

Feline Dentistry, Pain Management and Nutrition

September 26-29, 2013 The Sheraton Dallas Dallas, Texas

Distinguished Speakers:

Jan Bellows, DVM, DABVP, DAVDC

All Pets Dental, Weston, FL

Dr. Jan Bellows has devoted his veterinary career to help animals and veterinarians through dental education. Dr. Bellows received his undergraduate training at the University of Florida and Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University. After completing a small animal internship at The Animal Medical Center in New York City, he returned to south Florida where he still practices companion animal medicine, surgery, and dentistry at All Pets Dental. He is doubly certified by the Board of Veterinary Practitioners (canine and feline) since 1986 and the College of Veterinary Dentistry in 1990. Dr. Jan Bellows' veterinary dentistry interests include being an author of three dental texts: The Practice of Veterinary Dentistry... A Team Effort (1999), Small Animal Dental Equipment, Materials, and Techniques (2005) and Feline Dentistry (2010). He also is a frequent contributor to DVM Newsmagazine. Dr. Bellows is a charter consultant of Veterinary Information Network's (VIN) dental board and has retained that role for the past twenty years. He was also chosen as one of the dental experts to formulate AAHA's Small Animal Dental Guidelines published in 2005 and updated in 2013.

Cindy Charlier, DVM, FAVD, DAVDC

Fox Valley Veterinary Dentistry and Surgery, Chicago, IL

Dr. Cindy Charlier brings 29 years of small animal practice and ownership experience to dentistry continuing education. After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1984, she spent the first 19 years of her practice career as a partner in a 22 doctor, 3 hospital, AAHA small animal practice in the suburbs of Chicago. Since 2003 she has owned Fox Valley Veterinary Dentistry and Surgery, a dental and oral surgery referral practice, with offices in Chicago and St. Charles, Illinois. She is a Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College, a Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry and member of the American Veterinary Dental Society. She has been recognized by her peers as a recipient of the Peter Emily Outstanding Resident Award and the Fellow of the Year award. Dr. Charlier established VDENT seminars (Veterinary Dental Education Networking and Teaching) in 2004 and presents dentistry continuing education seminars several times during the year in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. In addition, Dr. Charlier provides in-hospital consulting which customizes dentistry programs to fit the needs of an individual hospital and lectures across the country about veterinary dentistry. Dr. Charlier believes that veterinary dentistry is the most untapped source of patient care and practice revenue in most small animal practices. It is her vision to teach the veterinary healthcare team about dental health and its potential impact on your patients, your clients and your practice in an interactive, fun learning environment that encourages networking, the exchange of ideas, experiences and practice tips.

Dennis Chew. DVM. DACVIM

Emeritus Faculty, College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University



Dr. Chew is a 1972 graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. He did a one-year internship at South Weymouth Veterinary Associates and a two-year residency in internal medicine and nephrology at the Animal Medical Center. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 1977. Dr. Chew was an attending veterinarian at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital for 36 years and is now Professor Emeritus. Most of his work in clinics, research and publications involves urology/nephrology in small animals. He has special interest in disorders of calcium metabolism, treatment of renal secondary hyperparathyroidism, and idiopathic/interstitial cystitis of cats. He pioneered many of the diagnostic procedures for urinary endoscopy in dogs and cats and authored the Manual of Nephrology and Urology in Small Animals.

Elizabeth Colleran, DVM, DABVP (Feline)

Cat Friendly Practice Spokesperson, AAFP



Dr. Colleran is a Past President of AAFP and is now the spokesperson for the AAFP initiative, Cat Friendly Practice. This program provides education, assessment and marketing tools to small animal practices to improve their ability to serve cat patients and clients. She is the owner of two feline exclusive practices; one in Portland, OR founded in 2003 and the second in Chico, CA founded in 1998. She received a Masters in Animals and Public Policy in 1996 from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.



