2008 FALL CONFERENCE

Feline Urinary Tract Diseases





Saturday, September 20, 2008

1:00 - 4:00 pm **Board Meeting**

4:30 - 6:00 pm Conference Registration Open

"Meet and Greet" for New Members, First Time Attendees, Students and Seminar Attendees 4:30 - 6:00 pm 6:00 - 8:30 pm Seminar & Supper, "Medical Imaging of the Urinary Tract: An Internist's Perspective"

Sunday, September 21, 2008 **DAY ONE**

General Conference – 6 CEU hours		Technician Track – 6 CEU hours		
8:00 - 9:00 am	General Conference Breakfast	8:00 - 9:00 am	General Conference Breakfast	
	and AAFP Annual Business Meeting		and AAFP Annual Business Meeting	
9:00 - 10:00 am	"Stress Effects on the Lower Urinary Tract"	9:00 - 10:30 am	"Urinalysis: Performing an Accurate	
10:00 - 10:30 am	AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall		Urine Sediment Analysis, Part 1"	
10:30 - 11:30 am	"Feline Interstitial Cystitis"	10:30 - 11:00 am	AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall	
11:30 - 12:30 pm	"Treating Lower Urinary Tract Signs Part I"	11:00 - 12:30 pm	"Urinalysis: Performing an Accurate	
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Lunch and Visit Exhibit Hall		Urine Sediment Analysis, Part 2"	
2:00 - 3:00 pm	"Treating Lower Urinary Tract Signs Part II"	12:30 - 2:00 pm	Lunch and Visit Exhibit Hall	
3:00 - 4:00 pm	"Urolithiasis: Stone Identification and	2:00 - 3:00 pm	"Proteinuria Lecture and Lab"	
	Management Part I"	3:00 - 4:00 pm	"Proteinuria Lecture and Lab" cont.	
4:00 - 4:30 pm	PM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall	4:00 - 4:30 pm	PM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall	
4:30 - 5:30 pm	"Urolithiasis: Stone Identification and	4:30 - 5:30 pm	"Proteinuria Lecture and Lab" cont.	
	Management Part II"	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Exhibitors' Welcome Reception	
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Monday, September 22, 2008 DAY TWO General Conference - 6 CEU hours

8:00 - 9:00 am	General Conference Breakfast and ABVP Certification Workshop Presentation
9:00 - 10:00 am	"Feline Ureteronephrolithiasis: Detection, Management, and Prevention"
10:00 - 10:30 am	AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall
10:30 - 11:30 am	"Common Misconceptions in the Diagnosis and Treatment of FLUTD"
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6:00 - 10:00 pm	Off Site Event to Atlanta Zoo "Big Cats Welcome the Little Cats"

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10:00 - 11:00 am	"The Importance of Hypertension and Proteinuria in Feline CKD, Part II"
11:00 - 11:30 am	AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall
11:30 - 12:30 pm	Research Grant Recipient Presentation
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Lunch and Visit Exhibit Hall
2:00 - 3:00 pm	"Urinary Tract Trauma"
3:00 - 4:00 pm	"Surgical Approach to Feline Urolithiasis"
4:00 - 4:15 pm	PM Coffee Break
4:15 - 5:15 pm	"Feline Renal Transplantation"
5:15 nm	Conclusion of the Conference

5:15 pm



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"Meet and Greet"

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The AAFP invites you to attend this informal "Meet and Greet". Our goal is to help new members, first time conference attendees and students get the most out of their experience at the AAFP Conference.

Please join us for an informal orientation, where you will meet members of the AAFP Board of Directors and Committee Chairs to gain insight into how you will benefit from the conference and membership in the American Association of Feline Practitioners.

We hope this opportunity will encourage networking, create a time to share stories, discuss what you are looking to take away from this conference, and how the AAFP may play a role in your future.

Have your CE's and Supper too. AAFP will be offering a Seminar, which will include supper.

Separate registration is required and you must be registered for the General Conference.

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Seminar & Supper

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Attendees will receive a separate CE Certificate.

