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1:15 - 2:30 pm	Feline Regional Dermatoses: Skin Diseases that Target the Dorsal Muzzle, Footpads, or Sometimes Both	Dr. Catherine Outerbridge	
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2:00 - 3:00 pm	A Bright Future for Painful Cats: New, Improved, & Emerging Options for Multimodal Management of Feline Osteoarthritis	Dr. Erin Dresner	VetStem
3:15 - 4:15 pm	Feline Neurology: Pearls for Your Practice	Dr. Joane Parent	
4:30 - 5:30 pm	Improving Interpretation of Pulmonary Patterns	Dr. Lorrie Gaschen	
5:45 - 7:00 pm	FIP Updates: Optimizing Treatment Now & Into the Future	Dr. Sally Jayne Coggins	

## Saturday, May 20, 2023

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12:00 - 1:00 pm	Management of Oral & Dental Pain	Dr. Heidi Lobprise	IVPM
1:15 - 2:30 pm	Feline Stomatitis	Dr. Heidi Lobprise	Gallant Therapeutics
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Anterior Uveitis: Don't Miss The Big Stuff	Dr. Jessica Meekins	Dechra Veterinary Products
4:00 - 5:00 pm	The Crystalluria Dilemma: When Should I Care About Crystals?	Dr. Julie Byron	ROYAL CANIN



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## SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 – DAY 1

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm** **The Cat is Losing Hair: It's Not Allergies & It's Not Dermatophytes, Now What?**, *Dr. Catherine Outerbridge*  
In this session, we will review how to determine if alopecia in a cat is due to self-trauma or dermatophytes. We will discuss skin diseases that present with the primary clinical sign of alopecia that is not caused by dermatophytes or self-trauma from allergic dermatitis. For the alopecic skin diseases discussed in this session, associated clinical clues will be highlighted, diagnostic approach reviewed, and any treatment options discussed.
- 1:15 – 2:30 pm** **Feline Regional Dermatoses: Skin Diseases that Target the Dorsal Muzzle, Footpads, or Sometimes Both**, *Dr. Catherine Outerbridge*  
This lecture will review those diseases that can cause regional skin lesions in cats, looking at examples of diseases that preferentially cause skin lesions that involve the dorsal muzzle or footpads. With some diseases discussed in this lecture, such as pemphigus foliaceus, both anatomic locations can be affected. Clinical clues from the history, dermatologic exam findings, and diagnostic results will be shared for a number of varying diseases along with challenges the clinician can face when presented with cats with these regionalized lesions.
- 2:45 – 3:45 pm** **The Do's and Don'ts of Trauma**, *Dr. Steven Berkowitz*  
Common emergency room traumas and what to do to stabilize and appropriately manage trauma patients will be discussed. This lecture will include stabilization, appropriate pain management, "damage control," and appropriate fluids and antibiotics when indicated. We will also discuss common mistakes and pitfalls. Trauma scoring, prognostic indicators, and VetCOT information will also be discussed.
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm** **Feline Respiratory Emergencies: "Stat: Why is My Cat Panting?!"**, *Dr. Steven Berkowitz*  
This lecture will consist of the rapid triage and management of feline respiratory emergencies. Anatomy and pathophysiology of the most common emergency presentations will be discussed in detail, as well as the emergent therapeutic and diagnostic options recommended. This lecture will be aimed for a general practice hospital, as well as an emergency facility.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 – DAY 2

