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*"What Would Disney Do?"

Part 2



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If Disney Ran Your Hospital: 9½ Things You Would Do Differently

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Cultural Insights From a Hospital Executive Who Became a Disney Cast Member

It's About Culture, Not Service

Culture is what you think and do without thinking about it...

Client/Patient-Focused Care (SHARE)

Sense people's needs before they ask (initiative)

Help each other out (teamwork)

Acknowledge people's feelings (empathy)

Respect the dignity and privacy of everyone (courtesy)

Explain what's happening (communication)

Terrance Rynn

"Selling is trying to get people to want what you have. Marketing is trying to have what people want. When you have what people want, it makes selling unnecessary."

Disney & Compliance

Look to the compliance study to understand what people (pet owners) want

Move your practice toward having/doing what pet owners want

Stop defending "our way or no way"



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3. Regard Client Satisfaction as Fool's Gold - -

Satisfied clients are not necessarily loyal...

Focus on client "success"...

When you can't remember anything, you are satisfied...

Loyalty is generated by memorable things that happen that we didn't expect...

A satisfied person has no story to tell...

Give your clients stories to tell...

Building loyalty means building repeat business

According to the AAHA Compliance Study pet owners want their veterinary healthcare teams to do more for the pet

Build repeat business by doing more for the patients you have

It takes just one person from your team, during one visit, becoming personally involved...

Loyalty must be earned, and it is earned by showing more than simple courtesy...

The key is demonstrating compassion...



Employee loyalty is important as well...

Cost of turnover:

Replacement - - @30% of annual salary

Strain on employees

Loss to a competitor

Potential loss of connection with clients

Why do clients/customers leave a business?

- 1. 68% perception of employee indifference
- 2. 14% dissatisfaction
- 3. 9% lured by competition
- 4. 5% influenced by friends
- 5. 4% moved away/other

Why do employees leave a job (internal loyalty)?

1. Quality of leader relationship

2. Ability to balance work/home

3. Amount of meaningful work

Why do employees leave a job (internal loyalty)?

4. Level of co-worker cooperation

5. Level of workplace trust



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4. Measure to Improve, Not Impress - -

You can overtrain for a marathon, but you cannot overtrain a team's ability to communicate...

Strive for high tech, high touch, and high show...

Think: "State of the Art, State of the Heart"

Build Emotion Into the Experiences Your Clients Have With Your Practice - - Create "Magical Moments"

Train, Train, Train

Answer the question:
"How do we do things here?"

Protocols create consistency of experience

Then answer the question:

"How do we *talk* about how we do things here?"

The entire veterinary healthcare team needs to speak with "one voice"

This creates a consistent experience for the client and patient

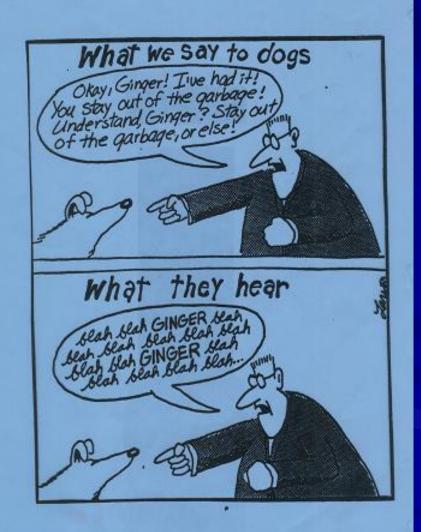
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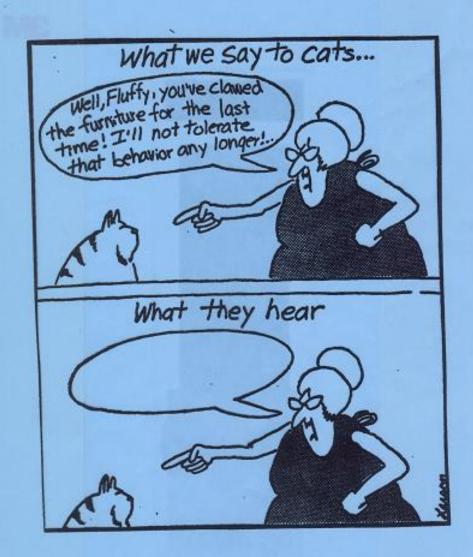
"Weed out the non-believers - they are neither wrong nor dumb if they don't agree with you. They're just on the wrong boat going in the wrong direction."

When you think you have trained enough, then train some more

Internal communication is as important as communication with clients

What are your practice's key messages?





All patients deserve a specific nutritional recommendation - - over half the clients who receive a specific nutritional recommendation will remain compliant

Pet owners want to know what to feed a pet when it is ill as well as when it is healthy

Every one of your patients deserves an appropriate laboratory workup before general anaesthesia

75% of clients want a follow-up call when their pet has been sick

90% of clients want to be reminded when their animal is due for an examination, medicine refill, etc.

You Cannot Over-train in Communication!!!



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5. Decentralize the Authority to Say "Yes" - -

You are always right when you are satisfying a client...

Autonomy and decision making are keys to retaining excellent team members...

The authority to say "Yes" elevates the status of every employee

Many employees do not want the responsibility of deciding when to say "Yes" and when to say "No"

A "huddle" can facilitate communication, responsibility, and teamwork

What is important to you, the practice owner?

Is this information clearly included in your new employee orientation?

Are expectations clear?

If expectations are clear and are discussed regularly at team meetings, then the decision-making around making someone's day is easy

The goal is a complete, seamless, hasslefree experience for the client that creates a lasting impression - - a "story" vu sur YATAHONGA.com

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6. Change the Concept of Work From Service to Theater - This is the model of business as a transforming experience...

We need to shift from providing services to staging experiences...

"Scripting" contributes to the activity of creating experiences...

It provides a concrete expression of vision...

It describes the roles people need to play in creating client experiences and how team members are expected to relate to one another and to clients...

What would your clients say if you asked, "What is a memorable moment of doing business with us?"

Be fanatical about paying attention to details

Even if 99% of your clients don't notice a given detail (talk about it), do it anyway

The #1 question at Disney World (after "Where are the restrooms") is, "What time is the 3 o'clock parade?"

What are they *really* asking?

Be sure to "hear" the "real" questions your clients are asking you!

Give your clients what they want before they need it

What is your practice's service theme?

Your staff should know your service theme, even if they cannot recite it word-for-word

Once you know and can articulate your service theme, you can create service standards, which need to include the image you will project - - that's the "show" or "theater" of what we do

What do you want to be known for?

Think in Terms of Hiring for Talent Rather Than Simply for Skills



- - Walt Disney

"You can dream, create, design, and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it requires people to make the dream a reality."

