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The American Association of Feline Practitioners Announces New Chronic Pain Educational Toolkit

Toolkit offers veterinary professionals the resources to manage chronic feline pain

BRIDGEWATER, NJ; March 5, 2024 – The [American Association of Feline Practitioners](#) (AAFP), the trusted leader in feline health and wellbeing for the veterinary community and cat caregivers, announces the availability of the [Chronic Pain Education Toolkit](#), an online resource designed to equip veterinary professionals with the insight and tools needed to effectively address this critical issue.

“As our knowledge and understanding of pain in the domestic cat continues to expand, the AAFP Chronic Pain Educational Toolkit will now add to existing resources and provide guidance on improving the quality of life for cats with chronic pain,” said Kelly St. Denis, MSc, DVM, DABVP (Feline), Chronic Pain Toolkit Chair. “Developed by individuals at the forefront of treating pain in domestic cats, the AAFP Chronic Pain Educational Toolkit provides veterinary professionals with an easy-to-access and easy-to-use resource for understanding, diagnosing, and managing chronic pain in cats.”

This comprehensive toolkit offers:

- **In-depth understanding of chronic pain:** Learn about the pathology, types, and prevalence of chronic pain in cats, enabling you to better predict and identify its presence.
- **Enhanced assessment tools:** Explore various assessment methods, including those involving both the veterinary professional and the cat caregiver, to gain a comprehensive picture of the cat's condition.

- **Science-based treatment strategies:** Discover effective therapy goals with practical applications, incorporating pharmaceuticals, nutrition, and environmental modifications.
- **Patient and caregiver support:** Gain valuable insights into supporting the cat and the caregiver throughout the management process, fostering a collaborative and successful approach.

The AAFP Chronic Pain Educational Toolkit offers streamlined access to vital information, with organized sections covering chronic pain definitions, prevalence, assessment methods, therapy goals, and patient and caregiver support strategies. Accessible as [downloadable PDFs](#), the Toolkit ensures easy retrieval of essential information online or offline.

The development of the Chronic Pain Management Toolkit was made possible thanks to an educational grant provided by Zoetis. Access the AAFP Chronic Pain Management Toolkit for Cats at catvets.com/chronic-pain-toolkit.

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About the American Association of Feline Practitioners

The [American Association of Feline Practitioners \(AAFP\)](#) supports its members in improving the health and wellbeing of cats through high standards of practice, continuing education, and evidence-based medicine. Celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2024 as a trusted leader in the veterinary community, the AAFP has a long-standing reputation and track record for increasing the standard of care for cats through the development of practice guidelines, feline-specific education and resources, and [feline caregiver resources](#). Home to the Cat Friendly Practice[®] and Cat Friendly Certificate Programs, the AAFP encourages veterinary professionals of all levels to re-evaluate preconceived notions of practice strategies and advance the quality of feline medicine.