

CURRICULUM VITAE  
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EDUCATION

		<u>Year</u>
Board Certification, Animal Welfare	ACAW	2024
Certified Compassion Fatigue Professional	IATP	2019
Certified Hospice Palliative Care Veterinarian	IAAHPC	2017
Certified Peaceful Euthanasia Veterinarian	CAETA	2017
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	Colorado State University	2004
Master of Science, Neurobiology	Colorado State University	2000
Bachelor of Science, Zoology	Colorado State University	1999

PROFESSIONAL ROLES

Affiliate Faculty, Colorado State University	August 2020 – present
Founder, Senior Director of Medical Education, Instructor Companion Animal Euthanasia Training Academy (CAETA)	July 2017 - present
Chief Medical Officer Caring Pathways, USA	March 2021 – April 2023
President/Owner Cooney Animal Hospice Consulting	April 2008 – March 2021
President/Owner Guardian Pet Aquamation	May 2013 – June 2021
Founder/Associate Veterinarian Home to Heaven, P.C.	Sept. 2006 – Dec. 2018

AUTHORSHIP / PUBLICATIONS

Cooney, K. Ed. (2024) *Veterinary Euthanasia Techniques; A practical guide*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Wiley Blackwell. Publication set for 2025.

Cooney, K. (2024) How I Conduct a Meaningful Euthanasia Appointment. *Vet Focus*. Royal Canin European publication. <https://vetfocus.royalcanin.com/en/practice-management/how-i-approach-a-meaningful-euthanasia-appointment>

Kogan, L., Cooney, K. (2023) Defining a “Good Death”: Exploring Veterinarians’ Perceptions of Companion Animal Euthanasia. *Animals (Basel)*. 2023; 13(13):2117.

Cooney, K., Kipperman, B. (2023) Ethical and Practical Considerations Associated with Companion Animal Euthanasia. *Animals (Basel)*. [Online] 13 (3), 430–.

Cooney, K., Lewis, J. (2023) Considering End-of-life Care as a Career. *Veterinary Practice News*. <https://www.veterinarypracticenews.com/myvnpnplus/consider-end-of-life-care-as-a-career>.

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Cooney, K. A. (2022) Importance of documenting euthanasia decision-making processes in patients' medical records. *Veterinary record*. [Online] 190 (9), 364–366.

Cooney, K. (2022) Euthanasia attendants in modern practice: Provide more compassionate support by having 1 person guide grieving clients through the appointment from beginning to end. *DVM360*. 53 (5)

Cooney, K. (2022) A More Meaningful Approach to Companion Animal Euthanasia. *Journal of the Holistic Veterinary Medical Association*. <https://www.ahvma.org/ahvma-journal/>

Cooney, K., Titcombe, L. (2022) Lessons and Recommendations from a Pentobarbital Shortage: US and Canada 2021. *Animals (Basel)*. [Online] 12 (3), 365–.

Cooney, K. et al. (2021) Euthanasia Education in Veterinary Schools in the United States. *Journal of veterinary medical education*. [Online] 48 (6), 706–709.

Cooney, K. A. et al. (2021) The use of intrarenal injection of sodium pentobarbital for euthanasia in cats. *American journal of veterinary research*. [Online] 83 (1), 95–99.

Cooney, K. (2021) Euthanasia. *Handbook of Veterinary Palliative and End of Life Care*. Poletto Editore Publishers.

Cooney, K. (2021) Euthanasia Techniques. *Clinician's Brief* [online] <https://www.cliniciansbrief.com/article/euthanasia-protocols-dr-cooney>.

Cooney, K. A. et al. (2021) Pet Owners' Expectations for Pet End-of-Life Support and After-Death Body Care: Exploration and Practical Applications. *Topics in companion animal medicine*. [Online] 43100503–100503.

Cooney, K. (2020) Historical Perspective of Euthanasia in Veterinary Medicine. *The Veterinary clinics of North America. Small animal practice*. [Online] 50 (3), 489–502.

Cooney, K. (2020) Common and Alternative Routes of Euthanasia Solution Administration. *The Veterinary clinics of North America. Small animal practice*. [Online] 50 (3), 545–560.

Cooney, K. (2020) Dysthanasia: a newer meaning to a relatively new word: *DVM360*. 51 (6)

Cooney, K., McVety-Leinin, D. (2019) End of Life best practices. *DVM360*. 50 (10), A1–A4.