Registration Fees: \$130.00 by 8/8/08 \$150.00 after 8/8/08

Medical Imaging of the Urinary Tract: An Internists' Perspective

Dr. Jody Lulich, University Of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN **Dr. Gregory F. Grauer,** Professor and Jarvis Chair of Medicine, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Instead of starting with the patient, this interactive, high energy case-based seminar will start with medical imaging and then backtrack to sleuth out the diagnosis. We will discuss the need for additional imaging procedures and diagnostics tests. Like a gunslinger, we will be shooting from the hip with our wisdom and experience, and lassoing members of the audience to contribute their "two bits."

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DAY ONE

Sunday, September 21, 2008

TECHNICIAN TRACK 6 CEU HOURS

Technician Track Sponsored by

8:00 - 9:00 am

General Conference Breakfast and AAFP Annual Business Meeting

9:00 - 10:30 am

Urinalysis: Performing an Accurate Urine Sediment Analysis, Part 1

Dr. Jody Lulich, University Of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN

This interactive, case-based seminar will start with the Do's and Don'ts of urine collection. We will then discuss the essential equipment and procedures needed to perform an accurate sediment analysis. The seminar will end with an opportunity to evaluate urine sediments using interactive videos.

10:30 - 11:00 am AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

11:00 – 12:30 pm Urinalysis: Performing an Accurate Urine Sediment Analysis, Part 2

Dr. Jody Lulich, University Of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN

12:30 - 2:00 pm

Lunch and Visit Exhibit Hall

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Proteinuria Lecture and Lab

Dr. Gregory F. Grauer, Professor and Jarvis Chair of Medicine, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS Persistent proteinuria of renal origin is an important marker of chronic kidney disease (CKD) in cats. Unfortunately, due to the high incidence of false-positive results for proteinuria on the urine dipstick screening test and proteinuria associated with lower urinary tract inflammation in cats, positive reactions for urine protein are quite common and therefore often disregarded. Ruling out false-positive proteinuria and identifying proteinuria of renal origin are necessary first steps when evaluating the results of tests for proteinuria. In the case of CKD, albumin is usually the primary component of renal proteinuria. In addition to being a diagnostic marker for CKD, the potential for renal proteinuria/albuminuria to be a mediator of CKD progression also exists. The recent development of species specific albumin ELISA technology that enables detection of low concentrations of feline albuminuria has stimulated discussion about what level of proteinuria/albuminuria is normal and what levels may be associated with renal disease progression. For these reasons, detection and monitoring of renal proteinuria in cats has recently received renewed interest. Perhaps somewhat similar to our changing definition and treatment guidelines for systemic hypertension, the need to recognize, monitor, and potentially treat renal proteinuria, that not long ago may have been considered normal, is increasing.

Lab: We will use feline urine samples to compare and contrast several methodologies designed to detect urine albumin. These methodologies will include the conventional dipstick test, the SSA turbidimetric test, the Heska E.R.D.-HealthScreen® Urine Tests and the IDEXX in-house urine protein/creatinine ratio.

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Proteinuria Lecture and Lab, continued

Dr. Gregory F. Grauer, Professor and Jarvis Chair of Medicine, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

4:00 - 4:30 pm

PM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Proteinuria Lecture and Lab, continued

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5:30 - 7:00 pm

Exhibitors' Welcome Reception

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GENERAL CONFERENCE 6 CEU HOURS

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8:00 – 9:00 am General Conference Breakfast and AAFP Annual Business Meeting

9:00 - 10:00 am Stress Effects on the Lower Urinary Tract

Dr. C. A. Tony Buffington, Professor of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, The Ohio State University Veterinary

Hospital, Columbus, OH

What is stress? What stresses cats? What is the relationship between stress and disease of the lower urinary tract (and other body systems)? This seminar will try to answer these questions using features of the indoor environment as examples. We also will discuss why this may be more of an issue for cats than some other species, and begin a conversation about what we can do about it.

10:00 - 10:30 am AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

10:30 - 11:30 am Feline Interstitial Cystitis

Dr. C. A. Tony Buffington, Professor of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, The Ohio State University Veterinary

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This talk will discuss an approach to differential diagnosis of lower urinary tract signs in cats, focusing on "FIC". Dr. Buffington will present work on the etiopathogenesis of "FIC", and his proposal that this name be abandoned and replaced by "Cannon's Syndrome".