- 2:00 – 3:00 pm** **A Bright Future for Painful Cats: New, Improved, & Emerging Options for Multimodal Management of Feline Osteoarthritis**, *Dr. Erin Dresner*  
This session will address the many recent achievements in the diagnosis and management of feline osteoarthritis pain, including advanced assessment options, novel treatments, and bolstered evidence in support of integrative therapies. Tips for practical implementation of new, improved, and emerging management options will be provided along with case examples for the following therapeutic modalities: biological therapy (Solensia), novel nutraceuticals, veterinary medical acupuncture, shockwave therapy, laser therapy, targeted pulsed electromagnetic field therapy (tPEMF), and sound wave technology.
- 3:15 – 4:15 pm** **Feline Neurology: Pearls for Your Practice**, *Dr. Joane Parent*  
With 40 years of experience in clinical neurology, I will discuss the doing and interpreting of specific tests of the neurological examination: mental status, menace responses, nasal septum stimulation, and proprioceptive positioning. If time allows, I will offer pointers and tips about feline epilepsy.
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm** **Improving Interpretation of Pulmonary Patterns**, *Dr. Lorrie Gaschen*  
This session will review how to diagnose air space, air way (bronchocentric), interstitial, and complex pattern of the feline lung. A discussion of acquired allergic, infectious vs. neoplastic diseases will be demonstrated with case examples. Emphasis will be on how to create a plan of action based on the lung abnormalities and best arrive at a diagnosis using numerous case examples.
- 5:45 – 7:00 pm** **FIP Updates: Optimizing Treatment Now & Into the Future**, *Dr. Sally Jayne Coggins*  
Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) is now considered a treatable disease. In this rapidly evolving area of feline medicine, Australian vets were the first to gain legal access to new generation antiviral drugs including remdesivir, GS-441524 and molnupiravir. Attendees will receive updates on current options being utilized in Australia for successful antiviral treatment of FIP, key parameters for monitor during treatment, and how to troubleshoot apparent treatment failure now and into the future.

## SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 – DAY 3

- 12:00 – 1:20 pm** **Management of Oral & Dental Pain**, *Dr. Heidi Lobprise*  
Oral and dental diseases, as well as any surgical intervention, can cause discomfort and inflammation in the oral cavity. From periodontal disease and fractured teeth to tooth resorption and even chronic pain, resolution of these issues can improve the quality of life of our patients. Management of oral and dental disease, as well as a comprehensive, multi-modal analgesic protocol can keep our patients comfortable and return them to health and function through optimal healing.
- 1:15 – 2:30 pm** **Feline Stomatitis**, *Dr. Heidi Lobprise*  
Cats display several unique conditions when it comes to the oral cavity, even though the basic concepts of periodontal disease apply. Stomatitis can be a frustrating syndrome, and while conservative and medical choices may help patients in the early stages of the disease, often caudal mouth extractions become necessary eventually.
- 2:45 – 3:45 pm** **Anterior Uveitis: Don't Miss The Big Stuff**, *Dr. Jessica Meekins*  
Many practitioners feel a mild sense of panic when faced with the dreaded "Check Eye" complaint on the appointment schedule. In this session, we will focus on strengthening your ability to recognize clinical signs of intraocular disease (i.e., anterior uveitis) that result in the presenting complaint of a red, cloudy, squinty eye in our feline patients. We will discuss some systemic diseases that manifest within the eye, while also reviewing clinical manifestation(s), sequelae, and prognosis for the unique feline idiopathic uveitis syndrome, lymphocytic-plasmocytic uveitis.
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm** **The Crystalluria Dilemma: When Should I Care About Crystals?**, *Dr. Julie Byron*  
Crystalluria is a common finding on feline urinalysis, and it may be tempting to reach for a therapeutic diet every time that crystals are seen, but not every crystalluria case actually requires treatment. In this session, we will discuss common presentations of crystalluria and how to interpret crystalluria in the context of overall urinalysis findings, sample handling, clinical signs, and prior medical history. For those cases that do warrant treatment, treatment strategies will be discussed including nutrition, supplements, and pharmaceuticals, as well as recommended monitoring strategies.

