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Livia Benigni, DVM, MRCVS, CertVDI, PGCertAP, DECVDI

The Royal Veterinary College, University of London

Dr. Benigni graduated in 1997 from the University of Pisa in Italy. She was an intern in Internal Medicine (Cardiology) at the National Veterinary School of Alfort (Paris, France) and a Diagnostic Imaging Resident at the Royal Veterinary College (University of London, UK). She obtained the Diploma of the European College of Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging in 2005. Dr. Benigni has worked as a radiologist at The Royal Veterinary College and in private practice. She has over a decade of experience in small animal radiology, ultrasound, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance. Dr. Benigni has published over 30 peer-reviewed articles and contributed to multiple veterinary imaging textbooks. She has been an invited speaker to many national and international meetings and actively contributes to the continuous development of the veterinary profession in the UK and abroad.

Elizabeth Colleran, DVM, MS, DABVP (Feline)

Owner, Chico Hospital for Cats, Chico, CA and Cat Hospital of Portland, Portland, OR

Dr. Colleran is a 1990 graduate of Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. She is the owner of two feline exclusive practices, one in Portland, Oregon founded in 2003 and the second in Chico, California founded in 1998. She received a Master's in Animals and Public Policy in 1996 from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Colleran is an ABVP Diplomate in Feline Practice. She is also a Past President of the AAFP and member of the AAFP's Cat Friendly Practice Task Force.

Sue Ettinger, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology)

Animal Specialty Center, Yonkers, NY

Dr. Ettinger is a board certified veterinary medical cancer specialist. She graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1998. Dr. Ettinger then completed a one-year internship in small animal medicine and surgery followed by a residency in medical oncology at The Animal Medical Center in New York City. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Oncology) and 1 of only 300 board-certified veterinary specialists in medical oncology in North America. Dr. Ettinger is currently head of the Oncology Department at the Animal Specialty Center in Yonkers, NY. Also known as "Dr. Sue Cancer Vet," she is a book author, radio co-host, and Certified Veterinary Journalist. Dr. Ettinger is the co-author of the Second Edition of *The Dog Cancer Survival Guide*, and she co-hosts The Pet Cancer Vet, an internet radio show on radiopetlady.com. From 2011 to 2014, Dr. Ettinger was a regular contributor to the blog, dogcancerblog.com. She lives in Westchester, NY with her husband, a veterinary internist, their two sons, their goofy black Labrador, Matilda, and their dog-loving orange cat, Jeter. Dr. Ettinger is passionate about raising cancer awareness, and she has developed See Something, Do Something™ to promote early cancer detection and diagnosis. She can be found on social media at facebook.com/DrSueCancerVet and @DrSueCancerVet on Twitter.

William Folger, DVM, MS, DABVP (Feline)

Memorial Cat Hospital, Houston, TX

Dr. William (Bill) Folger, has been involved in animal welfare for over 35 years. He has Biology degrees from the University of the South and Texas A&M University, and received his DVM from the University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Folger has been a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP), Feline Specialty, since 1998, and is the Hospital Director and Founder of Memorial Cat Hospital in Houston. He is the current Feline Regent for the ABVP, the founding Chair of the Feline Welfare Committee for the American Association of Feline Practitioners, and is currently President of the Society for Veterinary Medical Ethics.

S. Dru Forrester, DVM, MS, DACVIM Hill's Pet Nutrition

Dr. Forrester received her DVM from Auburn University in 1985 and completed an internship, residency, and MS degree at Texas A&M University. She was a faculty member at Virginia Tech (1990-2003) and Western University (2003-2005) where she served as Full Professor as well as many other administrative positions. She has numerous publications including journal articles, book chapters, research abstracts, and has presented at conferences throughout the world. Dr. Forrester's passion is facilitating the learning of others and she has received numerous awards recognizing her teaching excellence. Her clinical interests include lower urinary tract disorders, kidney disease, and clinical nutrition. She joined Hill's Pet Nutrition in 2005 and currently serves as the Director of Global Scientific Affairs. Dr. Forrester is also an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Clinical Sciences at Kansas State University and a Fellow of the Mark Morris Institute.

