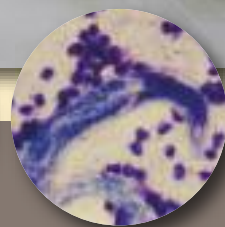
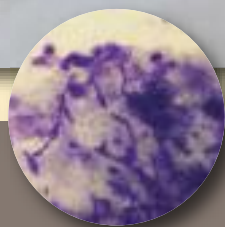
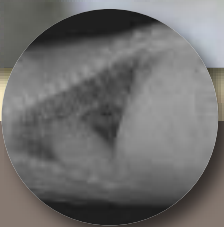
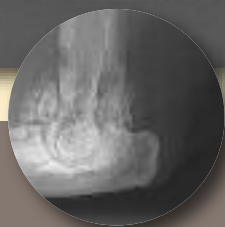
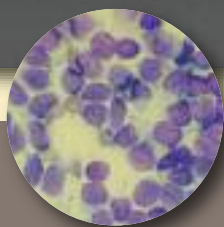
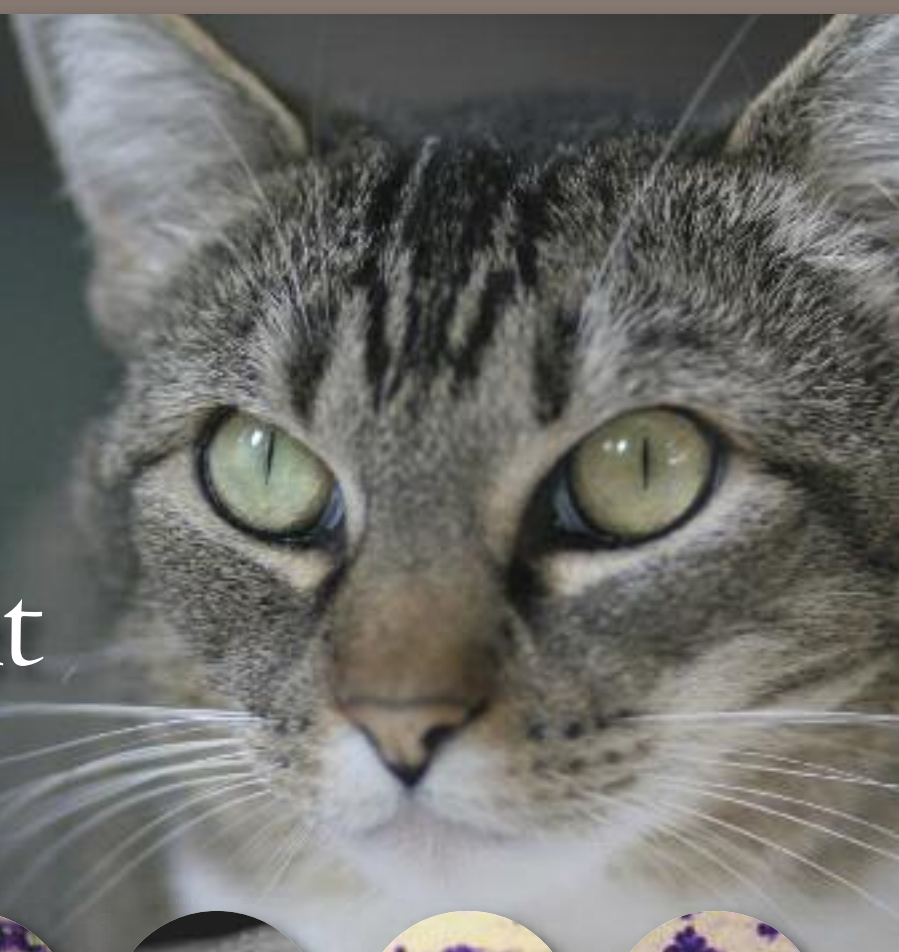


AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FELINE PRACTITIONERS

FALL CONFERENCE 2009

Complex Disease Management



October 30 - November 2, 2009

Hyatt Regency Denver at the

Colorado Convention Center

Denver, Colorado

Agenda-at-a-Glance



Friday, October 30, 2009

“Seminar and Social” and “Meet & Greet”

4 CEU HOURS

1:00 - 5:30 pm	Seminar and Social Presented by ABVP and AAFP. Separate registration is required.
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Glands Behaving Badly: Difficult Endocrine Cases in Cats , <i>Dr. Thomas K. Graves</i>
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Beyond Glargine: Insulin Therapy in Cats , <i>Dr. Thomas K. Graves</i>
4:30 - 5:30 pm	Hypertension, Renal Disease, and the Thyroid Gland , <i>Dr. Thomas K. Graves</i>
5:30 - 7:00 pm	“Meet and Greet” Reception - Open to all conference attendees.

Saturday, October 31, 2009

6 CEU HOURS

DAY ONE - General Conference		TECHNICIAN TRACK – Critical Care Nursing	
7:00 - 8:00 am	General Conference Breakfast and AAFP Annual Business Meeting	7:00 - 8:00 am	General Conference Breakfast and AAFP Annual Business Meeting
8:00 - 9:30 am	Managing Concurrent Renal & Cardiac Diseases , <i>Dr. Etienne Côté</i>	8:00 - 9:30 am	Pain Assessment & Management in Critically Ill Patients , <i>Dr. Kurt Grimm</i>
9:30 - 10:00 am	AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall	9:30 - 10:00 am	AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall
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4:30 - 5:30 pm	Free Time: Time to change into your costume for the Halloween Party.		
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Exhibitors’ “Trick or Treat” Welcome Reception - Open to all conference attendees.		
6:30 - 10:00 pm	Halloween Party - Open to all conference attendees.		

Sunday, November 1, 2009

DAY TWO - General Conference

6 CEU HOURS

7:00 - 8:00 am	General Conference Breakfast
8:00 - 9:30 am	Oxidative Stress and Chronic Diseases...Medicine from the Inside Out , <i>Dr. Lester Mandelker</i>
9:30 - 10:00 am	AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall
10:00 - 11:30 am	Polypharmacy Issues in the Management of Complex Diseases , <i>Dr. Lester Mandelker</i>
11:30 - 1:00 pm	Lunch and Visit Exhibit Hall
1:00 - 2:00 pm	When the Fur is Flying: Preventing and Coping With Compassion Fatigue , <i>Dana Durrance</i>
2:00 - 2:30 pm	PM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Updates in IBD , <i>Dr. Rhonda Schulman</i>
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Updates in Pancreatitis , <i>Dr. Rhonda Schulman</i>
4:30 pm	Free Evening to Explore Denver

Monday, November 2, 2009

DAY THREE - General Conference

6 CEU HOURS

7:00 - 8:00 am	General Conference Breakfast
7:00 - 8:00 am	ABVP Diplomate Breakfast
8:00 - 9:00 am	Unusual Endocrinopathies , <i>Dr. Rhonda Schulman</i>
9:00 - 10:00 am	Updates in Endocrinology Emergencies , <i>Dr. Rhonda Schulman</i>
10:00 - 10:30 am	AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall
10:30 - 11:30 am	Updates in the Treatment of Asthma , <i>Dr. Rhonda Schulman</i>
11:30 - 1:00 pm	Lunch, Research Grant Presentations, & Visit Exhibit Hall
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Progress in Characterization and Management of the Feline Cholangitis/Cholangiohepatitis Syndrome , <i>Dr. Sharon Center</i>
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AGENDA



Friday, October 30, 2009

1:00 - 5:30 pm **Joint AAFP/ABVP Seminar and Social**



Presented by American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) and American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP)

4 CEU hours, Separate registration is required.



Want to earn additional CE? This joint ABVP/AAFP Seminar is offered not only for ABVP diplomates, but for any attendee desiring additional in-depth, high level CE. Sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health, the scientific sessions, featuring Dr. Thomas K. Graves, will provide you with an extra four hours of engaging CE in a smaller group setting. An extended refreshment break will offer ample opportunity for discussion and interaction with other attendees. The afternoon will conclude with AAFP's "Meet and Greet," where there will be plenty of opportunity for further socializing.

