MINI-SURVEY RESULTS

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INITIATING THE “COGNITIVE-DYSFUNCTION” TALK

- Therapeutic diet
- Prescription drug
- Nutraceuticals/Supplements
- Environmental enrichment

68% 66% 48% 18%

Always/Often
59%
Occasionally
33%
Rarely
7%

Always/Often
84%
Occasionally
11%
Rarely
5%

Always/Often
74%
Occasionally
19%
Rarely
7%

Never
1%

I routinely ask pet owners about their senior pet’s behaviour.

When pet owners express concern about their senior pet’s behaviour.

When pets exhibit clear signs of cognitive dysfunction during the consultation.

PHASES OF COGNITIVE DYSFUNCTION SYNDROME FOR WHICH TREATMENT WAS RECOMMENDED IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS

- Increased anxiety: 88%
- Staring blankly at walls or into space: 94%
- Confusion and disorientation: 73%
- Repetitive movements: 97%
- Disruption in the sleep/wake cycle: 84%
- Excessive vocalization: 75%
- Decreased response to stimuli: 67%

RESPONDENTS’ PERCEPTION OF THE PREVALENCE OF COGNITIVE DYSFUNCTION

Percentage of respondents who “always” or “often” associate the behaviours below with cognitive dysfunction in senior pets

- Percentage of respondents who “always” or “often” recommend the interventions below for their senior patients exhibiting signs of cognitive dysfunction

- Respondents’ ranking of interventions they believe most likely to be favoured by clients

- Drugs most frequently prescribed by respondents to treat senior pets exhibiting signs of cognitive dysfunction

- Products most frequently recommended by respondents who use nutraceuticals/supplements to treat cognitive dysfunction

- Reasons perceived by respondents to be obstacles to the treatment of senior pets exhibiting signs of cognitive dysfunction

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At the time of the survey, 97% of respondents used therapeutic diets, 94% used prescription drugs, and 88% used nutraceuticals/supplements.

83% of respondents indicated that they always ask pet owners about their senior pet’s behaviour.

75% said that they always ask pet owners about their senior pet’s behaviour when pet owners express concern about their senior pet’s behaviour.

10% of respondents indicated that they always ask pet owners about their senior pet’s behaviour when pets exhibit clear signs of cognitive dysfunction.

Percentage of respondents who identify this drug as the one they most frequently prescribe for the treatment of cognitive dysfunction

- Selegiline: 35.8%
- Clomipramine: 4.6%
- Gabapentin: 4.6%
- Trazodone: 4.6%

Percentage of respondents who identify this nutraceutical/supplement as the one they most frequently recommend for senior pets with cognitive dysfunction

- Omega-3: 36.7%
- Nutraceuticals/supplements: 22.9%
- Environmental enrichment: 14.7%
- No treatment: 13.8%
- Prescription drugs: 11.9%

Percentage of respondents who ranked this reason as the #1 barrier

- No cases of cognitive dysfunction seen at the clinic: 24.8%
- There is not enough time during appointments: 16.5%
- Clients are hesitant to spend money on older pets: 13.8%
- Veterinary staff need more information and/or education on this topic: 11%
- Clients believe that symptoms are “typical” behaviour for senior pets: 7.3%