Cooney, K. (2017) 'Euthanasia in Animal Hospice', in *Hospice and Palliative Care for Companion Animals*. [Online]. Hoboken, NJ, USA: John Wiley & Sons, Inc. pp. 251–262.

Bishop, G, Cooney, K., et al. (2016) 2016 AAHA/IAAHPC End-of-Life Care Guidelines. *The Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association*. [Online] 52 (6), 341–356.

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Cooney, K. (2015) Offering hospice care for pets. Veterinary record. [Online] 177 (11), i–ii.

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Cooney, K. (2012) Veterinary euthanasia techniques: a practical guide. Ames, Iowa: Wiley-Blackwell.

Cooney, K. (2011) In-Home Pet Euthanasia Techniques: The Veterinarian’s Guide to Helping Families and Pets Say Goodbye in the Comfort of Home. Amazon. Kindle Press

AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals  
Contributing companion animal panel author 2020, 2013

Vetvine Human Animal Bond Certificate Program  
1-hour module of euthanasia-related content June 2019

AAHA End of Life Accreditation Standards, Development Chair May 2019

Fear Free Program; Euthanasia Module  
Author, 1-hour module of euthanasia-related content August 2018

Companion Animal Euthanasia Training Academy  
Educational writer/creator of 10-hour online program July 2018

Human Animal Bond Research Institute Certification Program  
Author, 2-hour euthanasia module January 2018

AAHA Animal Hospice and Palliative Care Certificate Program  
Program content creator for 6-hour online module April 2017

Companion Animal Euthanasia Training Academy  
Educational writer/creator of 10-hour Master program March 2017

Educational Pet Disease Series  
20 different disease brochures designed to educate caregivers about early and late stages of their pet’s disease as well as ways to recognize pain.  
[www.kathleencooneydvm.com](http://www.kathleencooneydvm.com) (licensed to Caring Pathways Inc 2020) March 2011

#### ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Compassion Fatigue Certificate  
University of Tennessee Veterinary Social Work Program May 2021

Compassion Fatigue Certification  
International Association of Trauma Professionals February 2019

Fear Free Certification, Level 1 and 2  
Fear Free Program January 2018

Pet Loss Companioning Certificate  
Center for Loss and Life Transition February 2010

FRANK Veterinary Communication Course March 2008  
Colorado State University

Companioning the Bereaved Course December 2007  
Center for Loss and Life Transition

#### UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Colorado State University DVM Program August 2020 – present  
Affiliate Faculty position  
Animal Welfare course development and co-instructor

CAETA-related training for veterinary colleges January 2018 – present  
Providing 10-hour master program; lecture and laboratory

#### PRESENTATIONS

(Not including ongoing standard CAETA trainings or university educational sessions)

CAETA Webinar Series June 2024  
Title: Challenging Euthanasia Cases; Preventing dysthanasia

Idaho VMA Annual Conference June 2024  
2 hours on euthanasia-related content

Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference, Destin, FL May 2024  
Title: The Art of Euthanasia

SCIVAC Rimini Italy 2024 Conference, Virtual May 2024  
3 hours on euthanasia-related content

NJVMA Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ May 2024  
2 hours on euthanasia-related content

VetVacation CE, Charleston, SC May 2024  
7 hours on euthanasia-related content

SVME Webinar Series May 2024  
Title: Emerging Ethical Issues in Companion Animal Euthanasia

Dechra Pharmaceuticals Webinar Series April 2024  
Title: Helping Technicians Shine During Euthanasia Work

CSU Shelter Club Seminar, Fort Collins, CO March 2024  
Title: Understanding Animal Hospice in Shelter Work

Fetch Veterinary Conference, Charlotte, NC March 2024  
3 hours on euthanasia-related content

Music City Veterinary Conference, Murfreesboro, TN March 2024  
3 hours on euthanasia-related content

CAETA Webinar Series January 2024  
Title: Tips for a Technically Smooth Euthanasia