1:00 - 3:00 pm **"Glands Behaving Badly: Difficult Endocrine Cases in Cats"**

Thomas K. Graves, DVM, PhD, DACVIM

Several difficult cases of cats with complicated endocrine diseases will be presented in an interactive format. Cases will include signalment and history, diagnostic dilemmas, evaluation of treatment options, and treatment outcomes.

3:00 - 3:30 pm **Refreshment Break**

3:30 - 4:30 pm **"Beyond Glargine: Insulin Therapy in Cats"**

Thomas K. Graves, DVM, PhD, DACVIM

Insulin glargine is the most commonly used insulin in feline practice, but a newer insulin analog may be useful as well. Clinical data concerning the long-acting insulin analog, Detemir, will be presented. Controversies surround the monitoring of insulin therapy in cats will also be discussed.

4:30 - 5:30 pm **"Hypertension, Renal Disease, and the Thyroid Gland"**

Thomas K. Graves, DVM, PhD, DACVIM

Hypertension may be common in the geriatric feline population, but the relationship between hyperthyroidism and hypertension is poorly understood. Mechanisms and treatments for hypertension will be presented in the context of a complicated clinical case of a cat with thyroid disease, renal disease, and hypertension.

5:30 - 7:00 pm **"Meet and Greet" Reception - Open to all conference attendees.**



The AAFP invites all attendees to this informal "Meet and Greet" sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health. Whether you are a new member, first time attendee or recurring attendee, make the most out of your experience at the AAFP conference! Our goal is to help new members and first time conference attendees get the most out of their experience at the AAFP Conference. 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.

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.

Saturday, October 31, 2009

DAY ONE **TECHNICIAN TRACK- Critical Care Nursing** **6 CEU Hours**

7:00 - 8:00 am General Conference Breakfast and AAFP Annual Business Meeting

8:00 - 9:30 am **“Pain Assessment & Management in Critically Ill Patients”**



Kurt Grimm, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVA, DACVCP, Veterinary Specialist Services, Conifer, CO

“You cannot manage what you cannot measure.” Assessment of pain in clinical patients is challenging and very subjective. However, there are clues that can lead to better diagnosis and treatment of painful conditions and, coupled with a critical anthropomorphic approach, can lead to improved clinical patient care. This presentation covers the basics of pain-associated behavior and treatment in feline patients.

9:30 - 10:00 am AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

10:00 - 11:30 am **“Topical Therapies that Work in the Feline Patient”**

Lester Mandelker, DVM, Dip ABVP, AAVPT (Fellow), VIN Consultant, Community Veterinary Hospital, Largo, FL

This lecture will be geared to treating a variety of conditions in cats that respond well to topical therapies. Conditions include feline asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia, intubation, IBD and gastroenteritis/colitis, interstitial cystitis, chronic urinary tract infections, chronic sinusitis, skin wounds, ear infections and declawing. Detail discussion will include therapies that include both pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapies, including disease modifying agents.

11:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch and Visit Exhibit Hall

1:00 - 2:30 pm **“Triage, Shock, and Monitoring the Critical Feline”**

Tim Hackett, DVM, MS, DAVCECC, Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Colorado State University; Fort Collins, CO

This lecture will focus on the emergency assessment, treatment, and monitoring of the critical feline. Critically ill cats present many unique problems including low heart rates, low body temperature, and a tendency to become seriously overhydrated. We will use video case examples to learn the intricacies of IV access, fluid therapy, and practical monitoring techniques. Case examples will include trauma, heart failure, and peritonitis.

