

Global Pain Council Endorsement request

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Dear Assembly Member Representative and members of our Global veterinary community,

I am very excited and proud of the work done by the **Global Pain Council** to generate a **Global Pain Guidelines for Recognition, Assessment, and Treatment of Pain** together with a variety of clinical tools that accompany it. The Guidelines is a succinct overview of pain assessment and management in small animals, including sections on pain pathophysiology, pain assessment for dogs, cats, acute, and chronic pain, and one-page overviews of various therapeutic modalities. Its distinct feature is tiered analgesic protocols that take into account variable access to certain pain treatment modalities around the globe. Both the Treatise and one-page protocols have been published in J Small Animal Practice and are freely available online through the GPC guidelines page of the WSAVA website <http://www.wsava.org/guidelines/global-pain-council-guidelines>

The reason for this letter is two-fold:

1. First that you are aware of this valuable resource and its easy access via the WSAVA website, which will be expanded as additional tools are produced, with the information providing the foundation for upcoming GPC facilitated CE sessions
2. To ask that your association lend their support to this information by way of a formal endorsement, much like what was done for the Global Nutrition Council Guidelines. If this is something your association would like to do, please e-mail me and the WSAVA Central Secretariat for official notification and download the Declaration of endorsement form [here](#). Once received, your association's endorsement will be recognized at www.wsava.org as well as in upcoming e-Bulletins.

Should you have questions in the interim, including the interest in receiving GPC CE for your veterinary community, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards,



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