

Program Advisory Committee
Veterinary Science meeting minutes
April 5, 2018

Attendance:

Julia Lobel
Renee Leavitt
Cailen Pillsbury
Jim Humphries
Hope Humphries

Teachers present:

Michael Grace
Rebecca Smith
Leandra Pellegrino

1. Review the Quality Assessment Tool
 - a. Add to advisory board - someone in lab area (Greg? Wyatt Z), research aspect, zoology area representative, non-trad for gender, Ed Swaim/teacher from secondary
2. Fear free certification
 - a. Owners like the term to explain the restraints, doctors leaning towards Fear Free, sometimes takes a couple of appointments to get work done, need training for techs and doctors and educate pet owners, can call and possibly get training for free if they know that we are teachers - discount or coupon code, good to train kids in these practice, treat-based and positive, using drugs ahead of appointment, good especially with cats, bonding clients more with practice, seeing good long-term results, makes pet owners feel more comfortable bringing animals to the vet, fearfreepets.com for pet owners to go to, teach pet owners how to be fear free at home, fear free and low stress handling are different (Dr. Sophia Yin), go well hand in hand, legacy foundation, where to restrain, leash and towel placement, make restraint more efficient, fear free tries to identify the stress, make sure not fearful when they come in, saying what works instead of just “caution”, fear free goes into retention rate of staff staying in field, burnout rate in vet techs, makes tests more accurate, makes all staff able to work more efficiently, highly recommend, label cage cards to show what works for different animals, mats for animals to work on, podcasts available for fear free, person’s mental health, identifying triggers, teach some of the techniques but not necessary need the certification, big cultural shift in practices, fear free happy homes campaign, feline friendly
 - b. NAVC/AVMA human/animal bond certification - expensive, free webinar, maybe good to do but don’t need to market to clients
3. Program updates
 - a. Uniforms -