2:30 - 3:00 pm PM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

3:00 - 4:30 pm **“Speaking the Unspeakable: Responding to the Emotions of Your Clients”**

Dana Durrance, M.A., Veterinary Grief Specialist and Consultant, World by the Tail, Inc.

Clients who are in a state of grief, shock, anxiety or distress can be very difficult to communicate with. Many veterinary professionals feel unprepared and hesitant when it comes to talking about tough issues such as euthanasia, terminal illnesses, and pet death and grief. This 90 minute session will offer you practical, user-friendly techniques for how to respond to highly emotional clients. Topics include effective communication strategies, understanding grieving clients, and supporting clients while maintaining professional boundaries. This session will offer practical, “what to say,” and “what to do” information. The goal is to teach attendees skills they can use immediately upon returning to their practices. They are a blend of lecture, group skill-building, and role-play. Ample time is provided for questions and discussion.

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Saturday, October 31, 2009

DAY ONE GENERAL CONFERENCE

6 CEU Hours

7:00 - 8:00 am General Conference Breakfast and AAFP Annual Business Meeting

8:00 - 9:30 am **“Managing Concurrent Renal & Cardiac Diseases”**

Etienne Côté, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology), Assistant Professor, Department of Companion Animals, Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PE, Canada

Progression of many or most forms of renal disease in cats can lead to hypovolemia, where volume expansion (e.g., with parenteral fluids) is necessary. Conversely, progression of many or most forms of heart disease in cats can lead to congestive heart failure, a situation in which volume reduction (e.g., with diuretics) is life-saving. What is to be done when a cat has both disorders simultaneously? This conundrum is a common clinical situation, but one that receives little attention in the veterinary literature. The goal of this presentation is to outline the basis for treating patients suffering from both kidney and heart disorders concurrently.

9:30 - 10:00 am AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

10:00 - 11:30 am **“Managing Concurrent Extracardiac & Cardiac Diseases”**

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Cats with heart disease may often have other disorders for which treatment may conflict with the cardiac condition. Examples include allergic airway disease, gastrointestinal disease, neurologic disease, and dermatologic disease, where corticosteroids can cause fluid retention and potentially iatrogenic congestive heart failure; hypovolemia of any cause, where overzealous fluid administration likewise may cause congestive heart failure; and disorders requiring general anesthesia, with its associated cardiovascular risks. Expanding on the topic presented in the previous session, this presentation aims to illustrate practical approaches to situations where heart disease is seemingly at odds with another equally or more important disorder in the same cat.

11:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch for all conference attendees and time to visit the Exhibit Hall

12:10 - 1:00 pm **American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) Certification Workshop during lunch**

The ABVP certification workshop will provide information about the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners and how to initiate 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, are invited to attend. 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 peers the willingness to work and go the extra distance to improve their knowledge and practice skills. A voluntary survey sheet will be given to each attendee to ascertain their interest in the ABVP. Information about the web site will be provided to learn where an Applicant Handbook may be obtained.

Saturday, October 31, 2009

DAY ONE GENERAL CONFERENCE

6 CEU Hours

1:00 - 2:30 pm “Managing Chronic Pain with Concurrent Disease”

Kurt Grimm, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVA, DACVCP, Veterinary Specialist Services, Conifer, CO

Every medical intervention we perform as veterinarians is associated with potential benefits and potential risks. This presentation will cover the fundamentals of chronic pain physiology, neuroplasticity, and current / emerging pharmacological and non-pharmacological techniques for managing chronic pain in patients with common concurrent diseases, emphasizing the risks and benefits. Additionally, a brief discussion of medico-legal aspects of extra-label drug use will be covered.

2:30 - 3:00 pm PM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

3:00 - 4:30 pm “Anesthesia & Pain Management in Critically Ill Patients”

Kurt Grimm, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVA, DACVCP, Veterinary Specialist Services, Conifer, CO

As veterinarians we all take a oath to, “relieve animal suffering.” We also attempt to “do no harm” when we treat our patients. When performing anesthesia and managing pain in critically ill patients there is a balancing point between patient relief and risk that must be identified. Individualized pain management and anesthetic plans are the main way to safely manage these patients. This presentation will discuss the process of developing a reasonable anesthetic/analgesic plan and highlight the potential pitfalls through case-based discussion.