<p>HSVMA Lunch and Learn for UCD, Davis, CA  Title: Understanding Animal Hospice in Welfare Work</p>	December 2023
<p>Fetch Veterinary Conference, Long Beach, CA  2 hours on euthanasia-related content</p>	December 2023
<p>North Carolina Veterinary Conference, Raleigh, NC  3 hours on euthanasia-related content</p>	November 2023
<p>Illinois State VMA Conference, Chicago, IL  5 hours on euthanasia-related content</p>	November 2023
<p>HiVE Veterinary Technician Conference, Austin, TX  Title: Euthanasia Reimagined for Veterinary Technicians</p>	October 2023
<p>IAAHPC Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX  6 hours of euthanasia-related content  Poster presentations – 3 posters related to euthanasia topics</p>	September 2023
<p>Dechra Webinar Series for US Veterinary Students  Title: Emotionally Intelligent Euthanasia, Euthanasia Reimagined</p>	September 2023
<p>International Association of Veterinary Social Workers  Title: Euthanasia Rounds</p>	September 2023
<p>Fetch DVM 360, Kansas City, MO  Title: Euthanasia Reimagined, Sleeping Beauty</p>	August 2023
<p>AVMA Convention, Denver, CO  Title: Emotionally Intelligent Euthanasia</p>	July 2023
<p>SouthEast Veterinary Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC  Title: End of life Communication Workshop</p>	June 2023
<p>Euthabag Webinar, virtual  Title: Exotic Euthanasia</p>	May 2023
<p>VIN rounds, virtual  Title: When Quality of Life Scales Aren't Enough</p>	April 2023
<p>Fetch DVM 360, Charlotte, NC  4 hours of euthanasia training</p>	March 2023
<p>SAVMA Symposium, University of Illinois  Title: Euthanasia Reimagined</p>	March 2023
<p>VIN Rounds, virtual  Titles: Euthanasia Q and A, Euthanasia without Pain</p>	February 2023
<p>HSVMA Lecture, Western University, Pomona, CA  Title: Emotionally Intelligent Euthanasia</p>	February 2023
<p>AVMA Humane Endings Symposium, Chicago, IL</p>	January 2023

Posters: Lessons from a Pentobarbital Shortage, Defining a Good Death

VMX Annual Conference, Orlando, FL Title: Euthanasia Techniques Workshop	January 2023
Fetch DVM 360, San Diego, CA 4 hours of euthanasia training	December 2022
Heska Webinar Series Title: Euthanasia Reimagined	November 2022
AVPCAC annual conference, virtual Title: What's New in Euthanasia	November 2022
Veterinary Specialty Practice Association, Fort Collins, CO Title: Compassion Fatigue, Euthanasia Reimagined	November 2022
VetVine Epilepsy Summit, virtual Title: End of Life Support	October 2022
Veterinary Cancer Society, Norfolk, VA Title: Verbal Hugs; EOL communication	October 2022
Fetch DVM 360, Atlantic City, NJ 5 hours of euthanasia training	October 2022
ISU HSVMA club event, Ames, IA Title: Euthanasia Reimagined	October 2022
IAAHPC annual conference, virtual Title: Test Your Euthanasia Know How Title: What Pet Owners REALLY Expect During Euthanasia	September 2022
Colorado VMA Annual Convention, Keystone, CO Title: Euthanasia Reimagined	September 2022
AAHA Connexity, Nashville, TN 5 hours of euthanasia and communication training	September 2022
NVA Student Leadership Weekend, Oakville ON 3 hours of euthanasia training	August 2022
Fetch DVM 360, Kansas City, MO 5 hours of euthanasia training	August 2022
UFAW Animal Welfare Symposium, Edinburgh Scotland Poster presentation: Growing trend of intraorgan euthanasia techniques	June 2022
Fetch DVM 360, Charlotte, NC 5 hours of euthanasia training	April 2022
SAVMA Symposium, Minneapolis, MN 3 hours on end-of-life topics	March 2022

Western Veterinary Conference, Las Vegas, NV 6 hours on end-of-life topics, track coordinator	March 2022
VMX Annual Conference, Orlando, FL 7 hours of euthanasia training	January 2022
Richmond Academy of Veterinary Medicine, Richmond, VA 6 hours on end-of-life topics	October 2021
AAHA Connexity, Scottsdale, AZ 4 hours on end-of-life topics	September 2021
IAAHPC Annual Conference, Tampa, FL 6 hours on end-of-life topics	September 2021
Western Veterinary Conference, Las Vegas, NV 6 hours on end-of-life topics, track coordinator	September 2021
Fetch DVM 360, Kansas City, MO 4 hours on end-of-life topics	August 2021
AVMA Virtual Convention Title: Euthanasia or Dysthanasia; Where are we headed?	July 2021
VMX Orlando, Society for Veterinary Medical Ethics track Title: Euthanasia or Dysthanasia; Where are we headed?	June 2021
VetFolio Webinar Title: Modern Euthanasia	May 2021
SAVMA Virtual Symposium Topics: Euthanasia	March 2021
Music City Veterinary Conference, virtual Topics: Euthanasia, animal hospice	February 2021
Regency Webinar Series Topics: Euthanasia, compassion fatigue, and veterinary teams	January 2021
IAAHPC Annual Conference, virtual Title: Faces of Death	October 2020
Australia Science Week, ANZCVS Titles: Animal Hospice and Modern Euthanasia	August 2020
ACTAsia Welfare Webinar Title: Humane Euthanasia of Companion Animals	August 2020
Assisi Animal Health, webinar Title: The Multimodal Approach to Animal Hospice, 2 hours	July 2020
Veterinary Information Network (VIN) Title: Understanding Animal Hospice and Euthanasia, 2 hours	May 2020

VMA New York City, webinar Title: COVID 19 Euthanasia and Compassion Fatigue	April 2020
Fear Free, VetVine, CAETA webinars Title: Pet Euthanasia During COVID 19 Pandemic	March 2020
Community Vet Partners Leadership Symposium, Princeton, NJ Title: Animal Hospice Road Map	February 2020
Western Veterinary Conference, Las Vegas, NV 9-hours on end-of-life topics, track coordinator	February 2020
IAAHPC 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago, IL 7-hours on animal hospice related topics	October 2019
Veterinary Information Network (VIN) Title: Ethical Aftercare	September 2019
Blue Pearl Seminar, Philadelphia, PA Title: Compassion Fatigue	April 2019
Western Veterinary Conference, Las Vegas, NV 4-hours on animal hospice related topics, track coordinator	February 2019
AVMA Humane Endings Symposium, Rosemont, IL Title: The Growing Trend of Intraorgan Injections in Companion Animals	November 2018
IAAHPC 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Tempe, AZ Title: Euthanasia Technique Laboratory Ethical Aftercare	October 2018
Pet Loss Professionals Alliance, Cincinnati, OH Title: Veterinarians and Aftercare	August 2018
Pet Loss Professionals Alliance, Las Vegas, NV Title: Understanding Water-based Cremation	April 2018
Western Veterinary Conference, Las Vegas, NV 4-hours on animal hospice related topics, track coordinator	March 2018
British Columbia CVMA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC Title: Understanding Animal Hospice – 3 hours	November 2017
IAAHPC 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Seattle, WA 6 hours of euthanasia-related content	October 2017
Cleveland Veterinary Medical Association Title: 4 hours on animal hospice topics	September 2017
Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association Title: Household Modifications for Geriatric Pets (webinar)	June 2017
Veterinary Information Network (VIN) Title: Companion Animal Euthanasia Techniques	May 2017



Veterinary Information Network (VIN) Title: Water-based Cremation	April 2017
AAHA Annual Convention, Nashville, TN Animal hospice track; 7 hours	April 2017
Western Veterinary Conference, Las Vegas, NV Animal hospice track; 8 hours	March 2017
Illinois State Veterinary Association, Chicago, IL Title: Understanding Animal Hospice The Multimodal Approach The Hospice Consultation	November 2016
IAAHPC 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Tysons, VA Title: Simple Treatments for Impressive Results Challenging Euthanasia Euthanasia Technique Laboratory	October 2016
Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, Loveland, CO Title: Euthanasia Laboratory - 4 hours	September 2016
Veterinary Information Network (VIN) Title: Advanced Animal Hospice – 2 hours	September 2016
Veterinary Information Network (VIN) Title: Understanding Animal Hospice – 2 hours	August 2016
SAVMA Symposium, Ames, IA Titles: Veterinary Care in the Home Collaborative Approaches to Palliative Care and Euthanasia	March 2016
Western Veterinary Conference, Las Vegas, NV Animal hospice track; 8 hours	March 2016
London Vet Show, London, England Title: Understanding Animal Hospice Providing Animal Hospice Keeping the ‘Eu’ in Euthanasia	November 2015
UT Veterinary Social Work Summit, Knoxville, TN Title: Round Table Discussion on End-of-life Topics	November 2015
IAAHPC 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Diego, CA Organizer and Presenter – over 10 hours of lecture	October 2015
Southwest Veterinary Symposium, Fort Worth, TX Title: Animal Hospice Topics – 7 hours	September 2015
Animal Hospice Seminar, Grand Rapids, MI Title: Understanding Animal Hospice Pet Loss Support – The 40 Do’s Improving Clinic Euthanasia	July 2015

