



“Making behavioural prophylaxis a priority for veterinary patients and their owners.”

Friday April 19th, The Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise, Co. Laoise (R32 HKN3)

Delegate Information Pack

We are truly honoured to welcome you to our 2024 AGM event. This event will focus on the importance of behavioural prophylaxis for our patients, our clients, our colleagues and also for ourselves!

We have some hugely knowledgeable and talented speakers for you to enjoy, along with opportunities to discuss cases, meet like- minded colleagues and enjoy the opportunity to help shape and develop our new Irish Veterinary Behaviour Association for the better!

Registration

Delegates can register and pay using a credit/ debit card payment or directly via bank transfer. The Early Bird rates are available until February 29th, after which the full registration fees in each category should be applied.

Our bank details are:

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| IVBA Member Delegate Early Bird (closes Feb 29 th) | €100 | https://buy.stripe.com/28o4hL5Ala1U4ve4gN |
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| Student Delegate (student ID will be requested following booking) Early Bird (closes Feb 29 th) | €65 | https://buy.stripe.com/cN23dHd3aeia3rafZw |
| Student Delegate (student ID will be requested following booking) February 20 th onwards | €80 | https://buy.stripe.com/14k9C58MU5LE0eYaF9 |

Getting to the Venue

Information on the exact location is available on the Maldron hotel website: [Hotel In Portlaoise and Midlands | Maldron Hotel Portlaoise](#)

The room we are using the “Abbeyleix Suite” for the conference lectures.

If anyone is having difficulty arranging transport, please do get in touch and we can see if we have any other delegates or committee travelling from a location close to you.

The Maldron are offering us a preferential rate of 99€ per room B&B so please mention you are attending the conference at the time of booking, alternatively, competitive rates available on Booking.com also.

Special Requirements

If you have any dietary requirements or allergies that we need to be aware of, please email us and let us know events@ivba.ie

If you would like to bring an assistance dog, or have any other specific requests please just ask and we will accommodate you as best we can.

Handouts of the presentation slides will be made available via the IVBA website immediately after the event.

CVE Certificates

We have been approved 7 CVE credits from the Veterinary Council of Ireland for this event. If you would like a CVE/ CPD certificate, please ensure that we have your VCI/ RCVS number and full name correct at the time of registration and your certificate will be issued as soon as possible after the event.

Information about our invited speaker:

Dr Kersti
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Kersti is a veterinary graduate from Sydney University, Australia and also has a Bachelor of Arts in Behavioural Science (major in psychology) and Master of Arts (Hons) by thesis. She is trebly boarded being a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists and Diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine.

Kersti is an adjunct Professor at the University of Queensland in Veterinary Behaviour, adjunct Associate Professor at Charles Sturt University, head tutor for the Distance Education course in Behavioural Medicine for the Centre for Veterinary Education at University of Sydney, and now also teaches undergraduate veterinary students at the University of Sydney. She regularly presents at conferences nationally and internationally, both in person and by zoom, has written many textbook chapters, a book, *Training Your Cat* (with another book on the way), is a regular presenter on radio and teaches course on VIN (Veterinary Information Network). She created *Puppy Preschool®* and *Kitten Kindy®* and continues to promote their importance for the mental and physical health of dogs and cats.

Timetable

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| 8.30am | Registration | <i>Tea & Coffee</i> |
| 9.00am | IVBA AGM Current IVBA members are all welcome to attend | <i>IVBA Committee & Members</i> |
| 10am | <i>“It’s never going to be too early, but it can be too late?”- the importance of behavioural prophylaxis for dogs.</i> | Dr Kersti Seksel BVSc (Hons) MRCVS MA (Hons) FANZCVS DACVB DECAWBM FAVA Keynote speaker |
| 11.00am | <i>Survey of Irish Veterinary Practices on provision of veterinary behavioural services and training & data on the prevalence of behavioural problems presented in Ireland.</i> | <i>IVBA Committee</i> |
| 11.30am | <i>Coffee Break</i> | <i>Please visit our sponsors</i> |
| 12.00pm | <i>“The window of tolerance”- is this a useful concept to enhance client counselling for veterinary behaviour cases?</i> | Dr Claire Corridan BVMS PhD MRCVS <i>Great Expectations Veterinary Consultancy</i> |
| 12.20pm | <i>Ahead of the curve - applying a Systems Mapping approach to primary prevention of equine stereotypes</i> | Dr Meta Osbourne MVB CertESM MSciAWEL MRCVS Tinnakill House Stud |
| 12.40pm | <i>Developing an evidence-based framework to inform the development of welfare focused recommendations for dairy cattle</i> | <i>Care4Dairy project, UCD, Animal Welfare & Ethics</i> |
| 1.00pm | <i>Lunch</i> | <i>Please visit our sponsors</i> |
| 2.00pm | <i>“It’s never going to be too early, but it can be too late- the importance of behavioural prophylaxis for cats.”</i> | Dr Kersti Seksel BVSc (Hons) MRCVS MA (Hons) FANZCVS DACVB DECAWBM FAVA Keynote speaker |
| 3.00pm | <i>Coffee Break</i> | <i>Please visit our sponsors</i> |
| 3.30pm | <i>Inter- personal violence and animal cruelty- what do we know about “the link” in Ireland?</i> | Dr Michelle Scales MVB MSc |
| 3.50pm | <i>“Veterinary Social Work”- is there a place for this as a discipline within the veterinary profession in Ireland?</i> | Dr Claire Corridan BVMS PhD MRCVS <i>Great Expectations Veterinary Consultancy</i> |
| 4.10pm | <i>Collaboration on development of the IVBA position statement for the importance of pre-purchase contracts for companion animals.</i> | IVBA Committee |
| 4.50pm | Discussion & Closing Remarks | Anne Rogers BSc (HONS) RBT LLA CAP3 <i>IVBA Vice- Chairperson</i> |