11:30 - 12:30 pm Treating Lower Urinary Tract Signs Part I

Dr. C. A. Tony Buffington, Professor of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, The Ohio State University Veterinary

Hospital, Columbus, OH

Much of treatment of LUTS seems to depend on owner adherence to our recommendations. Dr. Buffington will talk about ways to help owners understand what is going on, what they can do, and how to go about doing it in a way that they can tell how things are going and how to change course to avoid some of the larger obstacles to remission of LUTS and other symptoms in their cat

12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch and Visit Exhibit Hall

2:00 – 3:00 pm Treating Lower Urinary Tract Signs Part II

Dr. C. A. Tony Buffington, Professor of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, The Ohio State University Veterinary

Hospital, Columbus, OH

Sometimes, in addition to treating the owner, we need to treat the cat. These treatments include acute and chronic nutritional and medical management. Based on Ohio State's experience, how these approaches are implemented may be as important as what is done. Dr. Buffington will explain what Ohio State does and how they do it as a prelude to a discussion with the audience about other options that may work in different situations.

3:00 – 4:00 pm Urolithiasis: Stone Identification and Management Part I

Dr. Jody Lulich, University Of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN

This seminar will begin with an overview of the clinical importance of urolithiasis and then discuss the tools to accurately predict their mineral composition. Mineral composition is the most important stone characteristic to make feasible management decisions. We will also start urolith management in this section.

4:00 – 4:30 pm PM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

4:30 – 5:30 pm Urolithiasis: Stone Identification and Management Part II

Dr. Jody Lulich, University Of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN

This seminar will discuss contemporary methods of urolith removal (dissolution, VU, basket retrieval, and lithotripsy) and end with urolith prevention strategies.

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DAY TWO

Monday, September 22, 2008

GENERAL CONFERENCE 6 CEU HOURS

8:00 - 9:00 am General Conference Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) Certification Workshop during Breakfast

The ABVP certification workshop is intended to provide information about what the ABVP is and how someone initiates the process to become a Diplomate of the ABVP. Those who are curious about the ABVP and the process, or who know they want to pursue ABVP certification and aren't sure how to start should attend, are invited to watch the presentation which explains the process, and get their questions answered. Many ABVP Diplomates in feline medicine started through the AAFP. The AAFP in and of itself strives to raise the level of feline practice and is very successful in that. Certification is the next logical step for those who want to take their practice abilities to the next level. ABVP certification distinguishes a veterinarian as being a 'cut above' the masses. It demonstrates to the public and their peers that they were willing to work and go the extra distance to improve their knowledge and practice skills. A survey sheet will be given to each attendee to gain information about them, and allow for follow up by the ABVP to nurture their interest. Information about the web site will be provided to learn where an Applicant Handbook may be obtained.

9:00 – 10:00 am Feline Ureteronephrolithiasis: Detection, Management, and Prevention

Dr. Jody Lulich, University Of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN

This seminar will strive to answer the difficult questions of when to cut and when to watch and wait. Data will be presented of case outcomes evaluated at the University of Minnesota.

10:00 - 10:30 am AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

10:30 – 11:30 am Common Misconceptions in the Diagnosis and Treatment of FLUTD

*Dr. Jody Lulich, University Of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN*This seminar will use evidence based literature to answer questions such as, is cystocentesis safe in cats with urethral obstruction, which catheters are dangerous to use to unobstruct the feline urethra, when to select radiography or ultrasound as a diagnostic tool, when to use antibiotics, how to unobstruct the feline

urethra, and others.

11:30 – 12:30 pm Staging and Management of Feline Chronic Kidney Disease, Part I

Dr. Gregory F. Grauer, Professor and Jarvis Chair of Medicine, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS A recently proposed staging system for feline chronic kidney disease (CKD) has gained widespread acceptance. Staging of CKD is primarily determined by serum creatinine levels and secondarily by the presence or absence of hypertension and/or proteinuria. Staging CKD patients allows diagnostic and

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DAY TWO

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Roundtable on Dietary Intervention for Kidney Disease

- Hill's Pet Nutrition representative: Dr. Dru Forrester, Manager, Scientific Communications, Hill's Pet Nutrition
- Royal Canin representative: Dr. Denise Elliott, Director of Scientific Communications, Royal Canin
- The lams Company representative: Dr. Sherry L. Sanderson, Associate Professor, The University of Georgia-College of Veterinary Medicine
- Nestle Purina PetCare Company representative: *Dr. Laura Eirmann, Veterinary Communications Manager, Nestlé Purina*

4:00 - 4:30 pm

PM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

4:30 - 5:30 pm

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Additional information can be found on page 9.