## Distinguished Speakers

### **Steve Berkowitz, DVM, DACVECC**

**NorthStar VETS Veterinary Emergency, Trauma, and Specialty Centers, Hamilton, NJ**

Dr. Steve Berkowitz attended St. Georges University and did his clinical year at University of Illinois. Dr. Berkowitz joined NorthStar VETS after service as the Chief of Emergency and Critical Care at another hospital. Prior to that, he completed a three-year residency in Emergency and Critical Care at Oradell Animal Hospital in Paramus, NJ. His residency was completed at one of the first level one veterinary trauma centers in the US. Dr. Berkowitz can be seen on seasons 5 and 6 of "Animal Precinct" on Animal Planet, which was filmed where he did his internship. Dr. Berkowitz's professional interests include management of metabolic and endocrine emergencies, as well as septic patients. He is published as the primary author in the Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care for "Resolution of spontaneous hemiabdomen secondary to peliosis hepatis following surgery and azithromycin treatment in a Bartonella species infected dog." Dr. Berkowitz serves on the Board of Trustees for "Mickey's Kids," which provides service dogs for children in need. He is also on the Board of Diversity and Inclusion within ACVECC. He is currently involved in the reviewing process for the newest version of the RECOVER Guidelines, advancing knowledge in CPR in the veterinary field. Dr. Berkowitz is the staff Criticalist and Director of the Ann Smith Memorial Blood Bank at NorthStar VETS.

### **Julie Byron, MS, DVM**

**Royal Canin, Columbus, OH**

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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 is the proud guardian of five feline souls and the spouse of a crazy Cat Dad.

### **Sally Coggins, BVSc (Hons), MANZCVS (Feline Medicine)**

**Sydney School of Veterinary Science, The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia**

Dr. Sally Coggins graduated with first class honors from The University of Sydney in 2007. After two years in a general small animal practice, she commenced work in feline-only practice at The Cat Clinic (Melbourne) in 2010, where she remained for ten years, becoming a partner and director. Sally attained her membership qualification in Feline Medicine with the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in 2012 and went on to become an examiner for the ANZCVS in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Sally has now turned her attention to research, commencing a full-time PhD under the supervision of Professor Jacqueline Norris, Associate Professor Merran Govendir, and Associate Professor Mary Thompson at the Sydney School of Veterinary Science, The University of Sydney since late 2020. Sally is currently investigating novel antiviral therapeutics for Feline Infectious Peritonitis and has conducted a national prospective study assessing the FIP treatment utility of parenteral remdesivir and oral GS-441524. She continues to practice as a feline-only clinician at EverVet in Melbourne, as well being a feline medicine distance education course tutor for the Centre for Veterinary Education, The University of Sydney.

### **Erin Dresner, DVM, MS, CVMA, DABVP (Feline)**

**Bloom Integrative Veterinary Care, Montgomery, TX**

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Dr. Erin Dresner is a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in Feline Practice, an AAFP Certified Cat-Friendly Veterinarian, and is certified in Veterinary Medical Acupuncture. She is devoted to elevating the veterinary experience for cats and their people alike. Her concierge house call practice, Bloom Integrative Veterinary Care, does just that by seamlessly weaving the highest quality conventional medicine with evidence-based holistic care in the most organic feline setting of all - their own domain. She is an ABVP-Feline Practice Mentor and published contributor to the Fifth Edition of *The Feline Patient*, the American Animal Hospital Association, and the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, as well as a featured speaker for the House Call and Mobile Vet Conference. Above all, she is mom to her two young children and more than a few lovely cats.

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

**LSU and VetCT, Baton Rouge, LA**

Dr. Lorrie Gaschen received her DVM from the University of Florida, was in private practice in Florida for two years after which time she did a diagnostic imaging residency at the University of Bern in Switzerland, and became a diplomat of the European College of Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging. She received her PhD in renal transplant imaging in animal models at the University Medical School in Utrecht then returned to the University of Bern where she became an associate professor upon completion of her work in vascular ultrasound of the canine gastrointestinal tract. She was a full professor of diagnostic imaging in the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Dept. of Veterinary Clinical Sciences for 15 years and has authored numerous publications and book chapters mainly in the field of gastrointestinal ultrasound where she has done the majority of her research. Lorrie was also the Executive Associate Dean for Diversity, Student, and Faculty Affairs for six years at LSU and is the recipient of the 2022 AAVMC award for Excellence in Diversity in the Veterinary Profession. Lorrie is now working as an Adjunct professor at the LSU School of veterinary medicine and in teleradiology with VetCT and enjoys reporting on all species and all modalities with a special interest in exotic imaging.

