



**Small Animal Series Seminar**  
**Geriatrics and Hospice for the General Practitioner with**  
**Sheilah Robertson BVMS (Hons), PhD, DACVAA, DECVAA, DACAW, DECAWBM (WSEL), CVA, MRCVS**  
**Wednesday, April 9, 2024**

**6 hours of CE**

8:50 am	Greetings/Intro
9:00 - 9:50 am	Aging Pets: Who are they, what's different about them, why do they need us and how can we attract them to our clinic?
9:50 am	Break
10:00 – 10:50 am	Old and Older – Here They Come! Anesthesia for Aging Dogs & Cats
10:50	Break
11:00 – 11:50 am	Managing Chronic Pain and Mobility Impairment – An integrative approach.
Noon	Lunch
1:00 – 1:50 pm	How to help Aging Pets Live Well: Practical Tips
1:50 pm	Break
2:00 – 2:50 pm	Palliative & Hospice Care – How does this fit into your practice?
2:50 pm	Break
3:00 – 3:50 pm	The Last Appointment – Euthanasia & Aftercare
4:00 pm	Wrap-up and Final Questions



**All sessions presented by Sheilah Robertson BVMS (Hons), PhD, DACVAA, DECVAA, DACAW, DECAWBM (WSEL), CVA, MRCVS Senior Medical Director, Lap of Love Veterinary Hospice** After graduating from the University of Glasgow Dr Robertson spent time in mixed animal practice then as a surgery intern followed by specialized training in anesthesia and analgesia including a PhD at Bristol University (United Kingdom). She is board certified in anesthesia and in animal welfare by the respective American and European Colleges. She has been a faculty member at the University of Saskatchewan, Michigan State University, and the University of Florida. She spent 2 years as an assistant director in the division of Animal Welfare at the American Veterinary Medical Association. In 2014 she completed her graduate certificate in Shelter Medicine at the University of Florida and volunteers at community cat clinics and High-Volume High Quality Spay and Neuter Programs. In 2019 she received her certification as a Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine Palliative and End-of-Life practitioner by the Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine and holds a certificate in small animal acupuncture. She has published widely on the recognition and alleviation of acute pain in companion animals and been a member of numerous practice guidelines committees for the American Animal Hospital Association, the American Association of Feline Practitioners, the International Society of Feline Medicine, and the World Small Animal Veterinary Association. She is the senior medical director of Lap of Love Veterinary Hospice, a large network of veterinarians dedicated to end-of-life care. Dr Robertson is a courtesy lecturer at the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine.