

## PETS IN CARE HOMES: 'HE MEANS THE WORLD TO ME...'



### ABOUT THIS EVENT

*"He means the world to me": human rights implications of separating older people from their pets in residential care/nursing homes.' This project, conducted by researchers from the universities of Liverpool and Lincoln and funded by the Dunhill Medical Trust, has investigated the implications of separating older people from companion animal(s) when they move to a residential care home or other care setting. During this 2 hour online event our aim is to disseminate key findings and proposals derived from our research and discuss policy recommendations.*

#### 1pm: Welcome

**Chair: Professor Fiona Beveridge, Executive Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Liverpool**

#### 1.10: Why Pet Loss Matters

Marie Fox

#### Presentations of Research Findings/Proposals

**1.25: (i) Supporting older people to move into a care home with their pet/s (Michael Toze)**

**1.40: (ii) How social workers and local authorities can support older people with pet/s who are moving to a care home (Mo Ray)**

[1.55 - 5 minute comfort break]

**2pm:(iii) The animal welfare implications of pets in care homes (Marie Fox)**

#### 2.15-2.40

**Chair: Q & A Session**

**2.40: Developing a code of practice to help older people stay with their pets**

Alexandra Baker, Pet Industry Federation - Co-ordinator for Pets & Older People Task Force

**2.50: Closing Reflections**

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