## Distinguished Speakers

### **Heidi Lobprise, DVM, DAVDC** **Cibolo Creek Veterinary Hospital, Kerrville, TX**

Dr. Heidi Lobprise is a 1983 Texas A & M graduate. She became board certified in dentistry in 1993. After 10 years in industry, she returned to dental specialty practice in 2014 and has since 'semi-retired' to Kerrville, Texas, taking cases at Cibolo Creek Veterinary Hospital in Boerne outside of San Antonio. She is the author/co-author of three dental texts, has written many chapters and articles, and has lectured internationally.

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### **Jessica Meekins, DVM, MS, DACVO** **Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS**

Dr. Jessica Meekins is an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Kansas State University. She received her undergraduate degree in biology before attending veterinary school at The Ohio State University, graduating in 2008. She then completed a one-year rotating internship at a private specialty hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico before being accepted into the ophthalmology residency training program at Purdue University. She became a board-certified diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists in 2012, and she has been a faculty member at K-State for over 10 years. Dr. Meekins' clinical and research interests include management of viral surface ocular diseases in cats and the investigation of new or emerging causes of feline uveitis.

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### **Catherine Outerbridge, DVM, MVSc, DACVIM, DACVD** **University of California Davis, West Sacramento, CA**

Dr. Catherine Outerbridge is currently a Professor of Clinical Dermatology at the University of California Davis and the Vice-Chair of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Epidemiology. She is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. She completed her Masters of Veterinary Science and a residency in small animal internal medicine at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVI) at the University of Saskatchewan and then her residency in dermatology at the University of California, Davis. She is a Diplomate of ACVIM in small animal internal medicine and a Diplomate of the ACVD. Dr. Outerbridge has served as the President of the American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology, Secretary of the World Association for Veterinary Dermatology, and is serving a second term as the ACVD representative to the WAVD. She is currently the President of WCVD10 which will take place in Boston in July 2024. Her clinical areas of interest include all aspects of clinical dermatology but she has a particular interest in cutaneous manifestations of systemic disease, metabolic skin diseases, infectious skin disease and antimicrobial resistance, and feline genodermatoses.

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### **Joane Parent, DVM, MVetSc, ACVIM (Neurology)** **Consultant, Bromont, Quebec**

Dr. Joane Parent obtained her DMV degree from the Faculté de Médecine Vétérinaire of the Université de Montréal in 1975, completed an internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVI), University of Saskatchewan (1975-1978) with a Master in Veterinary Sciences, followed by a neurology residency at the University of California at Davis and the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine from 1978 to 1980. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, specialty of neurology since 1983. She was President of the ACVIM Neurology group from 2002-2005. She was on faculty at the WCVI from 1980 to 1984, and at the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) from 1984 to 2006. In August 2006, she returned to her alma mater as Professor of neurology. She retired from the University of Montreal December 2022. Joane now works at Canada West Veterinary Specialists in Vancouver, BC. She has authored and co-authored multiple publications in refereed veterinary journals as well as textbook chapters. She has won numerous awards for excellence in teaching. Joane's main clinical interests remain in epilepsy and feline neurology.



# General Conference Information

## Why Should I Attend?

Join the AAFP for a three-day virtual live CE event: *Spring into Feline Medicine*. Expert speakers will present a variety of feline topics in a live format. The live presentations are spread out and on different days of the week (Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday) to allow for work schedule flexibility. The sessions will be live but will be made available on-demand afterwards through December 31, 2023, allowing attendees to watch and earn CE credit even if they can't attend live. Attendees can earn up to 13.5 RACE approved CE credits over the three days. Join us for interactive presentations where you can submit questions at the end of each lecture.

## Included In Your Registration

- 13.5 RACE Approved CE Hours Presented Live
- Access to all Presentations and CE Credits On-demand through December 31, 2023
- Online Conference Notes/Outlines Sent Prior to the Event
- Ability to Participate in Live Speaker Q&A

## Continuing Education Credits

This conference will be submitted (but is not yet approved) for continuing education credits in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB RACE approval; however, participants should be aware that some boards have limitations on the number of hours accepted in certain categories and/or restrictions on certain methods of delivery of continuing education. Contact AAFP Headquarters for further information at [info@catvets.com](mailto:info@catvets.com). Once obtained, the program approval number will be listed on the conference website at [www.catvets.com/education](http://www.catvets.com/education) and on the CE form.

## Registration

Below are the costs for attending the eConference.

eConference Pricing		THREE DAY	TWO DAY	ONE DAY
<b>Veterinarian</b>	Members	\$ 99	\$ 79	\$ 49
	Non-Members	\$159	\$129	\$ 79
	New Membership & Conference Registration	\$328 (3 Day Conference Bundle)		
<b>Technician &amp; Nurse</b>	Members	\$ 55	\$ 45	\$ 30
	Non-Members	\$ 95	\$ 75	\$ 45
	New Membership & Conference Registration	\$169 (3 Day Conference Bundle)		
<b>Student</b>		\$ 25	\$ 18	\$ 10

## Cancellation Policy

Registration fees are non-refundable. If you are unable to attend the live CE, the sessions will be recorded and available for viewing on-demand until December 31, 2023.

## General Conference Information

### FAQs

#### Do I have to be present on all days of the meeting to attend?

No, you don't have to be present each day to attend the meeting. All of the sessions will take place live at the day and time on the agenda. However, if you can't attend the live sessions, all content will be available on demand until December 31, 2023, so even if you cannot attend one or more of these days, you will still be able to access the educational content. Being present on the dates of the meeting allows you to interact and engage with speakers and attendees in real time.

#### After I register, when will I receive more information about the conference?

Closer to the start of the eConference, all attendees will receive an email with more details on how to access the virtual eConference platform. The same platform will be used for this meeting as was used for past Spring into Feline Medicine eConferences. If you attended any of those meetings, it will be familiar to you. You will also receive an email one week prior to the conference with the Proceedings Notes log in details so you can access them online.

#### How do I get the most out of this virtual eConference?

We suggest treating the eConference as you would an in-person conference with respect to your calendar and other obligations. Prioritize your time so that you can truly be present in the experience by focusing your attention on the session in front of you. It's also a great idea to minimize distractions as it's easy to 'multi-task' and get distracted. Instead, try to reduce background noise, create a comfortable set up, and get ready to start learning! Attending this eConference has huge benefits if you take advantage of everything it has to offer. In addition, you will have on-demand access to all of the sessions until December 31, 2023 so you can watch and access as many CE sessions as you would like!

#### What technology will I need?

For an optimal experience we recommend participating from a desktop or laptop computer with broadband wired/wireless access. You will be able to connect to audio via your computer. Below are additional recommendations.

1. Use Chrome (recommended) or Firefox browsers
2. Disconnect from a VPN (Virtual Private Network)
3. Check firewalls. If you are in the office, try another network (some offices have robust firewalls that will block some virtual features)
4. Clear your web browser history and cache
5. Check your internet connection
6. Close any other tabs that may be using a lot of bandwidth
7. If you are at home, make sure you are not also using streaming services like Netflix, etc. that could impact your available bandwidth
8. Use a hard-wired internet connection, if possible
9. If you have to use Wi-Fi, make sure you are close to the Wi-Fi device

For more information visit: [www.catvets.com/sfm2023](http://www.catvets.com/sfm2023)  
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