Please join us on

## Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Ingersoll-Blackwelder House

10910 South Prospect Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60643

for a lecture and discussion

"Hospice and Other Choices for End of Life Care for Pets"

led by renowned local Veterinarian Dr. Amir Shanan

Dr. Shanan, DVM, CHPV (Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Veterinarian) has been in private practice in Chicago since 1985. After several years of practicing veterinary medicine, he realized that many loving pet parents had nowhere to go for the care and support they needed when their cherished companions approached the end of life. That prompted him to start offering in-home medical and consultation services for geriatric and seriously ill companion animals. Dr. Shanan has helped thousands of pets and their families make the end of life a meaningful and cherished experience by providing information, nonjudgmental support, and guidance in making the most difficult decisions. He is often described as a "mix of philosopher, ethicist, counselor and veterinarian." Dr Shanan is recognized nationally and internationally as a pioneer and leader in the emerging field of animal hospice and palliative care. Dr. Shanan is the Founder of the International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care and the main editor of the first textbook on animal end of life care, published in 2017. He will share his approaches in trying to help fulfill the needs of pets and their families at times of transition and answer questions the audience might have on the many care options available.

Refreshments following the lecture and discussion to provide time for additional dialogues will be generously provided by *Dessert First*.

Please reserve your seat by 12 April 2018 by email to <a href="mailto:info@designequi.com">info@designequi.com</a> or by phone to 708 638 6813.

A \$5-dollar donation is requested for the 501c3 compassionforpets.org to assist families unable to pay for end of life care for their companion animals.

## **Brief Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Amir Shanan**

Dr. Shanan is the Founder of the International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care and the main editor of the first textbook on animal end of life care, published in 2017.

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, MSU, 1985
- Founder, Compassion for Pets, NFP, 2007
- Founder, International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care, 2009
- IAAHPC Task Force Chair, Guidelines for Recommended Practices in Animal Hospice and Palliative Care (IAAHPC.org, 2013)
- AAHA/IAAHPC Task Force Co-chair, End of Life Care for Dogs and Cats Practice Guidelines (AAHANET.org, 2016)
- Co-chair, Animal Hospice and Palliative Care Certification Program
- Lead editor, Hospice and Palliative Care for Companion Animals: Principles and Practice (Wiley, 2017).

Dr. Shanan's passions are hanging out with his wife, adult sons and daughters in-law, Mediterranean cuisine, a good game of rubber bridge, and doing his very small part in making the world a better place.