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Harold Davis, Jr., BA, RVT, VTS (ECC)

William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, UC Davis

Mr. Davis is a graduate of the California State University Sacramento, receiving a BA degree in biology. Currently, he is Manager of the Emergency and Critical Care Service at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at UC, Davis. He has extensive experience in the field of emergency and critical care medicine, both in private and university practice. As co-founder of the Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians, Mr. Davis was instrumental in obtaining from North American Veterinary Technicians Association provisional recognition for technicians as specialists. This is the first organization to receive this acceptance. Among his many honors, Mr. Davis received the Merck AgVet Award for Creativity in Teaching and the California Veterinary Medical Association Outstanding Animal Health Technician Award. He was the inaugural speaker for the Jack L. Mara Memorial lecture at the 2004 NAVC. Mr. Davis was the 2005 Robert M. Cello Distinguished Lecturer for the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine Fall Symposium and was recognized as the 2009 and 2012 Speaker of the Year for Veterinary Technicians at the NAVC. In 1985 he was appointed by California Governor George Deukmejian to serve on the Registered Veterinary Technician Examining Committee, a subcommittee of the Veterinary Medical Board and served a record fifteen years on that committee. He is the immediate past president of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society and is the first non-veterinarian elected to this position of this 4000 plus member organization. In addition, Mr. Davis has published several book chapters, peer reviewed journal articles, and co-edited a new book that was recently released entitled Advanced Monitoring and Procedures for Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care. He was also on the panel for the 2013 AAHA/AAFP Fluid Therapy Guidelines.

Robin Downing, DVM, CCVP, CCRP, DAAPM

The Downing Center for Pain Management, Windsor, CO

Dr. Downing is Hospital Director of The Downing Center for Animal Pain Management, LLC. She is the recipient of many regional, national, and international awards. Dr. Downing is a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner, a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist, a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner, a Tui Na practitioner (Chi Institute), and is certified in canine medical massage (CSU) and animal chiropractic (IVCA). She was the third veterinarian to earn the Diplomate credential in the American Academy of Pain Management, and the first veterinarian to earn the designation Certified Pain Educator from the American Society of Pain Educators, a second human pain management credential.

Sonya G. Gordon, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM (Cardiology)

Texas A&M University

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Dr. Gordon is an Associate Professor of Cardiology at Texas A&M University. She graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada in 1994 and earned her DVSc in Veterinary Cardiology from the same university in 1998. Dr. Gordon became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology) in 1999. She is a Charter Fellow of the Michael E. DeBakey Institute for Comparative Cardiovascular Sciences and Biomedical Devices at TAMU. Dr. Gordon received the Richard H. Davis Teaching Award at TAMU in 2004 for excellence in teaching.

Claudia Kirk, DVM, PhD, DACVN, DACVIM

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Professor & Head of the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, University of Tennessee

Dr. Kirk received her DVM from the University of California at Davis. She completed an internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York and an Internal Medical Residency and PhD in Nutrition at UC Davis. Dr. Kirk was a senior scientist for 9 years at Hill's Science and Technology Center. She has served as teaching faculty for the Mark Morris Institute for the past 17 years. She is currently a Professor of Medicine and Nutrition and Head of the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences at the University of Tennessee - College of Veterinary Medicine in Knoxville, Tennessee where she has resided since 2003. Dr. Kirk is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition and Diplomate of American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. She has published over 100 scientific articles and abstracts and holds several patents concerning nutritional management of disease. Her areas of research concerns nutritional interaction with disease with special interests in obesity, feline diabetes, and feline lower urinary tract disease.



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Susan Little, DVM, DABVP (Feline)

Bytown Cat Hospital, Ottawa, Canada

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Dr. Susan Little received her DVM in 1988 from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. She has been in feline practice since 1990, achieving Board certification in Feline Practice in 1997, and re-certifying in 2006. In addition to being part owner of two feline specialty practices in Ottawa, Dr. Little serves on the board of the Winn Feline Foundation and the American Association of Feline Practitioners, and is a feline medicine consultant for the Veterinary Information Network (VIN). Dr. Little's other activities include committee work for the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the Pet Nutrition Alliance and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. She is also a peer reviewer for the Canadian Veterinary Journal and the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery. The 2010 recipient of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's Small Animal Practitioner Award, Dr. Little is the editor and co-author of a new textbook, The Cat - Clinical Medicine and Management, published by Elsevier in 2012.

