, this question is for anyone to answer. A question by a politician is that traditional surgery to sterilise an animal is less humane than non-surgical contraceptive methods. Would like to know how one would address this question without seeming biased towards either method	If you are comfortable doing so, can you please e-mail me at valerie@acc-d.org ? I would be happy to offer thoughts on a response, but it would be helpful to have more context (e.g., where you are and thus what is available, whether the politician has given further details on their definition of "humaneness," etc.)	Valerie Benka

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39	Can you tell, how much it costs in case of spay shot (non surgical) thing?	For the promising single-treatment gene therapy, cost has not been determined. However, the team sponsoring the studies (Michelson Found Animals Foundation) has a goal of making the eventual product affordable to both the veterinarian and the cat owner (and dog owner if canine studies are successful), and to ensure that the product can be used to help control populations of unowned animals. Epivara would be inexpensive/highly affordable. Suprelorin, the contraceptive implant that is currently available in ~50 countries, is very effective but quite pricey. I hope that there will be some creative ways of making future products affordable for vulnerable animals and communities with fewer resources — e.g., using some profits from private veterinary use to subsidize costs for free-roaming populations.	Valerie Benka