



## **Lauren Retallack, DVM, MBA, DACVS-SA, CVPP**

### ***Why did you join IVAPM?***

I saw a gap between what my practice was doing for pain management, and what our patients needed. I was looking for an organization that could help me with up-to-date information and references to improve our patient care.

### ***What is the importance of pain management in veterinary medicine?***

Helping owners understand their animal's pain is essential to good care. When we recognize and address pain effectively, we not only improve outcomes—we strengthen the bond between people and their pets by meeting their needs with clarity, compassion, and evidence-based support.

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

Becoming a CVPP and joining the IVAPM Board of Directors

### **Bio:**

Lauren Retallack, DVM, DACVS-SA, CVPP is a board-certified small animal surgeon and Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner with advanced expertise in orthopedic, soft tissue, and minimally invasive procedures. She practices at Oakland Veterinary Referral Services in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, where she manages a high surgical caseload and collaborates across specialties to deliver comprehensive, multidisciplinary care. Dr. Retallack is deeply committed to optimizing patient comfort through evidence-based pain management and rehabilitation strategies, particularly for post-operative and chronically painful patients. She is also passionate about mentoring veterinary professionals and advancing clinical standards through continuing education. As a member of the Board of Directors for the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management (IVAPM), Dr. Retallack contributes to national leadership in veterinary pain management and advocates for integrative approaches that elevate patient outcomes.