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**Disabled Pets Presentations for Veterinarian**

1.     **A Veterinarian's Guide to Pets with Disabilities and Special Needs**

This is an overview of commonly seen disabilities in pets. Through a discussion of specific pets with disabilities that includes photos and videos, the audience will leave feeling inspired, with a better understanding of the veterinarian’s role in supporting and guiding clients who choose to care for profoundly disabled pets.

2.     **A Veterinarian's Guide to Deaf, Blind, and Deaf Blind Dogs**

Deaf, blind, and deaf-blind dogs are commonly presented to veterinary hospitals. But not all veterinarians are prepared to advise and guide pet parents in all aspects of the care their deaf and blind dogs require. This talk includes an in-depth discussion of dogs born deaf and blind, or that become deaf and/or blind later in life. We will focus on specifics of care, interacting and communicating, safety, and how veterinarians can be supportive of the people who care for these extra special dogs.

3.     **A Veterinarian's Guide to Managing the Severe Consequences of Double Merle Breeding**

Unfortunately, double merle breeding is alive and well in the US and across the world. Breeding two merle, dapple, or harlequin colored dogs results in a 25% chance each puppy will be born predominantly white with congenital ear and eye defects of varying severity. Why would anyone intentionally create profoundly disabled dogs? What happens to these beautiful exotic looking dogs, some of whom can’t hear and see? Why are so many dumped or euthanized? Is a deaf blind dog able to lead a happy, good quality of life? Join us to find answers to these and other questions, and leave empowered to make a difference for double merle dogs that walk into your animal hospital.

4.     **A Veterinarian's Guide to Wheelchair Dogs**

Wheelchairs aren’t only for Dachshunds with IVDD. This presentation focuses on the many different reasons dogs might find themselves using wheels. We will cover options for wheels and how to help dogs adapt to using wheels. And we will review aspects of caring for paralyzed and other mobility challenged dogs.

5.    **Disabled Pets, Social Media, and Community Outreach**

Turn on any social media platform and you can find viral videos featuring the most adorable, inspiring animal stories. But what happens next? Join us for a look into the mission driven lives of some of the most influential disabled pets on social media.

6.     **Piglet Mindset for Kids and Adults**

This is a motivational and educational presentation that focuses on the happy inspirational life of Piglet, the deaf blind pink puppy. Children and adults will enjoy learning about how Piglet faces his challenges with a positive attitude despite his limitations. We specifically address Growth Mindset, Piglet Mindset, as well as Acceptance, Inclusion, Empathy, and Kindness with “Piglet’s Inclusion Pack”, a group of 6 rescued dogs who serve as Piglet’s supporting cast. This is a very positive presentation. Attendees will leave inspired to be a little bit more resilient, empathetic, and inclusive. And guaranteed, everyone will be smiling.

7. **Reflections of a House Call Veterinarian for Veterinary Students**

Having been fortunate to have had an amazing, rewarding, enjoyable veterinary career, I look forward to sharing my experiences and positive outlook with veterinary students and new graduates. My house call practice was an unusual path, but it allowed me flexibility for family and personal needs, and the opportunity to provide custom, individualized care to my clients and their pets.

Client communication is a very important aspect of veterinary practice, as is learning to look at the big picture while managing diagnostics, treatments, client compliance, and self-care. Finding the best career path takes time, energy, and a great deal of thought.

My goal is to offer a positive, inspiring, and hopeful view of vet medicine in this current climate with a shortage of veterinarians, a pet population explosion, and clients who are more demanding than ever.