

Trauma in animals. Physical, psychological and spiritual dimensions

Conference languages
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Veterinarians are meeting again after five years to tell each other about the progress they have made over these years. All over the world, many new things have been worked on and new colleagues have joined us in treating animals with anthroposophic medicine.

Trauma causes pain that does not involve a cognitive process for the animal, as is the case for us humans, because animals are not individualities in the sense of an I-being. In contrast to us humans, they therefore do not have the opportunity to bring about personal development through pain and overcoming pain, which can lead them to a higher level of consciousness. Animals naturally have no perception of pain and suffering in the way that humans do. Rudolf

Steiner alluded to this in detail in *Manifestations of Karma* (CW 120). But how can we deepen the related questions?

Today, we also observe psychological and behavioural trauma suffered by animals due to their too close proximity to humans. But the deepest, existential trauma of animals is that their evolutionary and spiritual unity with the human being is not acknowledged, that they are in reality separate from the latter.

Veterinary medicine is the last specialist area to be integrated into the Medical Section. It must actively strive for interdisciplinary integration with the various fields of anthroposophic medicine, with therapy at its centre. With this integration, the wonderful cognitive process is finally completed, leading to a truly 'universal' therapy.

Unit 1

16 September:

16.30 Introduction to the topic
(*Sabrina Menestrina*)

17.00 The I of animals in general and in the development towards the individual. Are there differences in trauma processing?
(*Markus Steiner*)

Unit 2

17 September:

16.30 From Euthanasia to orthothanasia: a possible path (*Ricardo Aranha*)

17.30 Eurythmy for animals. Part 1: Introduction
(*Christine van Draanen*)

Unit 3

18 September:

16.30 Cancer treatment with mistletoe: how to thank our beloved animals (*Claudia Costa*)

17.30 Eurythmy for animals. Part 2: Examples for different species (*Christine van Draanen*)

Unit 4

19 September:

16.30 Why anthroposophic veterinary medicine? The zodiac, the animal classes, the human being (*Sabrina Menestrina*)

17.30 Eurythmy for animals. Part 3: Practical experiences and doing eurythmy together
(*Christine van Draanen*)