



Enriching Feline Care & the Veterinary Experience

Elevating the Standard of Feline Medical Care and Integrating Cat Friendly Techniques

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October 27 – 30, 2022

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Friday Happy Hour Reception; Hands-on Feline Orthopedic Evaluation Workshop with Drs. Duncan Lascelles and Margaret Gruen; Lunch & Learn with Speaker Dr. Eric Morissette; Two Breakfast Symposia with Drs. Elizabeth Colleran and Rebecca Salazar; PURRfecting the Feline Exam: Communicating with Clients, Drs. Elizabeth Colleran and Margaret Gruen; Cat Friendly: Getting (& Keeping) the Whole Team on Board, Dr. Elizabeth Colleran; Panel Discussion led by Dr. Margaret Gruen



Breakfast Symposium with Speaker Dr. Kelly St. Denis; Early Career Veterinarian Scholarship Program; Student Award Program; Cat Friendly Interactions & Handling Workshop, Dr. Ilona Rodan; Elimination as a Problem: Is it Behavior or is it Medical?, Drs. Julie Byron and Meghan Herron; Speaker Dr. Meghan Herron; Speaker Dr. Sarah Heath; Speaker Dr. Ilona Rodan; Speaker Dr. Anne Marie Germain



Thursday Welcome Reception; Lunch & Learn with Speaker Dr. Kathryn Reif; Breakfast Symposium with Speaker Dr. Richard Ford; Speaker Dr. Catharine Scott-Moncrieff; Speaker Dr. Kelly St. Denis; Conference Tote Bags

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ABVP/AAFP Seminar and Social with Speakers Drs. Laura Greene and Patty Lathan; Lunch & Learn with Speakers Drs. Randal Gregg & Madeleine Stahl; Conference Water Bottles; Hotel Key Cards



Lunch & Learn with Speaker Dr. Sarah Sweet; Conducting Procedures in the Exam Room & Techniques for Obtaining Diagnostics, Dr. Elizabeth Colleran



Lunch & Learn with Speaker Dr. Jessica Quimby; Speaker Dr. Christopher Byers; Speaker Dr. Jessica Quimby; Conference Wi-Fi in Convention Center; Notepad & Pen

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But I Can't Pill my Cat: Options for Non-pharmacologic Pain Management in Cats, Dr. John Godbold



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Feline Thermal Imaging: What the Pretty Colors Tell Us, Dr. John Godbold

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Pre-conference Day*

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TIME	SESSION TITLE		SPEAKER	ROOM	SPONSOR/ PARTNER
7:45 - 11:45 am	Hands-on Feline Orthopedic Evaluation Workshop**	IPO	Drs. Duncan Lascelles & Margaret Gruen	319-320	zoetis
PRE-CONFERENCE DAY*					
10:00 - 11:45 am	Early Morning Learning Sessions				
10:00 - 10:50 am	Crusty, Crusty Cats! Pathway to a Diagnosis	LS	Dr. Melissa Hall	Ballroom II & III	
10:55 - 11:45 am	Allergic Kitties: Tips & Tricks for Successful Diagnosis & Management	LS	Dr. Melissa Hall	Ballroom II & III	
11:45 - 1:15 pm	Food for Thought Luncheon				
12:15 - 1:15 pm	To the Bladder & Beyond: The Role of Stress in Feline Urinary Health	LS	Dr. Julia Albright	Ballroom I	
1:30 - 5:30 pm	ABVP/AAFP Seminar & Social				
1:30 - 2:20 pm	Fabulous Felines but Difficult Diabetics: Approach to Complicated Diabetic Patients	LS	Dr. Laura Greene	Ballroom II & III	
2:20 - 3:15 pm	Novel RNA Particle Vaccine Technology	LS	Dr. Laura Greene	Ballroom II & III	
3:15 - 3:45 pm	Refreshment Break				
3:45 - 4:35 pm	Feline Addison's & Cushing's: Cat Adrenals are Not Small Dog Adrenals!	LS	Dr. Patty Lathan	Ballroom II & III	
4:35 - 5:30 pm	Feline Hyperaldosteronism & Acromegaly: Are We Missing These Patients?	LS	Dr. Patty Lathan	Ballroom II & III	
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception <i>All attendees invited</i>			Rooftop Boulevard & Terrace	

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022

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TIME	SESSION TITLE		SPEAKER	ROOM	SPONSOR/ PARTNER
6:00 - 7:00 am	Early Riser Yoga Class*	IPO		Westin Hotel - Westmoreland	wedgewood PHARMACY
7:00 - 7:45 am	Continental Breakfast			Ballroom Foyer	
7:45 - 8:15 am	President's Address	LS	Dr. Michelle Meyer	Ballroom I - III	
8:15 - 9:30 am	Cat Friendly Interactions	LS	Drs. Sarah Heath & Ilona Rodan	Ballroom I - III	ROYAL CANIN
9:30 - 11:00 am	Networking Refreshment Break			Exhibit Hall	
11:00 - 11:50 am	The Challenging Cat	LS	Dr. Sarah Heath	Ballroom I	ROYAL CANIN
	Optimizing the Use of Continuous Glucose Monitoring in Diabetic Cats: Case Selection, Report Interpretation, Troubleshooting, & More	LS	Dr. Catharine Scott-Moncrieff	Ballroom II & III	Boehringer Ingelheim
11:55 - 12:45 pm	Neonatal & Pediatric Kittens	LS	Dr. Sarah Heath	Ballroom I	ROYAL CANIN
	Beyond Total T4 in Diagnosis of Feline Hyperthyroidism: Role of Concurrent Illness & Approach to Grey-zone Results	LS	Dr. Catharine Scott-Moncrieff	Ballroom II & III	Boehringer Ingelheim
12:45 - 2:10 pm	Lunch			Exhibit Hall	
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch & Learn #1:</i> * Ticks Like Cats Too! An Update on the Threat of Ticks & Tick-borne Pathogens for Cats	IPO	Dr. Kathryn Reif	403 - 405	Boehringer Ingelheim
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch & Learn #2:</i> * Expanding the Toolbox: Cutting Edge Diagnostics to Improve Outcomes in Patients with Early Renal Disease	IPO	Dr. Sarah Sweet	408 - 410	IDEXX
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch & Learn #3:</i> * Don't Miss a Diagnosis: Comprehensive CBC with AI & Human Expertise in Your Practice	IPO	Dr. Eric Morissette	413 - 415	zoetis
2:10 - 3:00 pm	Creating a Cat Friendly Veterinary Environment: Setting Patients Up for Success	LS	Drs. Sarah Heath & Ilona Rodan	Ballroom I	ROYAL CANIN
	Pancreatitis in the Diabetic Cat	LS	Dr. Catharine Scott-Moncrieff	Ballroom II & III	Boehringer Ingelheim
3:05 - 3:55 pm	Cat Friendly Hospitalization: Optimizing the Inpatient Experience	LS	Dr. Sarah Heath	Ballroom I	ROYAL CANIN
	Practical Tips & Pearls for the Management of Feline Urolithiasis	LS	Dr. Anne-Marie Germain	Ballroom II & III	ROYAL CANIN
3:55 - 4:55 pm	Networking Refreshment Break <i>CFP 10 Year Anniversary Celebration</i>			Exhibit Hall	
4:55 - 5:45 pm	Addressing Distress in the Home Environment	LS	Dr. Ilona Rodan	Ballroom I	ROYAL CANIN
	<i>Panel Discussion</i> - Piecing the Puzzle Together: Medical or Behavioral?	LS	Dr. Gruen (moderator), Ms. Burns, Drs. Colleran, Quimby, Scott-Moncrieff, & St. Denis	Ballroom II & III	zoetis
5:45 - 7:00 pm	Happy Hour Reception			Exhibit Hall	zoetis

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6:45 - 8:00 am	Breakfast			Ballroom Foyer	
7:00 - 7:50 am	Breakfast Symposium #1: Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV): More Complex Than We Thought	LS	Dr. Richard Ford	Ballroom I	
7:00 - 7:50 am	Breakfast Symposium #2: Practical Side for Implementing Monoclonal Antibodies	LS	Dr. Elizabeth Colleran	Ballroom II & III	
8:00 - 8:50 am	Nutrition in CKD: Focus on Calories & Calcium	LS	Dr. Jessica Quimby	Ballroom I	
	The Critical Cat: Part 1	LS	Dr. Christopher Byers	Ballroom II & III	
	Feline Thermal Imaging: What the Pretty Colors Tell Us	LS	Dr. John Godbold	301 - 305	
8:55 - 9:45 am	Inter-cat Conflict	LS	Dr. Sarah Heath	Ballroom I	
	The Critical Cat: Part 2	LS	Dr. Christopher Byers	Ballroom II & III	
	But I Can't Pill my Cat: Options for Non-pharmacologic Pain Management in Cats	LS	Dr. John Godbold	301 - 305	
9:45 - 11:00 am	Networking Refreshment Break			Exhibit Hall	
9:50 - 10:15 am	AAFP Membership Meeting	LS		301 - 305	
10:20 - 10:50 am	ABVP: Is it for Me?	LS		301 - 305	
11:00 - 12:15 pm	Cat Friendly Homes: Setting Clients up for Success	LS	Dr. Sarah Heath	Ballroom I	
	QOL in CKD: Make Every Medication Matter	LS	Dr. Jessica Quimby	Ballroom II & III	
	Kitten Nutrition: Starting Them Off Right & Making Nutritional Recommendations	LS	Ms. Kara Burns	301 - 305	
12:15 - 1:40 pm	Lunch			Exhibit Hall	
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch & Learn #1:* COVID-19: A New World in Human & Veterinary Vaccines	IPO	Drs. Randal Gregg & Madeleine Stahl	403 - 405	
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch & Learn #2:* Giving Your Cat a Voice: How Tracking Elimination Behavior Provides Insights into Health & Emotional Wellbeing	IPO	Dr. Ragen McGowan	408 - 410	
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch & Learn #3:* Uremic Toxins in CKD: Why Should We Care?	IPO	Dr. Jessica Quimby	413 - 415	
1:40 - 2:30 pm	Taking the Edge Off: Sedation Before and/or During Veterinary Visits	LS	Dr. Robin Downing	Ballroom I	
	Practical Fluid Therapy: More than "Twice Maintenance"	LS	Dr. Christopher Byers	Ballroom II & III	
	PURRfecting the Feline Exam: Communicating with Clients to Get the Information You Need	LS	Drs. Elizabeth Colleran & Margaret Gruen	301 - 305	
2:30 - 3:15 pm	Networking Refreshment Break			Exhibit Hall	
3:15 - 4:05 pm	Seek & Ye Shall Find: Pain Exams in Cats	LS	Dr. Robin Downing	Ballroom I	
	Diagnosis & Management of Chronic Vomiting	LS	Dr. Christopher Byers	Ballroom II & III	
	Conducting Procedures in the Exam Room & Techniques for Obtaining Diagnostics	LS	Dr. Elizabeth Colleran	301 - 305	
4:10 - 4:35 pm	Catupuncture & Meowssage in Cat Friendly Practice	LS	Dr. Robin Downing	Ballroom I	
	Gabapentin Sedation in Cats With & Without CKD	LS	Dr. Jessica Quimby	Ballroom II & III	
	Cat Friendly: Getting (& Keeping) the Whole Team on Board	LS	Dr. Elizabeth Colleran	301 - 305	
4:40 - 5:15 pm	Cat Friendly Practices® by the Data	LS		Ballroom II & III	
6:30 - 10:30 pm	Cat Connoisseurs at Carnegie: An Offsite Event**				

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6:45 - 8:00 am	Breakfast			Ballroom Foyer	
7:00 - 7:50 am	<i>Breakfast Symposium #1: Hematuria Detection: A New Standard of Care</i>	LS	Dr. Kelly St. Denis	Ballroom I	
7:00 - 7:50 am	<i>Breakfast Symposium #2: Maximizing Claw & Order in Feline Anesthesia: A Case Based Approach</i>	LS	Dr. Rebecca Salazar	Ballroom II & III	
7:30 - 10:00 am	Cat Friendly Interactions & Handling Workshop**	IPO	Dr. Ilona Rodan	319-320	
8:00 - 8:50 am	Understanding & Managing Feline Hypertension the Cat Friendly Way	LS	Dr. Kelly St. Denis	Ballroom I	
	Chronic Pancreatitis: Diagnosis, Treatment, & Management	LS	Dr. Megan McClosky	Ballroom II & III	
8:55 - 9:45 am	Elimination as a Problem: Is it Behavior or is it Medical?	LS	Drs. Julie Byron & Meghan Herron	Ballroom I	
	IBD to Lymphoma: How Do I Manage if the Client Won't Biopsy?	LS	Dr. Megan McClosky	Ballroom II & III	
9:45 - 10:45 am	Networking Refreshment Break			Exhibit Hall	
10:45 - 11:35 am	Multi-cat Households: Stress, Feeding, Inter-cat Aggression, & More – Part 1	LS	Dr. Meghan Herron	Ballroom I	
	Felines with Cardiomyopathy: Is it Safe to...?	LS	Dr. Henry Green	Ballroom II & III	
11:40 - 12:30 pm	Multi-cat Households: Stress, Feeding, Inter-cat Aggression, & More – Part 2	LS	Dr. Meghan Herron	Ballroom I	
	Feline Arterial Thromboembolic Disease: 24 Hours Can Tell a Story	LS	Dr. Henry Green	Ballroom II & III	
12:30 - 1:45 pm	Lunch			Exhibit Hall	
12:40 - 1:40 pm	<i>Lunch & Learn #1:* Early Prediction Advantages for CKD</i>	IPO	Dr. Ashlie Saffire	403 - 405	
12:40 - 1:40 pm	<i>Lunch & Learn #2:* Serum TSH: An Essential Tool for Diagnosis & Monitoring of Thyroid Disease in Cats</i>	IPO	Dr. Mark Peterson	408 - 410	
12:40 - 1:40 pm	<i>Lunch & Learn #3:* Evidence Based Medicine Supporting Stem Cell Therapy in the Feline Patient</i>	IPO	Dr. Anne Hale	413 - 415	
1:45 - 2:35 pm	My House is Not Your Toilet: Feline Elimination Problems	LS	Dr. Meghan Herron	Ballroom I	
	Blocked Cats: Anything New?	LS	Dr. Julie Byron	Ballroom II & III	
2:40 - 3:30 pm	Integrated Care: Feline Psychopharmacology, Nutrition, & Supplements	LS	Dr. Meghan Herron	Ballroom I	
	Feline Ureterolithiasis: Big Kidney-Little Kidney	LS	Dr. Julie Byron	Ballroom II & III	
3:30 pm	Conclusion of Conference				

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The additional CE Sessions below will be available via on-demand access through the Virtual Platform. Both in-person and virtual attendees will have access to these CE Sessions.