LeMac' Morris, DVM, MPH, Dipl ACVPM

Shelter Technical Veterinarian, Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. (BIVI)

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Dr. LeMac' Morris received his DVM in 1980 from Oklahoma State College of Veterinary Medicine. He worked as a practice owner in a predominately companion animal practice for over 20 years, before accepting a position at Iowa State University as an adjunct instructor for the Center for Food Security and Public Health (CFSPH). While working at the CFSPH he received his Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Iowa. Dr. Morris is a Technical Manager for BIVI, consulting with animal shelters and other animal facilities across the United States. He assists in developing practical disease control protocols to minimize infectious diseases in companion animal populations. He is a member of the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, and a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. His interests lie in infectious disease control, where he has been involved with field investigations of companion animal disease outbreaks, isolated from the field companion animal pathogens for use in research, and championed a field study investigating ways to improve a companion animal biologic.

Sheilah Robertson, BVMS (Hons), PhD, DACVAA, DECVAA, MRCVS, DECAWBM (WSEL), DACAW

American Veterinary Medical Association, Schaumburg, IL

Dr. Robertson received her veterinary training at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. She spent time in mixed animal practice and as a surgery resident at Bristol University before pursuing her PhD and specialization in anesthesia. She is board certified in anesthesia and in animal welfare by the respective American and European colleges. She holds a certificate in small animal acupuncture. Her research interests include assessment of pain in cats, the use of opioids in cats and the development of anesthetic protocols for large scale spay and neuter programs with a special interest in pediatric patients and feral cats. She has authored many research manuscripts, clinical papers and book chapters on anesthesia and analgesia for companion animals. She is a member of the American Association of Feline Practitioner's (AAFP) Welfare Committee and was a co-author of the AAFP/ AAHA Pain Management Guidelines.

Ilona Rodan, DVM, DABVP, ABVP (Feline)

Cat Care Clinic, Madison, WI

Dr. Ilona Rodan is the medical director and owner of the Cat Care Clinic in Madison, WI. She also lectures internationally and consults at other veterinary practices to help veterinary teams better understand the feline patient and pet, respectful handling of cats to prevent fear and pain, and making the hospital environment more cat friendly. Dr. Rodan is also a passionate volunteer, a past-president and current board member of the American Association of Feline Practitioners. She has co-chaired a number of AAFP and joint guidelines, including the AAFP Feline Behavior Guidelines, AAHA/AAFP Pain Management Guidelines, AAFP/AAHA Feline Life Stage Guidelines, AAFP/ISFM Feline Handling and AAFP/ISFM Feline Environmental Needs Guidelines. In 2005, she was awarded the AVMA Animal Welfare Award for her leadership and contributions to advancing feline welfare.

Deb Zoran, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM

Associate Professor & Chief of Small Animal Internal Medicine, Texas A&M University

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Dr. Deb Zoran is an Associate Professor and Chief of Small Animal Internal Medicine in the Department of Veterinary Small Animal Clinical Sciences at Texas A&M University. She is a 1984 graduate of Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Following graduation, she entered private clinical practice in the Phoenix, Arizona area until returning in 1987 to Iowa State University for her small animal internal medicine residency. She completed a Master's degree and became a Diplomate of the ACVIM - Small Animal Internal Medicine during her time there. In 1992, she moved to Texas A&M University and completed a PhD in Nutrition in the laboratory of Dr. Joanne Lupton. Since 1996, Dr. Zoran has been a member of the faculty in the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at Texas A&M University where she is actively involved with clinical, teaching, and research activities in small animal nutrition, disaster preparedness, gastroenterology and feline medicine. She is currently the President-elect of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and the medical operations chief of the TAMU Veterinary Emergency Team.