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A discussion will be held on the latest from the ABVP, feline diplomates, and an open forum to answer questions from feline diplomates will be provided. Diplomates of the ABVP only are invited to this breakfast.

9:00 - 10:00 am The Importance of Hypertension and Proteinuria in Feline CKD, Part I

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11:00 - 11:30 am AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

11:30 - 12:30 pm Research Grant Recipient Presentations

11:30-12:15

2006: Prostaglandin E2 Signaling in the Feline Mammary Cancer: A Potential Target for Chemotherapy

Sakhila K. Banu, BS, MS, Mphil, PhD

College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX Mammary cancer is a devastating disease in cats that accounts for about 10-17% of all non-lymphoid tumors. Between 80 and 96% of feline mammary tumors (FMT) are malignant and metastases to other tissues. Currently, treatment strategies are very limited because most of the tumorigenic pathways are unknown in cats. Prostaglandin E2 (PGE2) plays a pro-oncogenic role in development of various cancers including mammary tumors. Therefore, we have been studying PGE2 signaling pathways in FMT. PGE2 receptors EP2 and EP4 are abundantly expressed in FMT. Inhibition of EP2 and EP4 receptors decreased proliferation and increased apoptosis, and decreased invasion of FMT cells through multiple mechanisms. Our first time results indicate that targeting EP2 and EP4 receptors could be potential chemotherapy for FMT.

12:15-12:30

2005: *Gene Expression Profiling of Feline Alimentary Lymphoma Mary Lynn Higginbotham, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVIM-Oncology Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Manhattan, KS*



Tuesday, September 23, 2008 continued

DAY THREE

12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch and Visit Exhibit Hall

2:00 - 3:00 pm Urinary Tract Trauma

Dr. Lillian Aronson, Faculty Advisor, University Of Pennsylvania- School Of Veterinary Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

Urinary tract trauma in the cat can involve the kidneys, ureters, bladder or urethra and has been associated with automobile accidents or falls, penetrating wounds secondary to bites and penetrating foreign bodies, and forceful catheterizations. Using case examples, this lecture will focus on patient presentation, initial stabilization and surgical treatment of injuries involving both the upper and lower urinary tract.

3:00 – 4:00 pm Surgical Approach to Feline Urolithiasis

Dr. Lillian Aronson, Faculty Advisor, University Of Pennsylvania- School Of Veterinary Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

At the University of Pennsylvania they are seeing an increasing number of feline patients present with calcium oxalate nephroliths and/or ureteroliths. Although medical management of struvite urolithiasis has proven to be successful, medical protocols that will promote dissolution of calcium oxalate uroliths are currently unavailable. This lecture will focus on factors that should be considered when determining whether a patient is an appropriate candidate for surgical intervention and discuss the different surgical techniques used for both renal and ureteral calculi.

4:00 – 4:15 pm PM Coffee Break

4:15 – 5:15 pm Feline Renal Transplantation

Dr. Lillian Aronson, Faculty Advisor, University Of Pennsylvania- School Of Veterinary Medicine, Philadelphia. PA

Renal transplantation is currently an accepted treatment option for cats in renal failure, however not every cat is a candidate for the procedure. This lecture will focus on appropriate case selection, pre and post operative care, surgical techniques, common postoperative complications and long term management of these challenging cases.

5:15 pm Conclusion of Conference

General Conference Information

Dates to Note on Your Calendar

6 weeks prior: Friday, August 8, 2008, Early Bird Deadline

4 weeks prior: Friday, August 22, 2008, Cancellation Deadline and Hotel Reservation Deadline

Who Should Attend

This focused theme of "Feline Urinary Tract Diseases" will update and inform the participant on the most recent diagnostic and therapeutic recommendations for diseases involving the urinary tract.

Continuing Education Credits

This conference has been submitted (but not yet approved) for continuing education credit 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 the AAFP Office for further information at info@catvets.com

Seminar & Supper, Saturday, September 20, 2008 = 2.0 CE hours

Technician Track / Labs, Sunday, September 21, 2008 = 6.0 CE hours

General Conference

Day 1: Sunday, September 21, 2008 = 6.0 CE hours
Day 2: Monday, September 22, 2008 = 6.0 CE hours
Day 3: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 = 6.0 CE hours

Registration

Early Bird Registration: The early bird deadline is Friday, August 8, 2008

Saturday Seminar and Supper

\$130.00 by 8/8/08 \$150.00 after 8/8/08

Separate registration required for this Lab / Seminar and you must be registered for the General Conference. Attendees will receive a separate CE Certificate.

Technician Track

\$125.00 by 8/8/08 \$150.00 after 8/8/08

Attendees will receive a separate CE Certificate.

General Conference Registration

Full Three-Day	By 8/8/08	After 8/8/08
AAFP / ESFM Members	\$425.00	\$500.00
Non-Members	\$530.00	\$600.00
Technicians	\$225.00	\$300.00
Practice Managers	\$225.00	\$300.00
Students	\$65.00	\$85.00
One-Day	\$200.00	\$275.00

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation must be received in writing either via fax to (908) 292-1188 or email to info@catvets.com Cancellations received by **Friday**, **August 22**, **2008** will receive a refund minus a \$50.00 administrative fee. Cancellations received after **Friday**, **August 22**, **2008** will not be eligible for refunds. Please note that if you cancel your conference registration, it does not constitute cancellation of your hotel reservation —that is your responsibility.

Conference Proceedings

We realize that not every attendee is the same, so we are giving you three options for how you would like to receive your conference proceedings. In order to save printing costs and stabilize registration fees, printed proceedings are offered for a separate fee, and will not be automatically included in the registration fee.

1. **Online Proceedings:** Each registered attendee will receive complimentary online access to the conference proceedings on the AAFP website prior to the event. You will receive an e-mail with login information approximately 3 weeks prior to the event.



- 2. **USB Flash Drive:** Fort Dodge will graciously provide all attendees with a USB Flash Drive, which will contain the proceedings for the AAFP Fall Conference, as well as Healthy Cats for Life resources. You may pick up your Flash Drive at the Fort Dodge exhibit booth during the conference using a ticket which will be included in your confirmation materials.
- 3. Printed Book: You may pre-purchase a Printed Proceedings Book for \$55.00

Optional Off Site Evening Event

Join us for an evening with the Big Cats at Zoo Atlanta.

Located in historic Grant Park, minutes from downtown Atlanta and Turner Field, Zoo Atlanta is one of Georgia's most loved institutions. Founded in 1889, it is one of the 10 oldest zoos in continuous operation in the United States. The Sumatran Tiger Forest opened in June 1990 and features Sumatran tigers and a clouded leopard. Sumatran tigers Sekayu, Jalal, Chelsea and Kavi and clouded leopard Moby can be found prowling

outdoor habitats, which contain simulating Indonesian forest glades with waterfalls, rivers and rocky crevices for the animals to explore. Zoo Atlanta's Sumatran tigers are part of the Association of Zoos and Aquarium's (AZA) Species Survival Plan (SSP).

There is no charge for the event however we are limited to the first 200 attendees that sign up, which includes: transportation, dinner, and a guest speaker from the zoo.

Sam Rivera, D.V.M., MS., Dipl. ABVP (Avian Specialty), Associate Veterinarian at Zoo Atlanta will speak during dinner on "How the Zoo Uses Operant Conditioning (Training) to Help Provide Better Veterinary Care to Their Big Cat Collection."

The veterinary care of large cats in captivity can sometimes be challenging. Training big cats through operant conditioning, for voluntary blood collection, injections, or obtaining blood pressure, greatly minimizes the stress to the animal and handler. The lecture will go over how their staff trains their large cats for veterinary-related procedures and the benefits of such program.