Lorrie Gaschen, PhD, DVM, Dr.med.vet, DECVDI

Veterinary Clinical Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University

Dr. Gaschen received her DVM from the University of Florida, was in private practice in Florida for two years after which time she completed a diagnostic imaging residency at the University of Bern in Switzerland and became a diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging. She received her PhD in renal transplant imaging in animal models at the University Medical School in Utrecht then returned to the University of Bern where she became an associate professor. Her major interests are in gastrointestinal ultrasound, and vascular imaging, as well as MRI. Currently, she is a full professor and section chief at the Louisiana State University, Section of Diagnostic Imaging, as well as being the new Associate Dean for Diversity and Faculty Affairs. She has authored numerous publications and book chapters mainly in the field of ultrasound, vascular, and gastrointestinal imaging where she has done the majority of her research. She is a frequent national and international lecturer and conducts abdominal ultrasound labs both at conferences and at LSU.

Erika Krick, VMD, DACVIM (Oncology)

Assistant Professor of Oncology, University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Krick received her undergraduate (BA) degree in Biology from Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, and her veterinary training at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine. She completed a rotating internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery and a Residency in Medical Oncology at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine. She joined the veterinary faculty at UPenn in 2009 and is currently an Assistant Professor of Oncology and Co-Service Head of the Comprehensive Cancer Care Service there. Currently she co-manages the Comprehensive Cancer Care Service, provides didactic lectures in small animal oncology topics to third year veterinary students, organizes and facilitates communication skills labs for first and third year veterinary students, organizes a third year student course focused on developing communication skills, trains medical oncology residents, and conducts focused research in the area of feline lymphoma and cancer cachexia. She is also actively involved in several clinical trials evaluating novel therapies for different types of cancer in dogs. She has authored several research manuscripts and book chapters regarding lymphoma in cats.



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Michael Lappin, DVM, PhD, DACVIM

Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine, Colorado State University

After graduating from Oklahoma State University in 1981, Dr. Lappin completed a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Georgia. After 2 years in a small animal practice in Los Angeles, he returned to the University of Georgia where he completed a small animal internal medicine residency and a PhD in Parasitology. Dr. Lappin was board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 1987. He is currently Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University. Dr. Lappin studies feline infectious and immune-mediated diseases and has written over 250 primary research manuscripts and book chapters. His principal areas of interest are prevention of infectious diseases, the upper respiratory disease complex, infectious causes of fever, infectious causes of diarrhea, and zoonoses of cats, Dr. Lappin is on the editorial board of Feline Medicine and Surgery and Compendium for Continuing Education for the Practicing Veterinarian and is the editor of the textbook, Feline Internal Medicine Secrets. Dr. Lappin has received the Beecham Research Award and the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award. Dr. Lappin is the Kenneth W. Smith Professor in Small Animal Clinical Veterinary Medicine at Colorado State University and is currently the Assistant Department Head for Research. Dr. Lappin is the director of the "Center for Companion Animal Studies," which supports clinical research for faculty and students and utilizes only naturally occurring models of disease or research animals that can be adopted. He was selected to receive the European Society of Feline Medicine International Award 2008 for Outstanding Contribution to Feline Medicine, the Winn Feline Research Award in 2009, and was named an Oklahoma State University Distinguished Professor in 2010.

Zoe Lenard, BVSc (Hons), FANZCVS (Radiology) Perth Veterinary Specialists, Western Australia

Following graduation from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (1999). Dr. Lenard worked in companion animal practice in inner Sydney for 4 years. Dr. Lenard undertook a residency in Diagnostic Imaging (2003-2006, Murdoch University) and became a Fellow of the Australian & New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (Radiology) in 2007. She has worked in academic practice as a Senior Lecturer at Murdoch University, before moving to private practice where she is a Director of the Veterinary Imaging Centre & Perth Veterinary Specialists, Western Australia's first private practice referral center. Her interests include abdominal ultrasonography and the conversion of vet practice to "digital" imaging and cross sectional imaging. Dr. Lenard is well-connected within the diagnostic imaging community, previously serving as President of the Radiology Chapter of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists, and currently on the executive board of the Australasian Association of Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging. Dr. Lenard has trained residents, been involved with examination at Board Level, and regularly provides continuing education to vets in Australia, New Zealand, and Asia.

