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Q: Why did you join IVAPM?

A: I joined IVAPM to further my knowledge and skills in identifying, treating, and managing pain in our patients.

Q: What is the importance of pain management in veterinary medicine?

A: As veterinary professionals it is up to us to recognize and treat pain for the good of our patients. Our patients feel better, heal quicker, and are under less stress; all these improve the quality of their life and their companionship with their human caretakers.

Q: What vet medicine pain management related initiatives are you involved with and/or most proud of accomplishing?

A: I am working with a number of ABVP Diplomates on a directed pain management CE course.

Q: What passion veterinary projects are you currently involved?

A: The American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) has been very good to me during my career. Being an ABVP Diplomate has opened up many opportunity doors for me. Those opportunities keep me passionate about being a veterinarian.

Bio:

Dr. Dutton is a graduate of Michigan State University. He also has a Master's Degree in Pain Management from University of Edinburgh.

Dr. Michael Dutton previously owned 2 AAHA hospitals with a large exotic pet caseload (~6000 pets per year). He retired in 2024 from clinical practice. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in four specialties: Canine & Feline Practice, Avian Practice, Exotic Companion Mammal Practice, and Reptile & Amphibian Practice. He has lectured and written on exotic pet veterinary topics and pain management both locally and nationally. He has a Master's degree in Pain Management, is a certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner by IVAPM, and a certified Aquatic Veterinarian by WAVMA. He is a Founding Fellow of ABVP Companion Animal Pain Management.