

Workshop B

Dialogue regarding the definition of separation anxiety (what is it?) and diagnostic criteria of clinical separation anxiety in the dog: a panel discussion with audience participation.

Chaired by: V L Voith, Dayton Ohio USA

Panelists: J Dehase (Belgium), S Heath (UK), B W Knol (The Netherlands), J.S. Odendaal (S Africa), P A Mertens (Germany), B Simpson (USA)

An international veterinary behaviour meeting provides a valuable opportunity to share perspectives based on a variety of sources of information. Diverse educational foundations, clinical experiences, and data collection techniques are likely to provide different, complementing, pieces of a complex puzzle.

We all have probably heard the story of the 3 blind men who were presented with an object and told to describe it. One man said "it's bristly and somewhat floppy, like a rope - a thick rope." One said, " It's relatively smooth, firm but flexible, with a hollow opening - like a large hose." The third said, " You're both crazy. It feels dry, very firm, immovable. I can't get my arms around it. It's like a wall." Each person had been give a different part of an elephant to feel.

First all panelists will present their definitions of separation anxiety, followed by panel discussion, then audience participation, and summary by the chair. Next the panelists will present their diagnostic criteria for clinical separation anxiety, followed by panel discussion, then audience participation, and summary by the chair.

Time course of the workshop;

Introduction to the interactive workshop: V L. Voith, 5 minutes

Panelists presentation of definitions: 9 minutes

Panel discussion of definitions; 15 minutes

Audience participation; 12 minutes

Summary of definitions: 3 minutes

Panelists presentation of diagnostic criteria: 9 minutes

Panel discussion of diagnostic criteria: 15 minutes

Audience participation; 15 minutes

Summary of diagnostic criteria; 3 minutes

Closing remarks; 4 minutes