Susan Little, DVM, DABVP (Feline) Bytown Cat Hospital, Ottawa, Canada

Dr. Susan Little received her BSc from Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia, Canada) and her DVM from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. She has been in feline practice since 1990 and achieved board certification in Feline Practice in 1997. She is part owner of two feline specialty practices in Ottawa, Canada. She is a board member and current President of the American Association of Feline Practitioners (2015) as well as a past board member and Past President of the Winn Feline Foundation. Dr. Little joined the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in 2015 representing the American Animal Hospital Association. She is a peer reviewer for veterinary journals as well as the author of many journal articles. Dr. Little is the recipient of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's Small Animal Practitioner Award (2010), the NAVC Small Animal Speaker of the Year Award (2013), and the International Society of Feline Medicine/Hill's Pet Nutrition Award for outstanding contributions to feline medicine (2013). She is the editor and co-author of The Cat - Clinical Medicine and Management (Elsevier, 2012) and Volume 7 of August's Consultations in Feline Internal Medicine (Elsevier, 2015).

Erica Mattox, CVT, VTS (ECC) WestVet, Boise, ID

Erica is the Patient Care Director at WestVet in Boise, Idaho and passed her VTS exam in 2009 to become the first VTS (ECC) in Idaho. She has been the President of the Idaho Society of Veterinary Technicians and Assistants since 2009. Erica has instructed for both the College of Southern Idaho and Brown Mackie's Veterinary Technology programs and presents CE monthly for WestVet and quarterly for the ISVTA. She holds a position on the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association Board as the first CVT representative. In 2012, she received the Presidential Citation Award from the IVMA for outstanding performance as well as won the Best Technician Case Report Award at IVECCS. She is on the AVECCT exam committee and Nursing Care committee. Erica is very passionate about emergency medicine and the profession of Veterinary Technology in general.

Brook Niemiec, DVM, DAVDC, DEVDC, FAVD

Southern California Veterinary Dental Specialists and Oral Surgery, San Diego, CA

Dr. Niemiec is a 1994 graduate of the University of California. Davis, He is a Board Certified Specialist in Veterinary Dentistry by the American Veterinary Dental College as well as the European Veterinary Dental College and a Fellow in the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry. He is immediate Past President of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry as well as its representative to the World Small Animal Veterinary Association. He is Chief of Staff of Southern California Veterinary Dental Specialties with offices in Santa Barbara, San Diego, Irvine, Ontario, and Murrieta California, as well as Las Vegas, Nevada and New Orleans. As an advocate for oral health he is a regular speaker on the local, national, and international levels. In addition, he has authored many articles, chapters, and books including the recently published Small Animal Dental Oral, and Maxillofacial Disease: A Color Handbook and Veterinary Periodontology. Through Practical Veterinary Publishing he has published veterinary dental specific titles including: extractions, endodontics, orthodontics, dental emergencies, and restorations. He founded the premier veterinary dental telemedicine website vetdentalrad.com, which has produced instructional videos and educational posters. Finally, he coordinates the San Diego Vet Dental Training Center which has 3-4 meetings a year covering basic and intermediate veterinary dentistry.



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Greg Ogilvie, DVM, DACVIM (Internal Medicine, Oncology), ECVIM-CA Oncology

Professor and Division Director of Veterinary Oncology, University of California-San Diego, Moores Cancer Center, and Director of the Angel Care Cancer Center, California Veterinary Specialists

Dr. Ogilvie developed his long love for all things feline in Colorado where he graduated veterinary school at the Colorado State University before doing an NIH research fellowship at the University of Wisconsin, residency at Tufts University and professorships at the University of Illinois, Colorado State University, and at the medical school at l'Université François Rabelais in Tours, France before joining the faculty at the University of California and at California Veterinary Specialists in feline friendly San Diego. When Dr. Ogilvie is not caring for kitties and their families, he teaches interns, residents, and veterinary students about all things feline. Dr. Ogilvie also works with some of the most brilliant researchers in the world to develop novel, new compassionate cancer therapies for cats and people. He has co-authored four books including his favorite, Feline Oncology: Compassionate Care for Cats with Cancer. The newest book just released around the world is entitled A Compassionate Guide to Cancer Care. It promises to unleash some special feline secrets. This fifth generation Colorado native has also written over 200 scientific articles and chapters as well as over 120 scientific abstracts and posters. He has been awarded two international patents, over 10 million dollars in research grants and endowments as a principal or co-investigator, and is the recipient of many teaching and research awards. Dr. Ogilvie has lectured in scores of countries about the mysteries of kitty cancer to many thousands of students, veterinarians, physicians, and scientists in Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, South America, and North America.