On-demand Sessions

SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER	SPONSOR/PARTNER
Bring Back the Bounce: Managing Osteoarthritis in Cats	Ms. Kara Burns	 
Feline Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy & the Role of Nutrition	Ms. Kara Burns	 
Feline IBD: Pathophysiology, Treatment Goals, & Client Communication	Ms. Kara Burns	 
Getting Cats to Eat: More than Pouring Food into a Bowl?	Ms. Kara Burns	 
Cats, Carriers, & Cars: A Cat Friendly Approach to Containment for Travel	Dr. Sarah Ellis	
Interactions with Cats: How Can Human Behavior Change Theory Help?	Dr. Sarah Ellis	
Triple Threat: Diagnosis and Management of Feline Triaditis	Dr. Megan McClosky	

On-demand Session abstracts can be found after Sunday's abstracts. See page 19.

Oral Abstract Presentations

SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER	
How Plants Make Cats Happy	Dr. Sebastiaan Bol	
Treatment of Feline Chronic Gingivostomatitis with Tolerance-inducing Dendritic Cells	Dr. Thomas Grammel	
Think Like a Cat, Speak to be Understood	Ms. Amanda Moore	
Feline Hypertension: A Call to Action & How You Can Help	Ms. Karen Prost	
Hormonal Regulation of Appetite in Cats With & Without Chronic Kidney Disease	Dr. Jessica Quimby	

Julia Albright, MA, DVM, DACVB
University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, Knoxville, Tennessee



Dr. Julia Albright is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists and Associate Professor at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Albright obtained both a Master's degree in Experimental Psychology and DVM from The University of Tennessee before completing a residency and fellowship in Animal Behavior at Cornell University CVM. Dr. Albright's research interests include reducing stress in animal facilities, psychopharmacology, and the human-animal bond.

Kara Burns, MS, Med, LVT, VTS (Nutrition), VTS-H (IM, Dentistry)
Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians, Lafayette, Indiana



Kara Burns is a licensed veterinary technician with a master's degree in physiology and a master's degree in counseling psychology. She's the Founder and Past President of the Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians. She teaches nutrition courses around the world and is an independent nutritional and wellbeing consultant, the Director of Veterinary Nurse Development for WellHaven Pet Health and the Editor in Chief of Today's Veterinary Nurse. She is a member of many national, international, and state associations and holds positions on many boards in the profession: American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Executive Board; Western Veterinary Conference Technician Education Manager; NAVTA Past President; the first technician representative on the AAFP Board; and the first technician to be President of the Pet Nutrition Alliance, to name a few. She has authored many articles, textbooks, and textbook chapters and is an internationally invited speaker focusing on topics of nutrition, leadership, and technician utilization. Kara and her wife, Dr. Ellen Lowery, developed the Pet Nutrition Coach Certification course through NAVC. Ms. Burns has been featured on the cover of the Veterinary Technician Journal, the NAVTA Journal, and has been featured in PetVet Magazine. She was also named the North American Veterinary Conference/VMX Technician Speaker of the Year in 2013, 2016, and 2021. She was granted an honorary VTS (Internal Medicine) in 2011 and an honorary VTS (Dentistry) in 2012. She is the 2010 NAVTA Veterinary Technician of the Year, as well as the 2011 Dr. Franklin Loew Lecturer.

Christopher Byers, DVM, DACVECC, DACVIM (SAIM), CVJ
CriticalCareDVM, Omaha, Nebraska



Dr. Christopher G. Byers is a board-certified veterinary emergency and critical care and small animal internal medicine specialist, as well as a certified veterinary journalist. He received his Bachelor of Science degree as a University Honors Scholar in Animal Sciences from Colorado State University and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Cornell University. Dr. Byers works as a teleconsultant in emergency/critical care and small animal internal medicine for VetCT. He is the Co-editor of the textbook, *Feline Emergency & Critical Care Medicine*, and has published chapters and articles in numerous textbooks and peer-reviewed medical journals. Dr. Byers also publishes a blog called CriticalCareDVM.com with goals to educate pet owners and promote the triad of care.

Julie Byron, DVM, MS
The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Columbus, Ohio



Dr. Julie Byron is a 1998 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She completed an internship at VCA West LA and residency at OSU in 2004. She was a faculty member at University of Illinois before moving back to Columbus, Ohio for a position at OSU in 2011. She is currently at the rank of Professor – Clinical at OSU. She has a strong interest in lower urinary tract disease and nephrology, as well as interventional endoscopy. She has published research and book chapters on urinary disorders and cystoscopy. She teaches and practices academic internal medicine including endocrinology, respiratory, and intestinal disease.

Elizabeth Colleran, DVM, MS, DABVP (Feline)
Chico Hospital for Cats, Chico, California



Dr. Elizabeth Colleran is an author, keynote, and veterinary conference speaker, consultant, and feline specialist board-certified by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. She has successfully created and managed two feline medicine veterinary practices. Her practice in Portland, Oregon was the first feline-only practice in Portland and her current practice, the Chico Hospital for Cat, is celebrating its 22nd birthday this year. Dr. Colleran chaired the Cat Friendly Practice® Committee for the AAFP for many years. Dr. Colleran is a published author and frequent contributor to several peer-reviewed publications. She has been a media spokesperson on a number of feline topics for communications campaigns and has proudly mentored many aspiring feline practitioners. Her next book for veterinarians, "The Senior Cat: Medicine and Management in the Golden Years" (working title) will be published in 2023. She loves teaching and believes it is one important way to improve health care and quality of life for felines.

Robin Downing, DVM, MS, DBe, DAAPM, DACVSMR
The Downing Center for Animal Pain Management, LLC, Windsor, Colorado

Dr. Robin Downing is Hospital Director of The Downing Center for Animal Pain Management. She has received many regional, national, and international awards, including the 2001 Excellence in Veterinary Medicine Award from the WSAVA, the 2016 Erwin Small Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, and most recently the 2020 Leo K. Bustad Companion Animal Veterinarian of the Year Award from the AVMA. Most recently, she earned her Doctorate in Clinical Bioethics from Loyola University of Chicago with the intention of translating the practices of clinical bioethics for application in veterinary medicine.

Sarah Ellis, BSc(Hons), PGDip, PhD
International Cat Care, Tisbury, England

Dr. Sarah Ellis has a BSc in Zoology and Psychology from the University of Bristol (UK), a Post-Graduate Diploma in Companion Animal Behaviour Counselling from the University of Southampton (UK), and a PhD from Queen's University Belfast (UK) which focused on investigating ways to improve the welfare of cats housed in rehoming centres. Sarah spent several years at the University of Lincoln as a post-doctoral research scientist working on numerous projects including investigating novel ways to improve feline welfare, and to further our understanding of feline behavior and the cat-human relationship. Since 2015, Sarah has worked for International Cat Care providing feline behavior and mental wellbeing expertise. Her current role as Head of Cat Advocacy includes chairing the iCatCare Feline Wellbeing Panel. She also is a Visiting Fellow at the University of Lincoln where she teaches on the MSc Clinical Animal Behaviour program. She has co-authored a NY Times Best-Selling book with John Bradshaw entitled 'The Trainable Cat' which details how training can be used to improve cats' mental wellbeing.

Richard Ford, DVM, MS, DACVIM, DACVPM (Hon) North Carolina State University, Hendersonville, North Carolina

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Dr. Richard Ford is Emeritus Professor of Medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University. A graduate of Ohio State University, Dr. Ford practiced small animal and equine medicine prior to completing the internal medicine residency at Michigan State University. He taught internal medicine at Purdue University and North Carolina State University. He is board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and is an honorary Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. Dr. Ford was the Lead Editor of the 2017 AAHA Canine Vaccine Guidelines and was a co-author of the AAFP Feline Vaccine Guidelines from 1998 to 2013. Outside of veterinary medicine, Dr. Ford spent 28 years with the US Air Force as a Biomedical Scientist. He retired from the USAF Reserve as a Brigadier General, where he was assigned to the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General at the Pentagon.

Anne-Marie Germain, DVM Village Cat Clinic, Cambridge, Ontario

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Dr. Anne-Marie Germain graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1999. Since graduation, she devoted several years to private practice including 8 years focused on her true love, cats, in feline-only clinics. She currently works in two feline-only practices in Ontario, alongside some of Canada's ABVP feline specialists. She enjoys everything related to cats but has a particular fondness for feline urology, nutrition, and weight management as well as behavior, including raising awareness of feline environmental needs to optimize the mental and physical health of our feline patients. Another large portion of her career was spent as a Technical Services Veterinarian then Scientific Communications Specialist for Royal Canin. During this time, she provided individualized nutritional consultations and numerous continuing education events to veterinary teams across Canada. For several years, she was the subject matter expert on the Canadian urinary portfolio. She worked closely with the Canadian Veterinary Urolith Centre and various specialists, developing a passion and expertise in the management of lower urinary tract disease in cats and dogs, particularly urolithiasis management and feline idiopathic cystitis.

John Godbold, DVM Stonehaven Veterinary Consulting, Jackson, Tennessee

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Dr. Godbold is a veteran of 33 years of solo small animal practice. For over 20 years he has had a special interest in medical photobiology and the practical applications of lasers and thermal imaging. He now works teaching colleagues and assisting equipment manufacturers with the development of new laser and light-based technologies. In high-demand as a continuing education speaker, he has led over 800 laser workshops, wet-labs, and continuing education meetings throughout North America and in over 25 countries around the world.

Henry Green, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology) Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dr. Henry Green recently returned to his Alma Mater Louisiana State University (DVM C/O '99) as associate professor of cardiology following a nearly twenty year stint at Purdue University CVM. He has since been named Associate Dean of Inclusive Excellence. Following completion of his internship at the University of Tennessee in 2000, he completed a residency in cardiology at Purdue University in 2003. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in Cardiology at that time and remained as a faculty member of Purdue University CVM until 2020. Dr. Green has been published in numerous peer-reviewed publications, medical texts, and scientific abstracts and has been awarded research grants from multiple organizations. He truly enjoys teaching and mentoring on every level of the profession. His professional awards/honors attest to his efforts and include The Weedon Faculty Teaching Recognition Award, Student Recognition Excellence in Teaching, The Raymond E. Plue Alumni Teaching award, and The Zoetis Iverson Bell Summit Diversity and Inclusion Award. His areas of interest include interventional cardiology, cardiac pacing, muscle atrophy, and cardiomyopathies.

Laura Greene, DVM, DACVIM Merck Animal Health, Raleigh, North Carolina

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Dr. Laura Greene graduated with her DVM from North Carolina State's College of Veterinary Medicine, completed a rotating small animal internship at the University of Georgia, and then returned to NC State for her residency in small animal internal medicine. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and spent several years in specialty private practice before joining Merck Animal Health as a Senior Professional Services Veterinarian. Her areas of interest include infectious disease, immunology, and endocrinology, and she has a love of teaching.

Randal Gregg, PhD Nova Southeastern University, Clearwater, Florida

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Randal Gregg is an Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology in the Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine at Nova Southeastern University in Clearwater, Florida. Dr. Gregg received his PhD degree from the University of Missouri School of Medicine in Molecular Microbiology and Immunology where he worked on development of immune-related therapies for autoimmune diseases. He has taught Microbiology and Immunology in medical schools for 14 years and he has an active research program looking at the mechanisms employed by viruses to escape the immune response and developing vaccine delivery systems for application to bacterial and viral infectious agents as well as cancers.

Margaret Gruen, DVM, MVPH, PhD, DACVB North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Raleigh, North Carolina

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Dr. Margaret Gruen completed her veterinary degree at the University of Illinois. She then went to North Carolina State University for an internship followed by a residency in veterinary behavior. She completed a Masters in Veterinary Public Health and became a board-certified veterinary behaviorist. After a few years on the faculty at NCSU, she decided to pursue a PhD with a focus on understanding the behaviors associated with pain in cats with naturally-occurring arthritis. She then spent two years at Duke University, where she co-directed the Canine Cognition Center, and has since returned to North Carolina State University and is now an Associate Professor of Behavioral Medicine. She is always excited about the opportunity to talk about cats!

Anne Hale, DVM
VetStem, Poway, California

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Dr. Anne Hale is formally trained in small animal internal medicine with a comparative postdoctoral NIH fellowship in transfusion medicine. She has been an active translational scientist in the cellular therapy world for over 25 years with successful translation of lyophilized small molecules and cells for use in transfusion and regenerative medicine. Dr. Hale is a recognized speaker and author with recent publications in cellular therapy for use in control of shock, hemorrhage, and endotheliopathy. Her clinical practice limited to small animal Internal Medicine has been focused on immune mediated diseases as well as utilization of cellular therapies for immunomodulation and endotheliopathy. Dr. Hale has successfully completed comparative veterinary clinical trials developed to support the One Health Initiative as both Level 1 evidence-based medicine for common transfusion and cellular practice and preclinical support for human cellular therapies. Active in organized veterinary medicine through the New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association as a recent president, she has been involved in the legislative clarification of transfusion and cellular therapy for animals. She is a member and past board member of the Association of Veterinary Hematology and Transfusion Medicine.

Melissa Hall, DVM, DACVD
Animal Dermatology Clinic, Los Angeles, California

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Dr. Melissa Hall has been exploring her passion for pet medicine for as long as she can remember. Growing up as a Los Angeles native, Dr. Hall gave as much of her time as she was able to the Los Angeles Zoo, the Natural History Museum, the Equestrian Center, and many other animal focused local groups. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Physiology and Neuroscience from the University of California, San Diego prior to achieving her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the University of California, Davis. Dr. Hall's veterinary studies led her to a passion for veterinary dermatology that carried her through a 3-year residency with Animal Dermatology Clinic in Southern California. In 2011, Dr. Hall became a board-certified veterinary dermatologist and Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Dermatologists. Dr. Hall shares her passion for all aspects of skin and ear disease by lecturing all over the world and training residents. Dr. Hall specializes in treating allergic skin and ear diseases in dogs and cats. With her experience of practicing and seeing cases both nationally and internationally, Dr. Hall has guided owners to improve the quality of life for their pets.

Sarah Heath, BVSc, PgCertVE, DECAWBM(BM), CCAB, FHEA, FRCVS
Behavioural Referrals Veterinary Practice, Chester, England

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Dr. Sarah Heath qualified as a veterinary surgeon from Bristol University in 1988 and set up Behavioural Referrals Veterinary Practice in 1992. She sees clinical cases across North West England and wider afield through video platform consultations. In 2018, she was made an FRCVS for meritorious contributions to the profession in recognition of her work in establishing Behavioural Medicine as a veterinary discipline. She is an RCVS and EBVS® European Veterinary Specialist in Behavioural Medicine and an External Lecturer in small animal behavioural medicine on the veterinary undergraduate course at Liverpool University. In 2019, she gained her Postgraduate Certificate in Veterinary Education. Sarah has a special interest in the interplay between emotional and physical illness in dogs and cats.

Meghan Herron, DVM, DACVB
Gigi's, Canal Winchester, Ohio

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Dr. Meghan Herron is the Senior Director of Behavioral Medicine, Education, and Outreach at Gigi's – a shelter organization dedicated to improving the lives of shelter dogs. Prior to her current position she spent over a decade as an Associate Professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences as head of the Behavioral Medicine Service at her alma mater - The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Herron is the lead editor on the book "Decoding Your Cat" where The American College of Veterinary Behaviorists reveal how to prevent or change unwanted feline behaviors.

Duncan Lascelles, BSc, BVSc, CVA, PhD, FRCVS, DSAS(ST), DECVS, DACVS
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina

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Dr. Lascelles is the Dr. J. McNeely and Lynne K. DuBose Distinguished Professor of Musculoskeletal Health, and Professor of Translational Pain Research. His research program (Translational Research in Pain [TRiP]) develops methods to measure pain associated with spontaneous disease in animals, and seeks to understand the underlying neurobiology. His work improves pain control in companion animals, and facilitates analgesic development in human medicine through proof of concept studies in companion animals, and discovery of relevant pain signaling mechanisms. He has authored over 200 peer reviewed research papers and reviews, about 300 research abstracts, and about 30 book chapters.

Patty Lathan, VMD, MS, DACVIM
Mississippi State University CVM, Starkville, Mississippi

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Dr. Patty Lathan is a professor of small animal internal medicine at Mississippi State University. Her primary interest is endocrinology, specifically the management of adrenal disease and diabetes mellitus. She has published articles and book chapters, given lectures throughout the United States and internationally, and currently serves as the President of the Society for Comparative Endocrinology. Her students also publish educational endocrine music videos as an assignment for her elective, and those can be viewed on her YouTube channel.

Megan McClosky, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Dr. McClosky graduated summa cum laude from Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 2014. After earning her veterinary degree she completed a one-year rotating internship and Small Animal Internal Medicine residency at Penn Vet, earning board certification in 2018. Following her residency she stayed on as Lecturer of Internal Medicine at Penn Vet and was promoted to Assistant Professor in 2020. Within internal medicine her interests lie in infectious disease, hematology, and nephrology. She is passionate about veterinary education, resident training, and wellness in the veterinary community. Outside of veterinary medicine, Dr. McClosky enjoys spending time with her tripod shih tzu, Mabel, and her one-kidney cat, Doug Jones.

Ragen McGowan, PhD Nestlé Purina PetCare, St. Joseph, Missouri

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Ragen McGowan is Senior Manager of the Global Pet IoT, AI, and Digital Solutions Group at Nestlé Purina. She has over 20 years of experience in animal behavior research, the last 13 of which have been with Purina using a holistic approach incorporating both behavior and physiology to quantify affective states in dogs and cats. Ragen earned a B.S. in Zoology, a B.A. in Foreign Language & Literature and a PhD in Applied Ethology from Washington State University. Her PhD research focused on Contrafreeloading in grizzly bears, laying hens, and mice. Prior to joining Purina, Ragen held a post-doctoral research position at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala, Sweden with focus on the study of emotionality in dogs. This included exploring Cognitive Bias and the 'Eureka Effect.' She is now bringing her knowledge of animal behavior and emotions into the digital space to better connect owners with their pets by translating pet data into meaningful insights regarding pet health and wellbeing; giving our pets a voice. Ragen has a passion for sharing her knowledge, speaking at a variety of events, serving as a reviewer for several scientific journals, and contributing as a scientific expert for congresses, roundtables, and podcasts.

Eric Morissette, DVM, DACVP (Clinical) Zoetis, Fort Collins, Colorado

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A native of Montreal, Quebec, Dr. Morissette received his DVM from the University of Montreal in 1998 and then worked in a small-animal practice in Virginia Beach/Chesapeake, Virginia for 8 years. He then attended the University of Florida to complete a residency in clinical pathology. Dr. Morissette was granted the American College of Veterinary Pathologists board certification in 2009. After becoming a Board-Certified Veterinary Clinical Pathologist, Dr. Morissette provided clinical pathology consultation services for Abaxis for 11 years before joining the Zoetis Global Diagnostics, Medical Affairs team. During all that time, he has been involved in various research projects and teaching opportunities around the world.

Mark Peterson, DVM, DACVIM Animal Endocrine Clinic, New York, New York

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Dr. Mark Peterson is well known for his clinical research and teaching in small animal endocrinology. Mark is the owner and director of the Animal Endocrine Clinic, a specialty referral hospital now devoted primarily to the diagnosis and treatment of cats with thyroid disease, where he conducts most of his clinic research. He also serves as adjunct Professor of Medicine at the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, where he teaches and collaborates with investigators. Over the last 45 years, most of Dr. Peterson's clinical and research efforts have been directed toward advancing our understanding of naturally-occurring endocrine disorders of the cat, especially hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, diabetes mellitus, calcium disorders, and adrenal disease. He has published more than 600 journal articles, book chapters, and research abstracts. With more than 600 lecture presentations to his credit, Dr. Peterson is a frequent speaker at veterinary colleges and scientific seminars around the world.

Jessica Quimby, DVM, PhD, DACVIM The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

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Dr. Quimby is an associate professor at the Ohio State University who is board-certified in small animal internal medicine and specializes in feline nephrology. Dr. Quimby has received the International Renal Interest Society Award and the AVMF/Winn Feline Foundation Research Award for her contributions to nephrology and feline medicine. In 2021, she was selected to serve on the IRIS board.

Kathryn Reif, MSPH, PhD Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Manhattan, Kansas

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Dr. Kathryn Reif is an associate professor in the Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University. Dr. Reif's research interests broadly revolve around vectors and vector-borne diseases of veterinary, medical, and agricultural importance, with a primary focus on ticks and tick-borne pathogens. Some of Dr. Reif's on-going research projects include: i) developing new approaches for studying tick feeding behaviors, ii) evaluating efficacy of ectoparasiticide products, and iii) examining tick-borne pathogen prevalence. Dr. Reif enjoys engaging veterinarians and clients/producers in research projects and delivering presentations on the importance of ticks and tick-borne pathogens.

Ilona Rodan, DVM, DABVP (Feline), CCBC, IAABC Cat Behavior Solutions, LLC, Madison, Wisconsin

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Dr. Ilona Rodan is ABVP certified in feline practice since 1995. Her passion is feline behavior and how to handle cats in veterinary practices to enhance feline welfare and human safety. She is the owner and director of Cat Behavior Consultations, LLC and the former medical director and owner of the Cat Care Clinic in Madison, Wisconsin from 1987-2015. Dr. Rodan is an active volunteer of the American Association of Feline Practitioners, a past-president, and former chair of the AAFP Cat Friendly Practice® Committee. She has also co-chaired several guidelines and welfare position statements, including the Feline-Friendly Handling, Feline Environmental Needs, and Pain Management Guidelines. She presents nationally and internationally on feline medicine and behavior, and leads workshops on feline-friendly handling. In 2005, she was awarded the AVMA Animal Welfare Award for her leadership and contributions to advancing feline medicine and behavior. Dr. Rodan has written journal articles and book chapters, and is a co-editor and co-author of the veterinary textbook, *Feline Behavioral Health and Welfare*, published in 2015.

Ashlie Saffire, DVM, DABVP (Feline) Cats Only Veterinary Clinic, Columbus, Ohio

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Dr. Ashlie Saffire is a practicing feline medicine specialist, board-certified with the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. She is a 2011 graduate of The Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine and has been practicing at Cats Only Veterinary Clinic since relocating to Columbus in 2015 from her home town of Buffalo, NY. She is the Medical Director and ABVP residency advisor at Cats Only and currently serves on the board of directors for the American Association of Feline Practitioners. She is also a tutor for the University of Sydney's Feline Medicine Distance Education Course. Dr. Saffire specializes in feline internal medicine and management of complex disease processes and disorders. Dr. Saffire is a published author and has served as primary investigator in several pilot studies and pivotal clinical trials in feline medicine. As an invited speaker, Dr. Saffire hopes to share her clinical experience and expertise in feline medicine with the veterinary profession.

Rebecca Salazar, DVM, DACVAA
Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialist, Houston, Texas

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Dr. Rebecca Salazar is board-certified in Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia. She completed veterinary school at Texas A&M University and completed her residency there as well. Prior to coming to her current position at Gulf Coast Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Salazar was an assistant professor at Center for Veterinary Health Sciences at Oklahoma State University. She considers teaching current anesthesia protocols one of the most enjoyable aspects of her job. Her particular clinical interests include novel approaches to providing analgesia; to include peripheral nerve blocks, epidural catheters, and tailor-made analgesic plans for surgical, oncologic, trauma, and internal medicine patients.

Catharine Scott-Moncrieff, MA, VMB, MS, DACVIM, DECVIM
Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

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Dr. Catharine Scott-Moncrieff received her Veterinary Degree from the University of Cambridge in 1985. She completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada, and a residency and Master of Science degree in internal medicine at Purdue University. In 1989, she joined the faculty of Purdue University, where she is currently Professor of small animal internal medicine and head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (small animal), and the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (companion animal). Her research and clinical interests are canine and feline endocrinology, and she is an author of more than 70 peer reviewed publications in small animal endocrinology and internal medicine.

Kelly St. Denis, DVM, MSc, DABVP (Feline)
St. Denis Veterinary Professional Corporation, Brantford, Ontario

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Dr. Kelly St. Denis is board-certified with the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in the specialty of feline practice. In her early career she trained in molecular biology and immunology, and in the field of cancer research. In 1999, she graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College and owned and operated the Charing Cross Cat Clinic from 2007 to 2020. Dr. St. Denis is Immediate Past President of the AAFP and an active volunteer in the organization. Dr. St. Denis is a consultant on the Veterinary Information Network in feline internal medicine.

Madeleine Stahl, DVM
Merck Animal Health, Madison, New Jersey

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Dr. Madeleine Stahl received her veterinary degree from the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. After graduation, she practiced small animal medicine in New Jersey and Virginia. Over the following 32 years, she has held several positions within the animal health industry. Dr. Stahl is currently an Associate Director of Medical Affairs focused on biologicals and endocrine products at Merck Animal Health. She was honored with the Circle of Excellence award in 2013 and Customer Care Award in 2015 and 2018.

Sarah Sweet, DVM
IDEXX Laboratories, Westbrook, Maine

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Dr. Sarah Sweet is a 2004 graduate of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Sarah worked in the financial industry in Boston and New York for 12 years before pursuing her dream of veterinary medicine. Following graduation, she practiced small animal general and emergency medicine for 11 years in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine, where she co-founded a companion animal practice on the beautiful coast of Maine. Sarah joined IDEXX Laboratories as Medical Affairs Specialist in March 2018. Prior to joining IDEXX, she was the Senior Professional Services Veterinarian for Merck Animal Health in the Northeast. She is a Past President of the Maine VMA and was named Maine's Emerging Leader in 2011.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022 – PRE-CONFERENCE DAY

- 7:45 – 11:45 am** **W** **Hands-on Feline Orthopedic Evaluation Workshop**, *Drs. Duncan Lascelles & Margaret Gruen* **IPO**
 The approach to a clinically meaningful and efficient orthopedic evaluation of the cat will be discussed. The components of capturing a relevant history, observation of the cat, and the hands-on examination will be presented and discussed. Delegates will gain hands-on (yes, live cats) and expert guided experience in techniques for successful orthopedic / osteoarthritis examinations. Cat friendly and staff friendly approaches will be emphasized. Learn how to augment your feline practice and build stronger client bonds with your cat owners. Review tools and protocols to optimize outcomes for your feline osteoarthritic patients. Read more on page 24 (separate registration required).
- 10:00 – 10:50 am** **Crusty, Crusty Cats! Pathway to a Diagnosis**, *Dr. Melissa Hall* **LS**
 During this lecture we will review key findings in regards to history, examination, and in-clinic diagnostics to reach a diagnosis for our crusty feline patients. We will review relevant findings in regards to cutaneous cytology, skin scraping, and dermatophyte testing as well as advanced testing including tissue biopsies.
- 10:55 – 11:45 am** **Allergic Kitties: Tips & Tricks for Successful Diagnosis & Management**, *Dr. Melissa Hall* **LS**
 During this lecture, we will dive into the often confusing and frustrating world of diagnosing and treating allergic hypersensitivity reactions in the cat. We will review common historical and clinical presentations as well as create a diagnostic pathway to distinguish between flea, food, and environmental triggers. We will also review various treatment options to help manage these cases with the goal to keep the cat and the owner comfortable.
- 12:15 – 1:15 pm** **To the Bladder & Beyond: The Role of Stress in Feline Urinary Health**, *Dr. Julia Albright* **LS**
 Cats urinate outside the litter box for a myriad of reasons, and stress is a contributing factor in many cases of litter box aversion, urine marking, and somatic diseases such as feline interstitial cystitis or urinary tract infections. Furthermore, acute and chronic stress has been linked to other illnesses, organ dysfunction, and behavior problems. Attendees will gain a better understanding of normal feline urinary behavior and environmental needs within a home, as well as management and pharmaceutical treatment options for reducing feline stress to improve urinary health and overall wellbeing.
- 1:30 – 2:20 pm** **Fabulous Felines but Difficult Diabetics: Approach to Complicated Diabetic Patients**, *Dr. Laura Greene* **LS**
 This presentation will examine the approach to difficult-to-regulate diabetics, including discussing the benefits and strategy of an individualized approach, and the most common culprits and comorbidities causing dysregulation of diabetes in cats. Attendees will have exposure to a step-by-step process of diabetic management, and will gain communication strategies for identifying obstacles to diabetic regulation, an introduction to up-and-coming potential therapeutics for feline diabetes and comorbidities, and an exploration of technologies that can help facilitate monitoring and management of complicated diabetics.
- 2:20 – 3:15 pm** **Novel RNA Particle Vaccine Technology**, *Dr. Laura Greene* **LS**
 This presentation will review the biology and benefits of RNA particle vaccines, detailing the unique features that make them a remarkable and exciting addition to the world of veterinary vaccines. Attendees will gain familiarity with the concept of a vaccine platform, which allows the potential creation of multiple vaccines from a single RNA particle vaccine base. The results of a trial in cats will also be discussed.
- 3:45 – 4:35 pm** **Feline Addison's & Cushing's: Cat Adrenals are Not Small Dog Adrenals!**, *Dr. Patty Lathan* **LS**
 In this session, we'll discuss diagnosis and treatment of Addison's Disease and Cushing's Syndrome in cats, and some of the similarities and differences with the diseases in cats and dogs. A case-based approach will be used, and specifics regarding diagnostics and treatments in cats will be addressed.
- 4:35 – 5:30 pm** **Feline Hyperaldosteronism & Acromegaly: Are We Missing These Patients?**, *Dr. Patty Lathan* **LS**
 In this session, we'll discuss diagnosis and treatment of hyperaldosteronism and acromegaly in cats. Abnormal findings on physical examinations and minimum data base that should help the clinician identify these patients (earlier) will be addressed, as well as treatments that can help these cats feel better.

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- 8:15 – 9:30 am** **C** **Cat Friendly Interactions**, *Drs. Sarah Heath & Ilona Rodan* **LS**
 The aim of Cat Friendly interactions is to improve feline welfare and to increase the safety of caregivers and members of the veterinary team. This presentation will discuss the principles of Cat Friendly interactions and explain how taking this approach can help to reduce the potential stress of the veterinary visit from start to finish. Consideration will be given to the importance of reading feline body language accurately in order to reduce negative, and promote positive, emotions..
- 11:00 – 11:50 am** **A** **The Challenging Cat**, *Dr. Sarah Heath* **LS**
 When cats are labelled as being challenging by veterinary professionals or feline caregivers it is important to ask questions about why the cat is behaving in that way. This presentation will consider the emotional motivations behind common challenging behaviors as well as the potential for physical and cognitive health factors to be involved. Practical approaches to dealing with the challenging cat will be explored.
- B** **Optimizing the Use of Continuous Glucose Monitoring in Diabetic Cats: Case Selection, Report Interpretation, Troubleshooting, & More**, *Dr. Catharine Scott-Moncrieff* **LS**
 This lecture will review the basics of diabetic monitoring in cats with a focus on how to integrate continuous interstitial glucose monitoring into the monitoring protocol. Topics will include case selection, sensor placement and activation, data upload, and report interpretation. We will also discuss how to identify errors and how to troubleshoot problems that may arise.

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- 11:55 – 12:45 pm** **A Neonatal & Pediatric Kittens**, *Dr. Sarah Heath* **LS**
 This presentation will discuss the emotional development of kittens as it relates to creating emotional stability and exploring the role of the veterinary profession in optimizing kitten development. The provision of appropriate advice for breeders and caregivers will be covered. In addition, the importance of veterinary professionals leading by example during veterinary visits and hospitalization by providing appropriate experiences for young kittens, will be highlighted.
- B Beyond Total T4 in Diagnosis of Feline Hyperthyroidism: Role of Concurrent Illness & Approach to Grey-zone Results**, *Dr. Catharine Scott-Moncrieff* **LS**
 This lecture will update current recommendations for diagnosis of feline hyperthyroidism. Topics will include a review of available diagnostic tests, how to accurately diagnose feline hyperthyroidism in cats with concurrent illness, and how to interpret grey-zone results. Case examples will be used to illustrate test interpretation.
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm** **L Ticks Like Cats Too! An Update on the Threat of Ticks & Tick-borne Pathogens for Cats**, *Dr. Kathryn Reif* **IPO**
 Ticks pose a health risk to cats as a nuisance blood-feeding pest and through the numerous pathogens they can vector. Increased globalization, increased movement of humans and animals, and changing climate have helped facilitate the spread of vectors including ticks and their associated pathogens. This presentation will review the risk ticks and tick-borne pathogens pose to cats in the U.S. Additionally, this presentation will review best practices for reducing the risk of tick-borne pathogen transmission and tick-borne diseases for cats.
- L Expanding the Toolbox: Cutting Edge Diagnostics to Improve Outcomes in Patients with Early Renal Disease**, *Dr. Sarah Sweet* **IPO**
 Utilization of novel and existing renal biomarkers as recommended by the International Renal Interest Society (IRIS) Guidelines provides veterinarians with clear-cut tools to aid in the diagnosis, staging, and treatment of kidney disease in cats. Novel biomarkers such as symmetric dimethyl arginine (SDMA) have provided clinicians with the ability to diagnose kidney disease earlier in feline patients. This, in turn, provides opportunities for more targeted interventions which can lead to increased longevity and better outcomes for feline patients diagnosed with kidney disease.
- L Don't Miss a Diagnosis: Comprehensive CBC with AI & Human Expertise in Your Practice**, *Dr. Eric Morissette* **IPO**
 This session will focus on the diagnostic power of a comprehensive CBC. Using case based examples, we will explore advances in AI technology that makes blood films easier than ever. Come learn how to leverage your automated hematology analyzer with AI blood smear technology!
- 2:10 – 3:00 pm** **A Creating a Cat Friendly Veterinary Environment: Setting Patients Up for Success**, *Drs. Sarah Heath & Ilona Rodan* **LS**
 The potentially challenging nature of the veterinary visit for feline patients is well documented. This presentation will discuss the potential impact of sensory arousal within the veterinary context and explore ways in which modification of the physical environment within the practice, training of staff, and selection of procedural protocols can help to set patients up for success.
- B Pancreatitis in the Diabetic Cat**, *Dr. Catharine Scott-Moncrieff* **LS**
 This lecture will review the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of pancreatitis with a specific focus on pancreatitis in diabetic cats. Topics will include the role of pancreatitis in pathogenesis of pancreatitis in cats, impact of sub-clinical pancreatitis on diabetic regulation, diagnosis of acute versus chronic pancreatitis in cats, and approach to treatment of both acute and chronic pancreatitis in diabetic cats.
- 3:05 – 3:55 pm** **A Cat Friendly Hospitalization: Optimizing the Inpatient Experience**, *Dr. Sarah Heath* **LS**
 The hospitalization of the feline patient can be challenging. The aims are to provide necessary physical health care while ensuring the protection of the patient's mental wellbeing. These aims overlap considerably as the physical, emotional, and cognitive health of the individual cat all impact one another. This presentation will consider practical ways in which the health triad can be considered in order to optimize the inpatient experience.
- B Practical Tips & Pearls for the Management of Feline Urolithiasis**, *Dr. Anne-Marie Germain* **LS**
 During this session, the speaker will share practical tips and pearls to help in the management of feline urolithiasis. The session will offer answers to common questions and challenges veterinary teams are faced with in private practice. At the end of the lecture, those attending should have a good understanding of the information needed to design a successful individualized management plan, be familiar with various nutritional strategies and how they can be leveraged for urolithiasis management, as well as be equipped with a list of measures to implement when the follow up results don't meet our prevention targets. The attendees should also leave more confident navigating through the diet options in order to select the most optimal diet for each patient, including patients with preferences, a history of stone recurrence, or comorbidities.
- 4:55 – 5:45 pm** **A Addressing Distress in the Home Environment**, *Dr. Ilona Rodan* **LS**
 Many companion cats do not have mental (emotional and cognitive) wellbeing in their homes despite well-meaning cat caregivers. This case-based presentation will support you in identifying the common causes with the goal of improving feline welfare, prevention, or early detection of behavioral concerns and prevention of stressor-stacking during the veterinary visit.
- B Panel Discussion - Piecing the Puzzle Together: Medical or Behavioral?**, *Dr. Margaret Gruen (moderator), Ms. Kara Burns, Drs. Elizabeth Colleran, Jessica Quimby, Catharine Scott-Moncrieff, & Kelly St. Denis* **LS**
 Led by Dr. Margaret Gruen, this session will include case-based discussions with multiple panelists as they explore and determine whether each case is behavioral or medical. Discussions will include diagnosis and approach.

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7:00 – 7:50 am

S **Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV): More Complex Than We Thought**, *Dr. Richard Ford* **LS**

This clinical update stresses several key issues pertaining to the diagnosis, management, and prevention of Feline Leukemia Virus infection in domestic cats. Key clinical issues addressed during the presentation include risk for exposure/infection, vaccination, age-related resistance, interpretation of FeLV-Ag test results within the context of pathogenesis, and long-term patient management.

S **Practical Side for Implementing Monoclonal Antibodies**, *Dr. Elizabeth Colleran* **LS**

The single most important step towards treating chronic pain in cats is to develop a strategy for accomplishing pain recognition in cats. The first step towards accomplishing this is to achieve a clear step-by-step approach to pain recognition among team members. The consistent use of an artificial intelligence app by all members of the team will help create a consistent picture. Once an established discipline is created for the team, using pain recognition tools and artificial intelligence, outreach can begin to take place to caregivers. The second step for implementing monoclonal antibodies within the practice is consistent messaging regarding pain management. The subtlety of feline pain manifestation is a barrier that can easily be overcome once the entire team is trained and they begin to use their new skills interacting with caregivers. Before and after treatment videos will be particularly helpful in solidifying the caregivers' willingness to engage in chronic therapy. This talk will discuss the science behind the use of monoclonal antibodies in pain management, tools for creating a team strategy, and multiple case reports that will demonstrate the power of visual imagery to create caregiver commitment.

8:00 – 8:50 am

A **Nutrition in CKD: Focus on Calories & Calcium**, *Dr. Jessica Quimby* **LS**

Poor appetite is a major quality of life concern for cats with CKD. This presentation will discuss possible pathophysiological mechanisms of inappetence in CKD, recent research on management of nausea and inappetence in CKD cats, and nutritional goals for these patients. Calcium-phosphorus physiology will be reviewed and recent concerns about hypercalcemia in CKD will be discussed.

B **The Critical Cat: Part 1**, *Dr. Christopher Byers* **LS**

Feline patients are frequently presented in critical condition due to a wide variety of medical and surgical problems. Timely and effective intervention are required to maximize the likelihood of a positive outcome. Learners will review cardiopulmonary resuscitation, as well as practical approaches to hypotension, dyspnea, thoracic trauma, and shock.

C **Feline Thermal Imaging: What the Pretty Colors Tell Us**, *Dr. John Godbold* **LS**

See how the pretty colors of feline thermal images and the visual representation of body surface temperatures give us unique physiological information and serve as a road map for further diagnostics. Clinical cases will illustrate how thermal images detect problems earlier, when physiological changes are present, and before structural changes appear. Learn how to map areas requiring further evaluation, identify secondary areas of compensation, and objectively monitor any therapeutic plan.

8:55 – 9:45 pm

A **Inter-cat Conflict**, *Dr. Sarah Heath* **LS**

Conflict between cats is a very common problem and can have implications for the physical, as well as emotional, health of feline patients. This presentation will discuss how cases of feline conflict can be identified by veterinary practitioners and explain how understanding the reasons for conflict can lead to a selection of appropriate management and treatment approaches.

B **The Critical Cat: Part 2**, *Dr. Christopher Byers* **LS**

See Part 1 abstract above.

C **But I Can't Pill my Cat: Options for Non-pharmacologic Pain Management in Cats**, *Dr. John Godbold* **LS**

Help your clients avoid the battles of wits, wills, and claws. Begin incorporating non-pharmacological pain management techniques for patients whose owners cannot medicate them at home. Learn how to expand your multi-modal pain management protocols by including therapeutic modalities and technologies that will help reduce your patients' pain and the unpleasant battles at home.

11:00 – 12:15 pm

A **Cat Friendly Homes: Setting Clients up for Success**, *Dr. Sarah Heath* **LS**

This presentation will consider the importance of the physical and social environment in relation to the physical and mental wellbeing of pet cats. The responsibility of caregivers in providing a home that caters for the species-specific needs of the cat will be discussed. Creating a Cat Friendly environment within the home does not need to be expensive and can be a lot of fun! Practical advice for clients on how to achieve this aim will be explored.

B **QOL in CKD: Make Every Medication Matter**, *Dr. Jessica Quimby* **LS**

Management of CKD can be complex and require multiple medications due to the various complications of the disease. Balancing these therapies with each individual cat's tolerances to create an acceptable QOL is important. Management of CKD with these goals in mind will be discussed.

C **Kitten Nutrition: Starting Them Off Right & Making Nutritional Recommendations**, *Ms. Kara Burns* **LS**

Proper nutritional management is one of the most important factors in managing health and disease. The healthcare team should be educated and proactive when discussing nutrition with clients. Kittens are dependent on the queen to provide food during the neonatal or nursing period. The transition from queen's milk to solid food (weaning) is a gradual process and is an integral part of the nursing period. However, the veterinary team must be prepared to care for orphaned kittens as well. Kittens are considered orphaned if they lack sufficient maternal care for survival from birth to weaning. The post weaning period through the first year of life is a critical time for development. It is important for the veterinary team and the pet owner to impart a strong nutritional foundation to help support the growth and development of the kitten throughout the demanding neonatal and post weaning period. This presentation will discuss feeding nursing kittens, feeding orphaned kittens, and integrating the weaning process. Additionally, we will discuss nutritional assessment, key nutrients for a healthy kitten, and feeding to achieve healthy growth, optimize trainability and immune function, and minimize obesity. The healthcare team should be educated and proactive when discussing nutrition with clients. This presentation will allow the team to present a researched and educated nutritional recommendation to clients.

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- 12:30 – 1:30 pm**
- L COVID-19: A New World in Human & Veterinary Vaccines**, *Drs. Randal Gregg & Madeleine Stahl* **IPO**
This session will review differences in human COVID-19 vaccines and similar veterinary applications. Attendees will learn how SARS CoV-2 disease presents in humans and about efficacy and safety data available for the different types of human COVID-19 vaccines. The application of new technology to develop a feline COVID vaccine will also be presented.
 - L Giving Your Cat a Voice: How Tracking Elimination Behavior Provides Insights into Health & Emotional Wellbeing**, *Dr. Ragen McGowan* **IPO**
The litter box is a window into what is going on with our cats' health and emotional wellbeing. This session will provide a high-level overview of a comprehensive ethogram of cat behavior in and around the litter box, as well as what we know about cat preference in a multi-cat household. By understanding the litter box from the cat's perspective, we can look out for subtle changes in elimination patterns that serve as early indicators of change in health state. Keeping tabs on litter box behavior with digital tools can move us from a reactive to a proactive approach to health for cats.
 - L Uremic Toxins in CKD: Why Should We Care?**, *Dr. Jessica Quimby* **IPO**
Uremic toxins are substances that build up in the body due to decreased GFR. Of particular interest are uremic toxins that are produced in the colon due to protein fermentation (e.g. indoxyl sulfate). The formation of uremic toxins, their many possible deleterious effects, as well as possible treatment strategies will be discussed.
- 1:40 – 2:30 pm**
- A Taking the Edge Off: Sedation Before and/or During Veterinary Visits**, *Dr. Robin Downing* **LS**
In the past, cats who resisted or even fought veterinary visits were labeled "bad cats." These cats are NOT bad! They may be frightened, they may be anxious, they may even be painful, so for them the veterinary visit is torture. This session will provide ideas for pre- and during-visit sedation options that will not mask pain if it is present but will allow both cats and veterinary team members to be safe and comfortable.
 - B Practical Fluid Therapy: More than "Twice Maintenance"**, *Dr. Christopher Byers* **LS**
Feline patients often require fluid therapy to help treat a myriad of disease processes. Learners will review types of fluids and how to develop a logical fluid therapy plan. They will also be introduced to the endothelial glycocalyx and highlight current controversies associated with synthetic colloids.
 - C PURRfecting the Feline Exam: Communicating with Clients to Get the Information You Need**, *Dr. Elizabeth Colleran & Margaret Gruen* **LS**
Getting systematic information from cats and their people can be tricky. In this session, Drs. Colleran and Gruen will discuss communication techniques for getting the most information during your feline exam, particularly with regard to feline mobility and osteoarthritis pain. This will include how to shift our language and creative ways to extend the exam room using pictures and videos from clients' homes.
- 3:15 – 4:05 pm**
- A Seek & Ye Shall Find: Pain Exams in Cats**, *Dr. Robin Downing* **LS**
Cats are notorious for declining to tell their humans when something is wrong. Particularly when pain is present, cats are particularly reticent. This session will provide a demonstration of a feline-friendly (and effective) palpation strategy to help you look for, and find, pain in your feline patients.
 - B Diagnosis & Management of Chronic Vomiting**, *Dr. Christopher Byers* **LS**
Chronic vomiting is one of the most common reasons for which feline patients are presented to a veterinarian. Attendees will review common primary and secondary gastrointestinal etiologies. They will also discuss a logical diagnostic plan and options for antiemetic therapy.
 - C Conducting Procedures in the Exam Room & Techniques for Obtaining Diagnostics**, *Dr. Elizabeth Colleran* **LS**
Several studies have demonstrated that separating cats from their caregivers in the veterinary setting creates more of an experience of stress for both parties. Everyone on the veterinary team understands that caregivers want the best care for their beloved cats and are worried when they disappear into a big room with more people and barking dogs. The effects of stress on physical parameters has been well documented. This talk will demonstrate techniques for improving a cat's ability to cope with the stress of a trip outside their home range, interactions with strangers, and the presence of other animals. Not only should most procedures be done in the examination room with the owner present, when a trip to another procedure room is necessary the client should remain in the presence of the cat and be engaged in the process. Specific techniques for gentle handling, engaging the client, and performing procedures in the exam room will be demonstrated.
- 4:10 – 4:35 pm**
- A Catupuncture & Meowssage in Cat Friendly Practice**, *Dr. Robin Downing* **LS**
Medical acupuncture is a useful tool that we can use to good advantage in Cat Friendly Practice. So, too, medical massage. This session will provide participants with some ideas for leveraging these physical medicine techniques to help cats.
 - B Gabapentin Sedation in Cats With & Without CKD**, *Dr. Jessica Quimby* **LS**
Gabapentin has become popular as a medication prescribed to reduce stress and improve compliance in feline patients during veterinary visits. However, this dose may be inappropriate for elderly cats, specifically those with CKD as gabapentin is cleared only by renal excretion. This session will review our current state of knowledge and present new data to help inform how gabapentin dosing should be altered in this patient population.
 - C Cat Friendly: Getting (& Keeping) the Whole Team on Board**, *Dr. Elizabeth Colleran* **LS**
Cat Friendly Practice® (CFP) has the potential to create an enthusiasm for a shared vision within the practice team. As we emerge from very stressful times it is important to restore and reinforce enthusiasm for veterinary practices that seem to have suffered in the last 2 years. We will discuss techniques for restoring enthusiasm, reinforcing the value of how we interact with our feline patients, and to help heal our team. The consequences of these stressful times can be counteracted with a mission to improve the experience of feline patients and their caregivers.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 continued

4:40 – 5:15 pm

Cat Friendly Practices® by the Data **LS**

Did you know that being a Cat Friendly Practice® (CFP) has real tangible benefits? We'll take a look at what the data shows including how being a Cat Friendly Practice® helps you, your team, cats, and cat caregivers. In this session we will review injury reduction data from CFPs and show how being a Cat Friendly Practice® can reduce injuries at your practice, decrease your insurance premium, increase revenue, and increase use of diagnostics for both wellness and clinical patients. We will also have time at the end of the session to answer questions about your CFP journey.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022

7:00 – 7:50 am

S Hematuria Detection: A New Standard of Care, Dr. Kelly St. Denis **LS**

Hematuria is a common feature of many feline lower urinary tract diseases. It often precedes other clinical signs of disease but is not detected until later in the disease process as gross hematuria in the litter box or during diagnostic urine testing. By this time, the patient is already experiencing clinical symptoms and discomfort or pain. The ability to detect hematuria early in the disease process gives caregivers a powerful tool which allows them to seek veterinary assistance early. This seminar will explore the technology behind Hematuria Detection and its application in managing feline urinary tract disease.

S Maximizing Claw & Order in Feline Anesthesia: A Case Based Approach, Dr. Rebecca Salazar **LS**

This interactive session will cover the continuum of care of anesthetic stages including a multimodal approach to feline anesthesia and the importance of a patient-centric experience.

7:30 – 10:00 am

W Cat Friendly Interactions & Handling Workshop, Dr. Ilona Rodan **IPO**

The goals of Cat Friendly handling are to minimize feline stressors and to promote positive veterinary experiences for cats, subsequently increasing feline welfare, client loyalty, and human safety. More appropriate handling techniques are provided for cats that continue to display fear or other negative emotions despite our best efforts. Understanding the cat is the foundation of feline handling principles and techniques. Cats are unique animals because they are the only solitary hunter that can live amicably with people. They have strong survival instincts and protective mechanisms when they perceive threats which are not uncommon during veterinary visits. This hands-on workshop will begin with an updated summary presentation to help understand cats and why certain handling techniques work best. This will be followed by a breakout into small groups with demonstration of multiple techniques by Dr. Rodan; each attendee will then have the opportunity to apply those techniques utilizing live cats. This session requires separate registration. Read more on page 24 (separate registration required).

8:00 – 8:50 am

A Understanding & Managing Feline Hypertension the Cat Friendly Way, Dr. Kelly St. Denis **LS**

Diagnosing and managing hypertension in the cat depends on a sound level of comfort and understanding with obtaining blood pressure readings in the first place. A familiarity with the equipment on hand is key. However, the most significant barrier to obtaining blood pressure readings in the cat is the cat itself, or rather how comfortable the cat is with the experience. Situational (white coat) hypertension is a genuine concern in the feline species. Extra attention paid to Cat Friendly interactions will go a long way to obtaining reliable readings while at the same time providing a positive experience for all. It's easier than you think!

B Chronic Pancreatitis: Diagnosis, Treatment, & Management, Dr. Megan McClosky **LS**

This lecture will focus on chronic pancreatitis in cats. We will discuss the limitations and benefits of the available diagnostic tests. We will discuss treatment and management strategies. The long-term sequelae of chronic pancreatitis will be reviewed.

8:55 – 9:45 pm

A Elimination as a Problem: Is it Behavior or is it Medical?, Drs. Julie Byron & Meghan Herron **LS**

"Peeing outside the litter box" is one of the most common, yet often dreaded, complaints general practitioners face. While many clients may be convinced their cat is urinating all over their house out of spite or revenge, many times there is actually a medical problem to blame. Determining whether or not an undesirable elimination pattern is a result of a medical problem is the first step in approaching feline elimination disorders. Attendees will learn common and not-so-common medical reasons for cats to show changes in their litter box habits, what minimal diagnostic screening tests to perform with every feline who presents with elimination problems, and what additional testing may be warranted based on that data. This presentation will be primarily case-based with questions and interaction encouraged.

B IBD to Lymphoma: How Do I Manage if the Client Won't Biopsy?, Dr. Megan McClosky **LS**

This lecture will focus on inflammatory bowel disease and small cell GI lymphoma in cats. We will discuss the similarities and differences between these two conditions. We will address the benefits and limitations of biopsy and focus on empiric therapy absent a biopsy diagnosis.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022 continued

- 10:45 – 11:35 am** **A** **Multi-cat Households: Stress, Feeding, Inter-cat Aggression, & More – Part 1**, *Dr. Meghan Herron* **LS**
 Living with multiple cats can be utter purr-fection for some households. But what about those who just don't get along? What cats are more likely to get along with other cats than others? The first step is knowing which cats will make a better match than others and how to appropriately introduce them. Next, one must be keen at observing and interpreting feline body language to determine how well cats are tolerating each other's presence. Finally, a resource-enriched environment, including feeding options that meet each individual cat's needs, is key to long-term success. Attendees will learn how to best promote a life of harmony and happiness for the humans and felines in the multi-cat household, utilizing all of these skills.
- B** **Felines with Cardiomyopathy: Is it Safe to...?**, *Dr. Henry Green* **LS**
 Cardiac disease in cats is an unfortunate common occurrence with various stages of disease. Unfortunately, most disease processes in cats are silent in nature and not found until the onset of heart failure. Following a brief review of disease pathophysiology, this session will attempt to answer the common question of "is it safe to...?" (including review of current drug recommendations, diagnostics/therapeutic procedures, and sedatives and anesthetics).
- 11:40 – 12:30 pm** **A** **Multi-cat Households: Stress, Feeding, Inter-cat Aggression, & More – Part 2**, *Dr. Meghan Herron* **LS**
 See Part 1 abstract above.
- B** **Feline Arterial Thromboembolic Disease: 24 Hours Can Tell a Story**, *Dr. Henry Green* **LS**
 Feline arterial thromboembolism "saddle thrombus" is a common sequela of advanced cardiac disease in cats. This syndrome is often devastating to owners and often results in euthanasia of cats presenting with this disease complication. This session will discuss current approaches to cats with this clinical syndrome including diagnostic and latest treatment options and results.
- 12:40 – 1:40 pm** **L** **Early Prediction Advantages for CKD**, *Dr. Ashlie Saffire* **IPO**
 What if genetics and oral microbiome testing could be used to identify potential risk factors for development of periodontal disease and chronic kidney disease in our feline patients? In this discussion we will share current research and advancements in feline oral health and what a cat's oral microbiome is telling us. We will also discuss how incorporating oral microbiome testing along with traditional diagnostics in your practice can elevate patient care by improving prediction of CKD and improve management of patient health over time.
- L** **Serum TSH: An Essential Tool for Diagnosis & Monitoring of Thyroid Disease in Cats**, *Dr. Mark Peterson* **IPO**
 When most veterinarians think of serum thyroid function tests commonly used to diagnose hyper- and hypothyroidism, the main thyroid hormones that come to mind include total T4 and free T4, with serum TSH concentrations considered only rarely. In cats, assays for measuring canine TSH (cTSH) are widely available, and these assays work well enough to be useful for clinical purposes. In addition, a new feline-optimized TSH assay has recently been launched, which appears to offer better diagnostic test sensitivity and specificity. In this review, I will explain why serum TSH should be moved up in the list of importance as a thyroid function test for cats. In fact, serum TSH concentration may actually be the best single diagnostic test for cats with hypothyroidism, as well as being a very useful test in cats with subclinical and mild hyperthyroidism.
- L** **Evidence Based Medicine Supporting Stem Cell Therapy in the Feline Patient**, *Dr. Anne Hale* **IPO**
 A growing body of published work supports the use of autologous and allogeneic stem cells for osteoarthritis, renal disease, inflammatory bowel disease, mucocutaneous dysplasias, and general immune mediated conditions. This lecture will review the evidence and explore the pathways to treat your feline patients with stem cells. Using an evidence-based approach to select a stem cell product or provider, we will discuss today's available products and services as well as future opportunities.
- 1:45 – 2:35 pm** **A** **My House is Not Your Toilet: Feline Elimination Problems**, *Dr. Meghan Herron* **LS**
 While cats may not recognize their inappropriate elimination patterns as problematic, families with such cats find it quite undesirable, making it the number one behavioral reason for relinquishment of cats to shelters and a common reason for the return of a previously adopted cat to a shelter. This session aims to boost general practitioners' knowledge regarding the current literature on feline elimination problems. This includes how to make an accurate diagnosis, as well as to implement safe and effective treatment strategies.
- B** **Blocked Cats: Anything New?**, *Dr. Julie Byron* **LS**
 We still struggle to find a way to prevent re-obstruction in our male cats with urethral obstruction. The attendee will hear about recent data involving prazosin and other peri-obstructive therapies and techniques. Some of our previous presumptions have been overturned in these studies.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022 continued

2:40 – 3:30 pm

A Integrated Care: Feline Psychopharmacology, Nutrition, & Supplements, Dr. Meghan Herron LS

Many indications for psychotropic medications exist, including generalized anxiety, separation anxiety, panic disorders, persistent phobias, compulsive disorders, and more. Daily drugs are given as such – every day, regardless of events, season, or stress level. Patients on daily psychotropic medications may still be in need of additional help to alleviate panic, fear and/or anxiety during predictable, situational events, as the daily medications may not be enough to control intense spike in stress levels. Other patients who display distress only as a result of known, predictable triggers, such as fireworks, car travel, or thunderstorms, may benefit from an event medication alone. In some cases, nutritional supplements and specialized diets can complement and, in some cases, replace the use of medication. This session will give an overview of the main classes of drugs and nutritional supplements used for daily treatment of emotional disorders as well as for “as needed” treatment of predictable panic/fear triggers in cats. We will cover how these medications work, what the therapeutic expectations are for each, and what side effects may be expected. Drug interactions, adverse effects, and weaning protocols will also be discussed.

B Feline Ureterolithiasis: Big Kidney-Little Kidney, Dr. Julie Byron LS

More than half of cats with ureteral obstruction have evidence of previous obstruction in the contralateral kidney. This session will discuss the current understanding of feline ureteral obstruction, how to recognize it, treatment options, and potential complications. Long term management of cats with subcutaneous ureteral bypass systems will also be addressed with case examples of complications.

On-demand Session Abstracts**Bring Back the Pounce: Managing Osteoarthritis in Cats, Ms. Kara Burns**

The goals of medical management of osteoarthritis include: 1) mitigation of risk factors, 2) controlling clinical signs, and 3) moderating progression of the disease. Effective medical management generally requires a multimodal approach. Clinical nutrition plays a critical role in the successful long-term management of patients with osteoarthritis. Prevention or reversal of obesity is one of the most effective mechanisms for reducing risk and modifying disease progression. We will review nutrients and nutritional management of OA in cats, aimed at easing the pain and slowing the progression of OA.

Feline Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy & the Role of Nutrition, Ms. Kara Burns

Feline Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) is the most common heart disease in cats. This presentation will review HCM, its prevalence, risk factors, signs, and breed predispositions. We will take an in-depth look at the role of nutrition as part of effective multimodal management of HCM, examining specific nutrients which aid in improving the quality of life for cats with HCM. Effective treatment requires a multifaceted approach, of which therapeutic nutrition is an important component. We will take an in-depth look at foods formulated for cats with cardiovascular disease and the specific nutrients that may help manage hypertension, decrease fluid retention, maintain heart muscle function, and help slow the progression of concurrent disease processes.

Feline IBD: Pathophysiology, Treatment Goals, & Client Communication, Ms. Kara Burns

Veterinary technicians must be familiar with feline IBD and the causes of this disease; and work with the entire healthcare team to alleviate the signs and symptoms observed in cats presenting to the hospital. Veterinary technicians play an important role in monitoring IBD feline patients and their response to treatment. This presentation will look at the pathophysiology of IBD, goals of treatment including nutritional management, and the importance of educating pet owners regarding this frustrating and chronic disease.

Getting Cats to Eat: More than Pouring Food into a Bowl?, Ms. Kara Burns

Proper nutritional management is one of the most important factors in managing health and disease in cats. As clients become more aware of the importance of nutrition in their own health, they will expect this same higher standard of nutritional care for their cats. The veterinary healthcare team should be the preferred, expert source of the best nutritional information for pets. Proper nutritional management is one of the most important factors in maximizing health, performance, and longevity in cats, in addition to managing disease conditions. This session will review the physiology and behavior of feeding cats, along with tips to ensure cats are getting the nutrients they need.

Cats, Carriers, & Cars: A Cat Friendly Approach to Containment for Travel, Dr. Sarah Ellis

It can be really tricky for clients to be able to get their cats to the veterinary practice. This talk provides plentiful tips and training techniques that the veterinary team can share with their clients for Cat Friendly travel to the veterinary practice.

Interactions with Cats: How Can Human Behavior Change Theory Help?, Dr. Sarah Ellis

For interactions with cats to be truly Cat Friendly, they need to consider not only the cat's needs, but the person's ability to meet such needs. This talk will consider both sides including what factors influence individual cats to be more suited to interactions with people, tips to interacting in Cat Friendly ways, and introducing a human behavior change model that can help us investigate what may prevent/facilitate people to interact positively with cats.

Triple Threat: Diagnosis and Management of Feline Triaditis, Dr. Megan McClosky

This lecture will review the etiologies of feline triaditis, including cholangiohepatitis, inflammatory bowel disease, and pancreatitis. We will discuss diagnostic tests for all three components of the disease, focusing primarily on cholangiohepatitis. Treatment strategies including dietary modification, antibiotics, immunomodulation, and hepatoprotectant medications will be discussed.

Why Should I Attend?

Join colleagues from around the world as you access AAFP's cutting-edge and high quality feline education. We have planned something for everyone as the 2022 AAFP Conference is a hybrid event which means it will be both in-person and available virtually. The in-person part of the meeting will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA.

We invite you to join us in Pittsburgh to interact in-person, earn CE, visit the exhibit hall, and connect with a network of colleagues, friends, and speakers. Please read further in the brochure about our safety protocols. If you would prefer to stay close to home (or are even scheduled to work), then you should definitely join us online to access our virtual conference experience.

Both in-person and virtual attendees will have access to live streamed and on-demand sessions until June 30, 2023 which gives you plenty of time to access the platform and top notch feline-specific CE!

Continuing Education Credits

- In-person attendees can access up to 32.5 CE Hours live in-person and a total of 69.5 CE Hours with both onsite sessions and on-demand access. In-person attendees can choose from 70 CE sessions (both in-person and on-demand) as well as other presentations.
- Virtual attendees can access up to 27.5 live streamed CE Hours and a total of 59.5 CE Hours with both live-streaming and on-demand access.

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards RACE committee has reviewed and approved the program referenced above as meeting the Standards adopted by the AAVSB.

If you watch or attend the sessions live, please use the RACE Program Number below:

Program Number: 20-939452

Method of Delivery: Seminar/Lecture

If you watch the sessions on-demand, please use the RACE Program Number below:

Program Number: 20-939582

Method of Delivery: Seminar/Lecture & Non-Interactive-Distance

Please contact the AAVSB RACE program at race@aavsb.org should you have any comments/concerns regarding this program's validity or relevancy to the veterinary profession OR contact the AAFP Headquarters for further information at info@catvets.com.

RACE Standards

New in 2021 - RACEtrack® is a free service that allows veterinary professionals the chance to record all continuing education (CE) course work in a single centralized database. This system easily communicates your CE to your credentialing agencies while also allowing those authorized agencies to retrieve your CE. You can visit the website here: <https://aavsb.org/ce-services/racetrack>.

As a CE provider, the AAFP is required to upload an attendee roster to this platform. This attendee roster requires your license number and state, and we are therefore asking for this information when you register for the conference. Attendees will be identified by license number and the licensing jurisdiction with no other personal information.

Cancellation Policy

Registration fees for virtual registration are non-refundable. If you are unable to attend the live streamed sessions, they will be recorded and available for viewing on-demand until June 30, 2023.

Cancellation of in-person registration will still allow you to have virtual access to live-streaming and/or on-demand access through June 30, 2023. For in-person attendees, cancellations received by Friday, September 23, 2022 will receive a refund of the difference between the in-person rate and virtual rate. In-person registration cancellation received after Friday, September 23, 2022 will not be eligible for refunds. Please note if you cancel your conference registration, it does not constitute cancellation of your hotel reservation.

Consent to Use Photographic Images

Registration and attendance at, or participation in, the AAFP Conference and other activities constitutes an agreement by the registrant to AAFP's use and distribution (both now and in the future) of the registrant or attendee's image or voice in photographs, video, electronic reproductions, marketing efforts and materials, and audiotapes of such events and activities.

Event Policies and Attendee Guidelines

The AAFP is dedicated to providing a safe and productive environment for everyone attending our events. To help ensure all attendees have a pleasant conference experience, we ask you to please read through and abide by our conference policies and attendee guidelines. They include, but are not limited to: General Policies, Code of Conduct, Personal Safety and Security, Americans with Disabilities Accommodations, and Waiver of Liability Relating to COVID-19. These can be read at www.catvets.com/education/conference/policies.

**Dressing in layers at the in-person conference is recommended due to room temperature variations.*

***Please note that children are not permitted in the educational session rooms.*

Nursing mothers can reach out to conference@catvets.com for information about accommodations.

Registration

Registration costs for attending, either in-person or virtually, are listed below. All attendees who register for the in-person conference will also receive access to the virtual platform in order to watch on-demand CE as well as live sessions they may have missed. Hill's is offering \$5 off coupons (limited to 500). Visit catvets.com/conference2022 for more details on how to receive the coupon code.

In-person Registration - Pittsburgh, PA		EARLY BIRD (BY 9/23/22)	REGULAR (AFTER 9/23/22)
Pre-conference Day (Thursday)			
	Veterinarian Member	\$160	\$190
	Veterinarian Non-Member	\$215	\$240
	Technician/Manager/Other Support Staff Member	\$100	\$120
	Technician/Manager/Other Support Staff Non-Member	\$110	\$130
	Student	\$ 50	\$ 65
Three-Day Conference (Friday - Sunday)			
Veterinarian	Member	\$580	\$655
	Non-Member	\$695	\$770
	One-Day/Two-Day Registration (per day)	\$260	\$295
	New Membership & Three-Day Conference BUNDLE	\$809	\$884
Technician/Nurse	Member	\$240	\$290
	Non-Member	\$290	\$355
	One-Day/Two-Day Registration (per day)	\$110	\$135
	New Membership & Three-Day Conference BUNDLE	\$354	\$404
Practice Management & Other Support Staff	Member	\$220	\$270
	Non-Member	\$270	\$320
	One-Day/Two-Day Registration (per day)	\$100	\$125
	New Membership & Three-Day Conference BUNDLE	\$279	\$329
Student		\$ 95	\$120
Additional Items & Events			
	Cat Friendly Interactions & Handling Workshop (Limited to 36)	\$200	\$200
	Hands-on Feline Orthopedic Evaluation Workshop (Limited to 30)	\$475	\$475
	Yoga - Friday and/or Saturday (Waiver must be submitted)	FREE	FREE
	Lunch & Learn (Limited to 100 people. Maximum of 2 sessions per person, one per day)	FREE	FREE
	Offsite Event (Tickets purchased onsite are \$80 and limited)	\$ 60	\$ 70
	Guest Registration (Friday - Sunday)	\$299	\$339
	Guest Ticket (Thursday or Friday Reception, each)	\$ 40	\$ 50
	Printed Proceedings Book	\$ 60	\$ 60

Virtual Registration		EARLY BIRD (BY 9/23/22)	REGULAR (AFTER 9/23/22)
Pre-conference Day (Thursday)			
	Veterinarian Member	\$ 89	\$ 99
	Veterinarian Non-Member	\$129	\$139
	Technician/Manager/Other Support Staff Member	\$ 49	\$ 55
	Technician/Manager/Other Support Staff Non-Member	\$ 59	\$ 65
	Student	\$ 19	\$ 19
Three-Day Conference (Friday - Sunday)			
Veterinarian	Member	\$189	\$219
	Non-Member	\$289	\$319
	New Membership & Three-Day Conference BUNDLE	\$418	\$448
Technician/Nurse	Member	\$109	\$119
	Non-Member	\$149	\$159
	New Membership & Three-Day Conference BUNDLE	\$223	\$233
Practice Management & Other Support Staff	Member	\$ 89	\$ 99
	Non-Member	\$129	\$139
	New Membership & Three-Day Conference BUNDLE	\$148	\$158
Student		\$ 40	\$ 50

Registration Types

In-person Registration

Please note that all in-person attendees will also receive access to the virtual platform and all on-demand sessions.

Virtual Registration

Registration for the virtual conference will include live streaming of sessions from the in-person conference to the virtual platform. Please note that additional sessions such as the Lunch & Learns, workshops, exhibit hall, and Breakfast Symposia will not be live streamed. Please review the full agenda to see which sessions will be live streamed. They are denoted with an **LS** mark.

Live streamed sessions will be recorded and made available on-demand in the virtual platform 3 business days after they occurred. Any attendee wishing to get CE credit for the on-demand sessions will need to take and pass a CE quiz.

There will also be additional sessions available on-demand for attendees to watch at any time totaling 7 CE hours. To see all of the on-demand sessions, please refer to the on-demand agenda on page 7.

Bundle Option

The AAFP is offering a BUNDLE option for those individuals who are not an AAFP member and want to join as well as register for the conference at the member rate. Membership for the AAFP will begin immediately and go through December 31, 2023. Note: this membership is for 2023, but you will receive digital access for the rest of 2022.

Included in both In-person and Virtual Registration

On-demand Sessions

On-demand sessions will be available for all registered attendees to watch on the conference platform. Sessions will be available to watch on-demand through June 30, 2023.

Breakfast Symposia

New this year, we will be offering sponsored Breakfast Symposia lectures complimentary to all attendees. Join us for presentations on FeLV, monoclonal antibodies, hematuria detection, and multimodal anesthesia.

Conference App

A Conference App will be available to all attendees, both in-person and virtual. The App will contain access to the schedule, live stream, on-demand sessions, virtual exhibit hall, and more. With complimentary Wi-Fi sponsored by Dechra in the meeting space for all in-person attendees, accessing the App will be easier than ever!

Virtual Exhibit Hall

Each registered attendee has full access to the Virtual Exhibit Hall which will have a variety of companies exhibiting. Attendees will be able to “visit” the exhibit booths and explore all that they have to offer, which can include the company description, handouts in PDF format, links to company products, button to request information, and more. The in-person Exhibit Hall will be available to all in-person attendees from Friday to Sunday.

Please note: the AAFP does not endorse the products or services of the companies that exhibit.

Conference Proceedings

Proceedings Notes are provided to each attendee. Below are the two options for obtaining the proceedings notes. Since we know you cannot be in two places at one time, the notes for most of the sessions will be included in the conference proceedings so you will not miss out on any valuable information.

- 1. Online Proceedings:** Each registered attendee will receive an email approximately three weeks prior to the event with complimentary online access to the conference proceedings on the AAFP website. **You MUST print out these notes if you want the proceeding notes onsite (unless you have pre-purchased a printed book).**
- 2. Printed Book:** You may pre-purchase a Printed Proceedings Book for \$60.00. If you purchase a Proceedings Book but do not attend the conference in-person, there will be a \$15 shipping and handling fee and the book may not arrive until after the start of the conference. Please note that we can only ship to attendees within North America. If you purchase a Proceedings Book, but live outside of North America, we are unable to fulfill the order and will have to cancel the order.

General Conference Information

In-person



Included in Your In-person Conference Registration

Meals

Your conference registration includes breakfast and lunch all three days of the general conference. A large variety of hot and cold items are served, including vegetarian, vegan, and other healthy alternatives. Coffee breaks and receptions are also provided. Pre-conference Day includes lunch and a coffee break with snack in the afternoon.

Welcome Reception

All attendees are invited to the welcome reception hosted by Boehringer Ingelheim on Thursday, October 27. Refreshments and appetizers will be provided while you have the opportunity to network and socialize with friends and meet new colleagues.



Happy Hour Reception

All attendees are invited to this reception hosted by Zoetis on Friday, October 28 in the Exhibit Hall. Refreshments and appetizers will be provided as you have the opportunity to visit with exhibitors and colleagues. We encourage all conference attendees to make the most of this time to ask questions, test equipment, create relationships, and learn about new products.



Giveaways

Attendees will receive a plethora of giveaways with your registration materials. Raffle prizes will also be awarded, so be sure to visit the exhibit hall to stamp your Exhibit Passport, included in your registration materials onsite, for your chance to win!

Internet & Wi-Fi Access

We understand that everyone needs to stay connected while you are away, so you will have computer access at the VIN cybercafé lounge throughout the entire conference. Here you can also access the conference evaluation, new practice guidelines, and renew your AAFP membership. Complimentary Wi-Fi will also be provided to all attendees in the AAFP Convention Center ballroom space and exhibit hall. This Wi-Fi is sponsored by Dechra.



Exhibit Hall

Each registered attendee has full access to the In-person Exhibit Hall. We have invited a large variety of companies to exhibit at our conference. The Exhibit Hall will be open during coffee breaks, lunches, and the Friday Happy Hour Reception. Please note: the AAFP does not endorse the products or services of the companies that exhibit.

Early Riser Yoga Class

The Early Riser Yoga classes are free for all conference attendees. Read more information on page 26 and sign up for this event when you register. A waiver must be submitted for every participant.

Exhibit Hall

In-person Exhibit Hall hours are listed below and Virtual Exhibit Booths can be accessed at anytime from the Conference Platform.

Friday, October 28, 2022	Exhibits open 9:30 am to 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 29, 2022	Exhibits open 9:45 am to 3:15 pm
Sunday, October 30, 2022	Exhibits open 9:45 am to 1:45 pm

Exhibitors (as of June 21, 2022) - An updated list and company abstracts can be found at catvets.com/conference2022.

American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP)	Esaote North America	Snyder Manufacturing Company
Antech Sound & Imaging	EveryCat Health Foundation	Specialty Veterinary Pharmacy
Arlington Cat Clinic	ExeGiPharma	The Cat Doctor
ASPCA Pet Health Insurance	GerVetUSA, Inc.	The National Kitten Coalition
Aurora Pharmaceutical, Inc.	Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.	TICA
Banfield Pet Hospital	IAAHPC	Uricult Vet
Basepaws	IDEXX Laboratories	VDI Laboratory
BCP Veterinary Pharmacy	MEDCO Instruments, Inc.	VetImmune
Beyond Indigo	Merck Animal Health	VetMatrix
BioNote	MILA International, Inc.	VetriScience Laboratories
Blue Natural Veterinary Diets	NAVTA	VetStem
Blue River PetCare	Norbrook Inc.	VMRD, Inc.
Boehringer Ingelheim	Nutramax Laboratories Veterinary Sciences, Inc.	Virbac
C. Specialties Inc	Pawprint Oxygen	Wedgewood Pharmacy
Cat Friendly Practice	Penn Veterinary Supply, Inc.	Zoetis
Ceva	PetCure Oncology	Zomedica
Clipper Distributing Company, LLC	Petivity	
Coastline Global	petMAP	Virtual Exhibitors
Cornell Feline Health Center	Purina Institute	Assisi Animal Health
CRIJO Pet Products LLC	Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets	International Veterinary Academy
Dechra	Rose Micro Solutions	of Pain Management (IVAPM)
DVM Solutions	Royal Canin	Sleepypod
Elanco	Schultz Technology	
Elite Science, LLC	Scratch	
EmerAid-Lafeber	Sedecal USA Inc.	

Special Events

Workshops

Hands-on Feline Orthopedic Evaluation Workshop

The approach to a clinically meaningful and efficient orthopedic evaluation of the cat will be discussed. The components of capturing a relevant history, observation of the cat, and the hands-on examination will be presented and discussed. Delegates will gain hands-on (yes, live cats) and expert guided experience in techniques for successful orthopedic / osteoarthritis examinations. Cat Friendly and staff friendly approaches will be emphasized.

Learn how to augment your feline practice and build stronger client bonds with your cat owners. Review tools and protocols to optimize outcomes for your feline osteoarthritic patients.

Separate registration is required in order to attend this event and this session is not included in Pre-conference Day registration. The session will take place on Thursday, October 27 from 7:45 - 11:45 am. Make sure you return your registration form early in order to participate in the workshop. Attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis and conference registration is required.

Ticket Price: \$475 (Limited to 30 Registrants)

Cat Friendly Interactions & Handling Workshop

The goals of Cat Friendly handling are to minimize feline stressors and to promote positive veterinary experiences for cats, subsequently increasing feline welfare, client loyalty, and human safety. More appropriate handling techniques are provided for cats that continue to display fear or other negative emotions despite our best efforts. Understanding the cat is the foundation of feline handling principles and techniques. Cats are unique animals because they are the only solitary hunter that can live amicably with people. They have strong survival instincts and protective mechanisms when they perceive threats which are not uncommon during veterinary visits. This hands-on workshop will begin with an updated summary presentation to help understand cats and why certain handling techniques work best. This will be followed by a breakout into small groups with demonstration of multiple techniques by Dr. Rodan; each attendee will then have the opportunity to apply those techniques utilizing live cats. Registrants are strongly encouraged to prepare for the lab prior to the conference and will be emailed about attending a free webinar and reviewing recommended reading (estimated 2 - 3 hours). It is recommended that you wear closed-toed shoes and scrubs or a doctor's jacket (optional).

Separate registration is required in order to attend this event. The session will take place on Sunday, October 30 from 7:30 - 10:00 am. Make sure you return your registration form early in order to participate in the workshop. Attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis and conference registration is required.

Ticket Price: \$200 (Limited to 36 Registrants)

Sponsored Breakfast Symposia

Saturday Breakfast Symposia

Breakfast Symposium #1: Boehringer Ingelheim will be sponsoring a Breakfast Symposium on Saturday, October 29 entitled, *Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV): More Complex Than We Thought*, presented by Dr. Richard Ford. For a detailed description, see page 14.



Breakfast Symposium #2: Zoetis will be sponsoring a a Breakfast Symposium on Saturday, October 29 entitled, *Practical Side for Implementing Monoclonal Antibodies*, presented by Dr. Elizabeth Colleran. For a detailed description, see page 14.



Sunday Breakfast Symposia

Breakfast Symposium #1: Royal Canin will be sponsoring a Breakfast Symposium on Sunday, October 30 entitled, *Hematuria Detection: A New Standard of Care*, presented by Dr. Kelly St. Denis. For a detailed description, see page 16.



Breakfast Symposium #2: Zoetis will be sponsoring a Breakfast Symposium on Sunday, October 30 entitled, *Maximizing Claw & Order in Feline Anesthesia: A Case Based Approach*, presented by Dr. Rebecca Salazar. For a detailed description, see page 16.



Cat Connoisseurs at Carnegie: An Offsite Event



Come join us at this year's offsite event which will surely educate, fascinate, and entertain! The Carnegie Science Center inspires and engages by linking science and technology with every day life. It's location on the banks of the Ohio River promises stunning city views! Enjoy mingling amongst the food stations while sipping cocktails and then get ready to hit the dance floor as our DJ spins the songs. This event is the perfect evening to spend time with friends and colleagues. There will also be fun giveaways and favors gifted by Elanco. Ticket prices are discounted thanks to the sponsorship and generosity of Elanco Animal Health. Transportation will be provided to and from both hotels.

Ticket Prices: By September 23: \$60 After September 23: \$70
Onsite Purchase (Limited Available): \$80

General Conference Information

In-person



Special Events continued

Sponsored Lunch & Learn Sessions

Friday Lunch & Learns

Lunch & Learn #1: Boehringer Ingelheim will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Friday, October 28 entitled, *Ticks Like Cats Too! An Update on the Threat of Ticks & Tick-borne Pathogens for Cats*, presented by Dr. Kathryn Reif. For a detailed description, see page 13.



Lunch & Learn #2: IDEXX will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Friday, October 28 entitled, *Expanding the Toolbox: Cutting Edge Diagnostics to Improve Outcomes in Patients with Early Renal Disease*, presented by Dr. Sarah Sweet. For a detailed description, see page 13.



Lunch & Learn #3: Zoetis will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Friday, October 28 entitled, *Don't Miss a Diagnosis: Comprehensive CBC with AI & Human Expertise in Your Practice*, presented by Dr. Eric Morissette. For a detailed description, see page 13.



Saturday Lunch & Learns

Lunch & Learn #1: Merck will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Saturday, October 29 entitled, *COVID-19: A New World in Human & Veterinary Vaccines*, presented by Drs. Randal Gregg & Madeleine Stahl. For a detailed description, see page 15.



Lunch & Learn #2: Purina will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Saturday, October 29 entitled, *Giving Your Cat a Voice: How Tracking Elimination Behavior Provides Insights Into Health & Emotional Wellbeing*, presented by Dr. Ragen McGowan. For a detailed description, see page 15.



Lunch & Learn #3: Dechra will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Saturday, October 29 entitled, *Uremic Toxins in CKD: Why Should We Care?*, presented by Dr. Jessica Quimby. For a detailed description, see page 15.



Sunday Lunch & Learns

Lunch & Learn #1: Basepaws Veterinary will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Sunday, October 30 entitled, *Early Prediction Advantages for CKD*, presented by Dr. Ashlie Saffire. For a detailed description, see page 17.



Lunch & Learn #2: Zomedica will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Sunday, October 30 entitled, *Serum TSH: An Essential Tool for Diagnosis & Monitoring of Thyroid Disease in Cats*, presented by Dr. Mark Peterson. For a detailed description, see page 17.



Lunch & Learn #3: VetStem will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Sunday, October 30 entitled, *Evidence Based Medicine Supporting Stem Cell Therapy in the Feline Patient*, presented by Dr. Anne Hale. For a detailed description, see page 17.



Separate registration is required in order to attend these events and space is limited in each session. Make sure you register early in order to participate in a Lunch & Learn. **We ask that you please limit your registration to two Lunch & Learn sessions over the three days so others have the opportunity to attend.** Attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis and conference registration is required.

Ticket Prices: FREE (Limited to 100 registrants each)

Safety & Health Information

In-person

The health and safety of all attendees is our top priority. As the event gets closer, we will communicate details regarding all safety and social distancing protocols and procedures intended to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. All attendees must agree to a COVID waiver to attend the event.

Symptoms & Staying Home

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider to get tested and stay home. Please do not attend the AAFP Conference if you are experiencing any of these symptoms: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or fatigue.

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms within 14 days of the start of the AAFP Conference, have come into contact with someone who tested positive, or test positive for COVID-19, please stay home and contact the AAFP at conference@catvets.com.

For any questions, please contact conference@catvets.com.

Early Riser Yoga Classes



The AAFP will be hosting a Yoga class, a healthy morning activity, to provide you with the tools to stay motivated and jumpstart your day. The Yoga class is a system of techniques, including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, practiced for health and relaxation. This session will be easy to follow, for all ages, and anyone from beginners to advanced workout enthusiasts are welcome. There will be two Yoga classes provided – Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29 from 6:00 - 7:00 am; all located in the Westmoreland Ballroom at the Westin Hotel. Why not meet up with your colleagues and enjoy a relaxing time before a full day of CE? Thank you to Wedgewood for sponsoring these yoga classes.

Attendees must pre-register for this event and must complete the waiver below to participate.

Ticket Prices: FREE (waiver required)

Yoga Class Waiver and Release

Waiver

I agree and acknowledge that I am participating in one or two of the AAFP/Diane Eigner Yoga Classes (“the Event”), being held on Friday, October 28 and/or Saturday, October 29, 2022 on my own accord and that I am bound by this waiver and release.

I freely and knowingly represent and warrant that I am physically and mentally fit and able to participate in the Event, and I do hereby assume responsibility for my own well-being. I am fully aware that physical injury might occur to me as a result of participation in the Event, and I hereby assume the full risk, including risk which is not specifically foreseeable, of any injuries, including death, damages or other loss, regardless of severity, which I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities associated with the Event.

In consideration of the right to participate in the Event, I hereby waive any and all rights or claims I may have as a result of participation in the Event against the American Association of Feline Practitioners, the Westin Pittsburgh Hotel, Diane Eigner, all sponsors of the Event, and their respective directors, officers, employees, members, staff, and all individuals assisting in organizing and conducting the Event (“the Released Parties”), and I hereby fully release and discharge the Released Parties from any and all claims which may accrue to me or my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in the Event. I further agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all claims arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in the Event.

As a condition to, and in consideration of, my participation in a Diane Eigner program, I agree as follows:

- I understand that while in the class, using the equipment or participating without equipment, that there is a possibility of accidental or other physical injury or loss or damage to my personal property. I agree to assume all risk of such physical injury or loss of damage to my personal property.
- I am using any equipment and participating in any class at my own pace and at my own risk.
- I understand that yoga includes physical movements as well as an opportunity for relaxation, stress reduction and relief of muscular tension. I understand I will receive information and instruction; including verbal and physical adjustments about yoga and health. As is the case with any physical activity, the risk of injury, even serious or disabling, is always present and cannot be entirely eliminated. It is my responsibility to consult with a physician prior to my participation in the yoga class.
- I grant permission for first aid and/or CPR to be given to me in an emergency, as determined at the sole discretion of the yoga leader, and I agree that I will be solely responsible for any medical consequences, including financial cost.
- I represent and warrant that I am physically fit to practice yoga and I have no medical condition that would prevent my full participation in the yoga class. Yoga is not a substitute for medical attention, examination, diagnosis or treatment. Yoga is not recommended and is not safe under certain medical conditions. I affirm that I alone am responsible to decide whether to practice yoga.

I have read the release and waiver of liability and fully understand its consent. I voluntarily agree to the terms and conditions stated above.

If you have signed up for Yoga, please sign the waiver online at
www.catvets.com/yogawaiver.

Hotel Information and Reservations

The Westin Pittsburgh (Conference Headquarters Hotel)

1000 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Online Reservations: www.catvets.com/education/conference/2022/hotel-and-travel/hotel-and-reservations

Phone Reservation: (412) 281-3700 - Use Group Discount Code: American Association of Feline Practitioners

Run of House Room Rates: \$189.00 USD Single/Double Occupancy Rate

**Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes in affect at the time of the check-out.*

Hotel Deadline: Friday, September 30, 2022

Room Rate Includes:

- Check-In: 4:00 pm; Check-Out: 12:00 pm
- Complimentary 24-hour access to the fitness center
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in guest rooms

Cancellation Policy: Cancel 48 hours prior to arrival.

This hotel is located right next to the Convention Center.

Omni William Penn Hotel

530 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Online Reservations: www.catvets.com/education/conference/2022/hotel-and-travel/hotel-and-reservations

Phone Reservation: (412) 281-7100 - Use Group Discount Code: American Association of Feline Practitioners

Run of House Room Rates: \$185.00 USD Single/Double Occupancy Rate

**Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes in affect at the time of the check-out.*

Hotel Deadline: Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Room Rate Includes:

- Check In: 3:00 pm; Check Out: 12:00 pm
- Complimentary 24-hour access to the fitness center
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in guest rooms

Cancellation Policy: Cancel 72 hours prior to arrival.

This hotel is an 8-minute walk to the Convention Center.

Traveling to the Conference

Airport: Pittsburgh International Airport

- Website: <https://www.flypittsburgh.com/>
- Distance: 19 miles; 26 minutes
- Transportation to and from airport:
 - Estimated Taxi Fare: \$45, 26 minutes
 - Bus service, one way \$2.75
 - SuperShuttle Express \$24 and up (one way)
- Airline Discounts Available: The AAFP has arranged for airfare discounts through United and Delta. The AAFP does not endorse utilizing these platforms or businesses, nor have any relationship with these airlines. At the time of the meeting, these were the only airlines that offer conference discounts and as a courtesy to our attendees, the AAFP has arranged for a discount code. The discount will vary based on itinerary, location, operator, and fare. Please email conference@catvets.com for the discount code for both airlines.

AAFP Attendee Parking Rates

Hotel & Convention Center Parking

- The Westin Pittsburgh – \$24 daily; \$8 hourly
- Omni William Penn Hotel – Self Park: \$19 daily; Valet: \$36 daily
- David L. Lawrence Convention Center – There is a parking garage at the Convention Center (starting at \$8.00 for up to 2 hours). The GPS address is 139 10th St. Pittsburgh, PA 15222.
- Street Parking is available in downtown Pittsburgh. Visit catvets.com/education/conference/2022/hotel-and-travel for more details.



We look forward to seeing you either in Pittsburgh or virtually for the 2022 AAFP Conference!



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