Through Merial's Sponsorship of this event a donation will be made to the Zoo's "Enrichment Fund for the Carnivore Department"



We will also be offering a very special "back of the cat house" tour.

The zoo is offering this tour to only 100 guests for an additional \$10.00 per person. The guests will get a tour of their large carnivore (lion/tiger) holding areas and will see a training demonstration for veterinary/husbandry procedures.

This fee will also be entirely donated to the Zoo's "Enrichment Fund for the Carnivore Department". These funds are used to obtain extra items/supplies used to provide additional environmental enrichment to their large cat collection.





General Conference Information

Hotel Information

Hilton Atlanta

255 Courtland Street NE Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Tel: 1-404-659-2000 Fax: 1-404-221-6368



Hotel's Main Website: http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/ATLAHHH-Hilton-Atlanta-Georgia/index.do?ctyhocn=ATLAHHH

The Hilton Atlanta is located in downtown Atlanta. Only 15 minutes from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Within walking distance to the Georgia Aquarium, CNN Center, Centennial Olympic Park, World of Coke, MARTA, The Mall at Peachtree Center, Philips Arena, 27 restaurants, and more. Many more restaurants, shopping, museums, Georgia Dome and Turner Field, home of the Atlanta Braves, are a short taxi ride away.

A block of rooms have been reserved for September 19, 2008 - September 25, 2008 and are subject to availability. The group rate is only available until Friday, August 22, 2008, subject to availability. Reservations made after Friday, August 22, 2008 may not be guaranteed the group rate.

Run of House Room Rates

- \$ 155.00 Single / Double Rate
- \$ 175.00 Triple Rate
- \$ 195.00 Quad Rate

Taxes are estimated based on a 15.00 % per room per night tax. Changes in taxes or fees applied after booking may affect the total rate for your stay.

Online Reservations:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ATLAHHH-AFP-20080919/index.jhtml Reservations made through this web link will automatically pull the group rates.

Call the Hotel directly: 404-659-2000

If you call in your reservations you must refer to the Group Code: "AFP or 2008 AAFP's Fall Conference" in order to receive the group rates.

There is a credit card required for this reservation. If you wish to cancel, please do so 1 day prior to arrival to avoid cancellation penalties. At check in, the front desk will verify your check-out date. Rates quoted are based on check-in date and length of stay. Should you choose to depart early, price is subject to change.

Check-in time is 3:00 PM Check-out time is 11:00 AM

Parking at the hotel: Valet parking: \$24.00/night Self parking: \$17.00/night

Traveling to the Conference

Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) is 10 miles (16.2 kilometers) from downtown Atlanta. http://www.atlanta-airport.com

Transportation

There are a number of ways to get to and from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Located just 10 miles south of downtown Atlanta, Hartsfield-Jackson Airport is accessible via local Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) trains and buses, downtown and suburban shuttles and interstate highways.

Hartsfield-Jackson has now implemented a new Airport Information and Ground Transportation Center conveniently located in the arrival's lobby next door to Hertz Car Rental. The Center provides assistance to travelers requesting information pertaining to transportation services before they leave the terminal building.

Taxi Fee Structure - Business District

Flat Rate Zone from/to the Airport *\$2.00 charge for each additional person Downtown \$ 30.00 Buckhead \$ 38.00 Midtown \$ 32.00

Shared-Ride Shuttles (Departs every 10-15 mins): Shared-ride shuttle transportation services are available during flight operating hours. Service includes transportation to hotels, metro (providing service to cities located inside the Atlanta metropolitan area) and non-metro (providing service to cities located outside the Atlanta metropolitan area) areas, businesses and residences. For reservations, go to the Green Bus aisle in the Ground Transportation Center. Shuttle service to Downtown, Midtown, and Buckhead are located in the Pink Bus aisle. To better serve our customers, shared-ride shuttles depart every 15 minutes and non-metro shuttles depart every 30 minutes to an hour. Credit cards accepted: American Express, Discover, Master Card and Visa.

Metro Trains: The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) covers the metro Atlanta area (Fulton and Dekalb counties) with scheduled service to and from the airport. The MARTA entrance is located at the west entrance of the terminal complex, near other ground transportation services. MARTA trains arrive and depart from the airport every eight minutes. In 15 minutes, a passenger can travel the 10 miles to downtown Atlanta, where connections are available to other parts of the city.

