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Please note Dr Martin de Scally has resigned as of December 2021
Overview of activities in 2021

Raw food infographic completed and added to GNC webpage

Updated version of Selecting a Pet Food was added to GNC webpage

Presented a knowledge drop webinar on Pet Food Propaganda (Dr Lisa Weeth presenting, Dr Marge Chandler chairing). Webinar has received >3000 views

Presented a knowledge drop webinar on The Importance of Diet History in Diagnosis (Dr Cecilia Villaverde presenting in Spanish, Dr Martin Soberano chairing) > 675 views to date

The GNC presented a full 8 hr day of lectures at the virtual WSAVA Congress (committee members presented in 6 of 8 lectures)

Developed and reviewed content for Third Term Learning Modules on Nutritional Assessment

Memorandum of Understanding with GAPFA to coordinate use of resources

Tool kit use:
- 15 requests granted to use toolkit in publications
- 25 citations of the guidelines (peer reviewed)
- 4 citations and toolkit use in books/chapters
- 17 citations in non peer review papers and shares in social media (that we were aware of)
- 50+ presentations or courses by committee members where the guidelines/toolkit were used

Planned activities for 2022

A key priority for the GNC during 2022 is to continue to disseminate the latest nutritional knowledge among WSAVA members associations. A four-module online nutrition course, prepared by the GNC, with the kind support from the Purina Institute, has formed the cornerstone of this educational work.

The GNC has put particular emphasis on working with WSAVA member the International Veterinary Students’ Association (IVSA) in order to ensure that the next generation of veterinarians are equipped with the latest nutritional knowledge. Co-chair Dr Cecilia Villaverde addressed IVSA members on nutrition during its virtual AGM in February and Dr Villaverde and Co-chair Dr Marge Chandler then participated in an IVSA nutrition-focused event: ‘Understanding diet and nutrition of our four-legged friends’ on June 5. They made a full live webinar presentation on nutritional assessment and participated in a panel discussion on university veterinary education.

The GNC has continued to develop its Global Nutrition Toolkit with a planned update to its hospitalized patient feeding tool. It has also collaborated with the Global Association of Pet Food Associations (GAPFA) with an agreement to share some complementary resources. https://wsava.org/global-guidelines/global-nutrition-guidelines/

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