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Why did you join IVAPM?

Grow international awareness, specifically in the Pacific continent

What is the importance of pain management in veterinary medicine?

Pain management is crucial for quality of life, recovery after injury or surgery and determines their functioning in daily life

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

I am most proud of setting up the Rehabilitation and Acupuncture service at my current group practice, where we offer rehab treatment plans including acupuncture, manual therapy, therapeutic exercises, shockwave and pain management consults

What passion veterinary projects are you currently involved?

The Complementary Veterinary Medicine Branch of the New Zealand Veterinary Association to promote the use of acupuncture to improve outcomes in veterinary practice. Also in the process, together with a veterinary friend, of setting up a Veterinary Rehab Network to unite all veterinary rehab therapists in NZ to collaborate and learn together so we can get better outcomes for our patients.

Bio:

Renate Haveman is a small animal veterinarian working in private practice in New Zealand. After graduating as a small animal vet in 2011 from Utrecht University, she practiced as a small animal practitioner for 2.5 years in The Netherlands before making the move to NZ in 2014. Since starting practising in NZ her interest in canine rehabilitation and sports medicine has been growing and is now a certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner (CCRP) and Veterinary Acupuncturist (IVAS) and currently working towards my CVPP certification and hoping to pass her exams for the rehab and sports medicine chapter of the ANZCVS in 2026. Renate is very passionate about pain management and feel very privileged to be a part of the IVAPM and raise the bar for pain management in our patients on a national and international level. She is looking forward to working with a dedicated group of professionals to increase awareness and improve pain management in our patients.