Animal Hospice Seminar, Loveland, CO Title: Understanding Animal Hospice Pet Loss Support – The 40 Do’s Euthanasia Techniques	May 2015
SAVMA Symposium, Minneapolis, MN Title: Understanding Animal Hospice Case Studies Euthanasia Technique Laboratory	March 2015
AAHA Conference, Tampa, FL Title: Understanding Animal Hospice Keeping the Eu in Euthanasia Adding Hospice Care to Your Practice	March 2015
Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association, Newport, RI Title: All-day Animal Hospice Track	December 2014
AVMA Humane Endings Symposium, Chicago, IL Title: Home Euthanasia Intrarenal Injections in Cats	November 2014
Fourth Annual IAAHPC Conference, Indianapolis, IN Title: Business Best Practices The Hospice Consultation Euthanasia Technique Laboratory	October 2014
Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, Loveland CO Title: 3-hour track on Veterinary Hospice	September 2014
American Veterinary Medical Association, Denver CO Title: Animal Hospice Models Keeping the ‘Eu’ in Euthanasia	July 2014
Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement, Newark NJ Title: Veterinary hospice	May 2014
Student Chapter of the AVMA, Fort Collins CO Title: Veterinary Hospice Laboratory – Euthanasia Techniques	March 2014
Third Annual IAAHPC Conference, Denver CO Title: Understanding Animal Hospice Euthanasia Techniques Exceeding Client Expectations Euthanasia Technique Laboratory	October 2013
Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, Loveland CO Title: Updates on the AVMA’s Euthanasia Guidelines	September 2013
Veterinary Information Network (VIN) Title: Understanding Animal Hospice – 2 hours	August 2013

Second Annual IAAHPC Conference, Denver, CO Title: Understanding Animal Hospice	November 2012
Third International Symposium on Veterinary Hospice Care, Davis, CA Title: Euthanasia Techniques	July 2012
First Annual IAAHPC Conference, Fort Worth, TX Title: Designing the Animal Hospice Plan	October 2011
Larimer County VMA Lectures, Fort Collins CO Title: AVMA Euthanasia Guidelines Update	February 2011

#### CURRENT ENDEAVORS

Chi University EOL TCVM course contributor  
 DACAW committee member  
 Coach for the CSU Animal Welfare Team  
 Curriculum revision of the CSU DVM Program  
 AAHA End-of-Life Accreditation Standards, design and editing  
 AVMA Euthanasia Guidelines; ongoing companion animal panel member  
 Colorado VMA education and governance/advocacy committee  
 VIN Palliative Care and Hospice Consultant  
 Advisory Board member for IAAHPC, Fear Free, The Grey Muzzle Organization, NAVC-HABRI, The Vets, Australian Veterinary Palliative Care Advisory Council

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

Affiliate Faculty status, Colorado State University	June 2020
Dr. Kathleen Cooney Scholarship Fund (created by the IAAHPC)	January 2017
Colorado Woman of Vision	Fall 2013
Rising Star Veterinarian Award	Fall 2011
Presented by the CVMA during the 2011 convention	
DVM Class of 2003/2004 Scholarship	Spring 2004
Awarded by peers for fundraising and class president accomplishments	
SAVMA Outstanding Senior Veterinary Student	Spring 2004
Awarded by peers for excellence in community and university service	

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

American College of Animal Welfare	2020 - present
Society for Veterinary Medical Ethics	2020 - present
Vet Partners	2019 - 2022
American Veterinary Medical Historical Society	2019 - present
Veterinary Society for Hospice and Palliative Care (VSHPC)	2017 - 2020
Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association	2016 - present
International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care (2015 President)	2010 - present
International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management	2010 - 2016
Human-Animal Bond Association	2007 - present
Colorado Veterinary Medical Association	2006 - present
Larimer County Veterinary Medical Association	2006 - present
American Veterinary Medical Association	2004 - present