Schedules for MARTA rapid rail service are available at the Airport at the following locations: Traveler's Aid, the MARTA Airport Station, and the International Information Counter on Concourse "E". Bus Schedules also may be obtained by calling MARTA Customer Services weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (404) 848-4711 or by visiting MARTA's web site at: http://www.itsma rta.com/

Subway

Take the train north and exit at Peachtree Center Station.

Take the Harris Street escalator or follow the directions for Peachtree Center Mall.

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Dr. C. A. Tony Buffington, Professor of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, The Ohio State University Veterinary Hospital, Columbus, OH

Dr. Tony Buffington is a professor of veterinary clinical sciences at The Ohio State University Veterinary Hospital. Following service in the United States Coast Guard (1968-72) he attended the University of California at Davis, where he received the DVM degree ('81), and BS ('76), MS ('82), and PhD ('88) degrees in nutrition. He teaches a clinical nutrition elective, lectures in other core and elective courses, and conducts nutrition rounds in the 4th year community practice rotation. He also teaches clinical nutrition and research methods courses to resident/graduate students. Dr. Buffington's research focuses on idiopathic cystitis in cats as a naturally occurring disease analog of interstitial cystitis in human beings, and on the role of developmental and early life events and stress in the pathogenesis of these diseases. His other clinical interests include obesity, evidence-based medicine, and effective medical communications. He is a member of the AVMA, 4 invited professional societies, and past member of the NIH study section in urology. He has authored more than 80 scientific publications, 30 book chapters, and with Dr. Sarah Abood and Cheryl Holloway, the book *Manual of Veterinary Dietetics*.

Dr. Laura Eirmann, Veterinary Communications Manager, Nestlé Purina

Dr. Laura Eirmann received her DVM in 1993 from the NY State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell. She then completed a small animal internship at the Animal Medical Center in NYC. In 1994 she returned to Cornell University as an instructor. She had a dual appointment teaching basic science to first year veterinary students in a molecular biology course and supervising fourth year students in Community Practice Service of the Companion Animal Hospital. In 1997 Dr. Eirmann relocated to NJ. She has been on staff at the Oradell Animal Hospital in Paramus NJ since 1997. She joined the Nestlé Purina Company in 1998 as part of the team of technical support veterinarians and lectures on clinical nutrition to veterinarians and veterinary students. Laura is currently in the third year of a small animal clinical nutrition residency at the Oradell Animal Hospital and serving as the Nestlé Purina Veterinary Communications Manager in the northeast region of the United States.

Dr. Denise Elliott, Director of Scientific Affairs, Royal Canin, USA

Dr. Elliott graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor in Veterinary Science with Honors in 1991. After completing an internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, Denise moved to the University of California-Davis where she completed a residency in Small Animal Medicine, a fellowship in Renal Medicine and Hemodialysis, and a residency in Small Animal Clinical Nutrition. Denise received Board Certification with the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 1996 and with the American College of Veterinary Nutrition in 2001. The University of California-Davis awarded her a PhD in Nutrition in 2001 for her work on Multifrequency Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis in Healthy Cats and Dogs. Dr. Elliott is currently the Director of Scientific Affairs for Royal Canin USA.



Dr. Dru Forrester, Manager, Scientific Communications, Hill's Pet Nutrition

Dr. Forrester received her DVM from Auburn University in 1985 and completed an internship, residency, and M.S. degree at Texas A&M University. From 1990 to 2003, she was a faculty member at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech. From 2003-2005, Dr. Forrester was professor of small animal medicine at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California. She joined the Scientific Affairs group at Hill's Pet Nutrition in 2005 and currently is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Clinical Sciences at Kansas State University. Dr. Forrester has authored or co-authored over 150 journal articles, book chapters, and research abstracts and given over 250 continuing education seminars. She enjoys teaching and has received numerous teaching awards, including the national Carl J. Norden/Pfizer Distinguished Teacher Award in 2004. Her areas of interest include teaching excellence, clinical problem solving skills, case-based instruction, small animal nephrology and urology, and clinical nutrition.