Mike Petty, DVM, CVPP, CVA, CCRT, DAAPM

Arbor Pointe Veterinary Hospital, Canton, MI

Dr. Petty is currently the owner of Arbor Point Veterinary Hospital and Animal Pain Center in Canton, Michigan where he has been a life-long resident. He is certified in acupuncture, rehabilitation, and is a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner. From 2011-2013, Dr. Petty was the President of the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management. He is the author of two books, Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Doas: A Complete Guide (publish date January 2016) and Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Cats: A Complete Guide (publish date TBD). He also co-authored the AAFP/AAHA 2015 Pain Management Guidelines. He lives on a small horse farm with his wife and two daughters, along with a menagerie of animals from large (horses) to small (hedgehog).

Jane Robertson, DVM, DACVIM **IDEXX** Laboratories

Dr. Robertson received her DVM from the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph in Canada in 1992. She worked in mixed-animal and small-animal practice before completing a small-animal internship at the same institution in 1994. Dr. Robertson completed her medicine residency at University of California, Davis, and became board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 1998. She practiced in a busy referral hospital before joining IDEXX as a medicine consultant in 2000. Dr. Robertson is currently Director of Internal Medicine for IDEXX Laboratories. She enjoys speaking about kidney disease, endocrinology, pancreatitis, and the clinical utility of real-time PCR.

Ilona Rodan, DVM, DABVP (Feline)

Cat Care Clinic, Madison, WI

Dr. Rodan is the Behavior Consultant and an Associate at the Cat Care Clinic in Madison, Wisconsin having sold the practice in February 2015 after over 28 years of ownership. She is ABVP certified in feline practice since 1995, and started Feline-Friendly Consultations in 2010 to help veterinarians make their handling, environment, and medicine more feline-friendly. Dr. Rodan is a Past President of the AAFP, and has co-chaired a number of guidelines including the AAFP Feline-Friendly Handling, AAFP Feline Environmental Needs, and the AAHA/AAFP Pain Management Guidelines. In 2005, she was awarded the AVMA Animal Welfare Award for her leadership and contributions to advancing feline welfare. Veterinary behaviorist Dr. Sarah Heath and Dr. Rodan have co-edited the book, Feline Behavioral Health and Welfare which was published this month, will debut in September, and is available for the first time at this conference.

Margie Scherk DVM, DABVP (Feline)

catsINK, Vancouver, BC

Dr. Scherk graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1982. In 1986 she opened Cats Only Veterinary Clinic in Vancouver, practicing there until 2008 when she retired from regular practice. While in practice, she published several clinical trials, including the first paper on transdermal fentanyl patch in veterinary medicine. She has written many book chapters, co-edits the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery, and has served extensively on committees with the AAFP, North American Vet Licensing, Winn Feline Foundation, WSAVA, and ABVP. She is a Paw Project advocate, hoping to end declawing in Canada. She continues to assist colleagues with case management and enjoys teaching all things feline, including improving interacting with cats, analgesia, nutrition, and the peculiarities of the feline digestive system.

Annette Smith, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Oncology & SAIM)

Distinguished Lowder Professor in Oncology, Auburn University, Auburn, AL

Dr. Smith completed three years of the Biomedical Science program at Texas A&M prior to admission to the DVM program at Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine. She graduated with honors in May 1994. After her internship at the University of Illinois, she joined Auburn University's residency program in 1995. She was certified in both Small Animal Internal Medicine and Oncology in May 2000. While pursuing her residency training, she completed a Master's degree in Biomedical Sciences in 2001. She has served on the Auburn University faculty since 1999. She currently is the Distinguished Lowder Professor in Oncology and coordinates Auburn University's oncology program, which focuses on a multidisciplinary team approach to each patient and has approximately 2,500 pet visits each year. Additionally, she has served on the advisory board for the Auburn University Research Initiative in Cancer (AURIC) since its formation. Dr. Smith has continued to be involved in clinical trials, administration, and translational research to provide novel treatments and diagnostics to patients. She is committed to training students and residents in oncology, with 13 board-certified or actively training alumni. She has been a guest editor for Veterinary Clinics of North America (Small Animal Practice), written or co-written 11 book chapters, authored or co-authored more than 36 peer-reviewed articles, and has lectured locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally on topics relating to oncology.



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