

# SPEAKERS & AGENDA

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## DAY 1 - OCTOBER 25, AT 13.00-15.00 CEST



### Fertility & mating Prof. Ann Van Soom

Prof. Ann Van Soom graduated in 1988 as DVM at the faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University, Belgium, and obtained a PhD in 1996. At present, she holds a position as full professor and Head of Department of Reproduction, Obstetrics and Herd Health in this University. Diplomat of the European College of Animal Reproduction (ECAR), her clinical activities are related to small animal reproduction, with an emphasis on semen collection, research on gamete cryopreservation and artificial insemination in cats and dogs.



### Gestation & parturition Dr. Juliette Roos-Pichenot

Dr. Juliette Roos-Pichenot obtained her veterinary diploma in 1990 from the National Veterinary School of Alfort (near Paris, France). She is a diplomate of the European College of Animal Reproduction. With other associates she created ANIREPRO, whose aim is to open specialist Reproduction services within referral clinics and veterinary hospitals in various regions and departments of France. ANIREPRO offers assisted reproduction follow-up, but also deals with disorders of the genital tract and all matters relating to reproductive control.



### Nutrition Dr. Tabitha Hookey

Dr. Tabitha Hookey obtained her DVM degree at the University of Prince Edward Island's Atlantic Veterinary College in Canada. Upon graduation, she practiced as a small animal veterinarian in Canada. In 2018, Tabitha completed a small animal clinical nutrition residency training program at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, US. In 2019, Tabitha joined Royal Canin in global R&D division in France and is currently working in their health platform team. She was granted Diplomate status in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Nutrition) in 2022.



### Neonatology Prof. Sylvie Chastant

Prof. Sylvie Chastant obtained her veterinary diploma in 1990 from the National Veterinary School of Alfort (near Paris, France) and was awarded her PhD in 1995. She is a diplomate and vice-president of the European College of Animal Reproduction and a professor at the National Veterinary School of Toulouse then Alfort since September 2023, where she teaches small animal reproduction. She has created the Neocare team, a center dedicated to all aspects of puppy and kitten neonatology and pediatrics.



### Genetics Dr. Angela Hughes

Dr. Angela Hughes completed her veterinary degree, veterinary genetics residency, PhD in genetics, and held an associate clinical professor position at the University of California, Davis, US. She is a trained veterinary geneticist who pioneered the concept of genetically aligning potential breeding dogs to evaluate genetic. Today, Dr Hughes serves as Scientific Communications Veterinarian and Veterinary Geneticist at Royal Canin where she is focused on teaching people how to create better health through nutrition for dogs and cats.

## DAY 2 - OCTOBER 26, AT 13.00-15.00 CEST



### Early socialization Dr. Helen Zulch

Dr. Helen Zulch is a veterinarian and Royal College and European Specialist in Veterinary Behavioural Medicine. She is Associate Professor in Clinical Animal Behaviour in the Department of Life Sciences, University of Lincoln, UK and an Honorary Assistant Professor at the University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Science. She has worked in the field of companion animal behaviour for over 20 years lecturing on undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, consulting for pet owners and engaging with research across a range of areas in animal behaviour, learning and cognition. She has a particular interest in the interface between physical health and behaviour, the application of learning theory to practice, including in working animals, and the prevention of the development of problem behaviours in pets. She has published in the scientific literature, presented lectures and seminars at international conferences and events, authored books and book chapters and was instrumental in developing the Life Skills for Puppies approach.



### Practical tips from world champion breeder Antonio Palladini

Antonio Palladini is an Italian breeder of Wire Haired Standard Dachshunds since 1989 with "Della Val Vezzeno" kennel. With his dachshunds he has obtained more than 1000 championships including 15 World Champion FCI and 24 World Champion WUT (WELT UNION TECKEL). Working judge for Dachshunds and Terriers since 1996. President of Italian Dachshund Club "Amici Bassotto Club" from 2003 to 2014 and from 2017 to present. In 2021 wrote a book: "The Dachshund Standard and Genetics. Colors, matings and color of puppies".



### Behaviour and Training Lead Lesley Deacon & Lucie Holbrook

Lesley Deacon is a qualified Animal Behaviour and Training expert (DipCABT), with 33 years experience at Waltham Petcare Science Institute (WPSI). She has held a number of roles during her career, from direct animal care through to welfare and behaviour management. Lesley is now responsible for strategic leadership of the behaviour and training team, ensuring that WPSI has a healthy pet population throughout all life stages. She also leads the team of behaviourists and homing of Waltham pets. At home Lesley recently acquired a 1 year old Staffordshire bull terrier cross, from a local shelter and is currently enjoying training for basic obedience and more.



Lucie Holbrook has worked for at Waltham Petcare Science Institute for more than 12 years. Throughout this career journey she has developed a passion for animal training and behaviour. In her current role she leads a team of trainers who carry out puppy training packages and preparation for their time at Waltham. Outside of work she has two house cats, Darcey and Mooney along with two Labradors, Jenson and Rupert and enjoys gundog training.



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