Dr. Gregory F. Grauer, Professor and Jarvis Chair of Small Animal Internal Medicine, Kansas State University-College of Veterinary Medicine, Manhattan, KS

Dr. Grauer received his DVM degree from Iowa State University in 1978. He then completed his postgraduate training (internship, residency, and MS degree) at Colorado State University between 1978 and 1982. Dr. Grauer obtained his specialty board certification in Internal Medicine in 1983. After his postgraduate training, Dr. Grauer was a member of the faculty at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin for 7 years and then returned to the Department of Clinical Sciences at Colorado State University where he served as Professor and Section Chief of Small Animal Medicine until 2000. Dr. Grauer has also served as President and Chairman of the Board of Regents of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. He was also the Clinical Sciences Department Head at Kansas State University from 2000 to 2006. Currently, Dr. Grauer is a Professor and the Jarvis Chair of Small Animal Internal Medicine in the Department of Clinical Sciences at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University. Dr. Grauer's areas of clinical and research interest involve the small animal urinary system.

Dr. Jody Lulich, University Of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN

Dr. Jody Lulich earned the DVM degree (cum laude) from Tuskegee University in 1984, and completed an internship (1984-1985), internal medicine residency (1985-1990), and PhD program (1985-1990) at the University of Minnesota were he currently holds the academic rank of professor. He is a diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine certified in internal medicine. He is the co-director of the Minnesota Urolith Center. He is a specialist in nephrology and urology, and has earned an international reputation as a clinical investigator and educator in this field. He is the author or co-author of approximately 415 manuscripts that have been published in journals, textbooks, or scientific proceedings. He has also been a prolific clinical investigator having received approximately \$US 3,000,000 in funded studies. Among his contributions to veterinary medicine is the technique of voiding urohydropropulsion, a nonsurgical method to remove uroliths from the urinary bladder. He has presented approximately 120 seminars in the United States and other countries. In 2007, he was voted as Speaker of The Year at the North American Veterinary Conference held in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Sherry L. Sanderson, Associate Professor, The University of Georgia-College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sherry Sanderson received a BS degree from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in 1986 and a DVM degree from the University of Minnesota-College of Veterinary Medicine in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1990. After graduating from vet school, she completed a 1 year rotating internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at Oklahoma State University-College of Veterinary Medicine. She then returned to the University of Minnesota to complete a combined graduate program and dual residency in Small Animal Internal Medicine and Small Animal Clinical Nutrition. She achieved diplomate status in The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) in 1998, received a PhD in 2000, and achieved diplomate status in the American College of Veterinary Nutrition (ACVN) in 2001. She is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Georgia-College of Veterinary Medicine. Her research interests include the use of nutritional management for the prevention and treatment of diseases in dogs and cats. Areas of particular interest include Urology and Nephrology, Obesity and the interaction of Carnitine and Taurine in Canine Dilated Cardiomyopathy.

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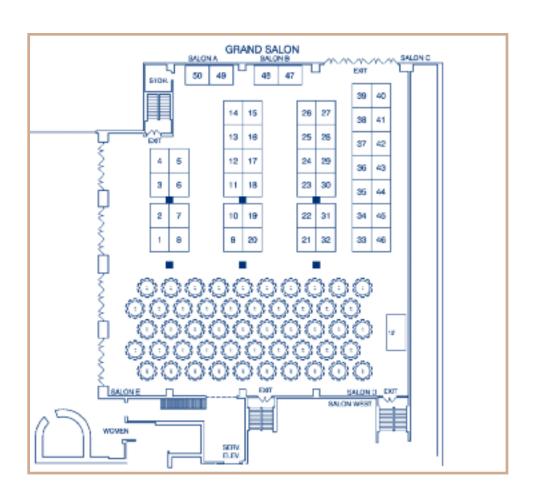
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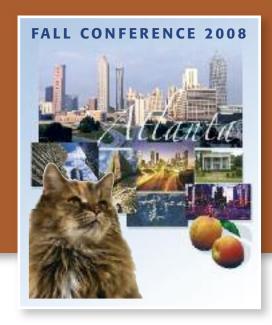
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