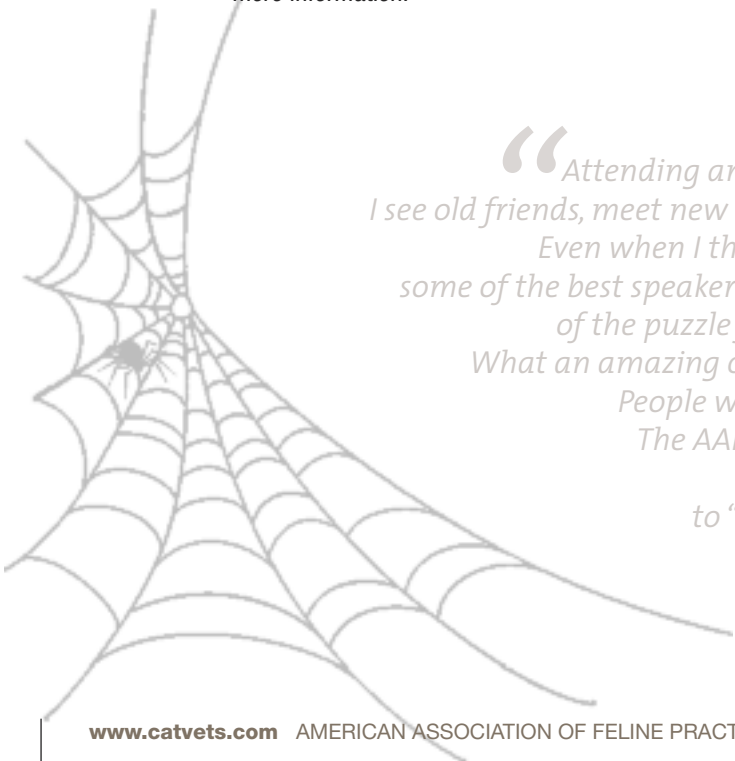
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“Attending an AAFP conference is something I look forward to! I see old friends, meet new kindred spirits, and always learn something new. Even when I think I am current on a topic, I hear it presented by some of the best speakers and minds in our profession, and another piece of the puzzle falls into place and my understanding advances. What an amazing opportunity to network with like-minded people! People who want to improve the lives of cats are the best! The AAFP has been an integral part of my evolution as a feline practitioner and as a human who wants to “make a difference” through veterinary medicine.”

Margie Scherk
DVM, Dip ABVP (Feline)



2009 FALL CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 1, 2009

DAY TWO GENERAL CONFERENCE 6 CEU Hours

7:00 - 8:00 am General Conference Breakfast

8:00 - 9:30 am **“Oxidative Stress and Chronic Diseases...Medicine from the Inside Out”**

Lester Mandelker, DVM, Dip ABVP, AAVPT (Fellow), VIN Consultant, Community Veterinary Hospital, Largo, FL

Mitochondria are the major producer of free radicals and the major target of oxidative damage producing oxidative stress. Excessive or inappropriate oxidative stress damages cells, tissues specifically DNA, cell membranes and lipids. The role of oxidative stress and mitochondrial dysfunction is common in almost every chronic disease. This lecture will discuss the role of oxidative stress in chronic disease states and how various therapies can decrease and improve progression of many chronic diseases.

9:30 - 10:00 am AM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

10:00 - 11:30 am **“Polypharmacy Issues in the Management of Complex Diseases”**

Lester Mandelker, DVM, Dip ABVP, AAVPT (Fellow), VIN Consultant, Community Veterinary Hospital, Largo, FL

This lecture will discuss both the pathophysiology and treatment of several chronic diseases with emphasis on both pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapy. Diseases include IBD, asthma, interstitial cystitis, chronic bladder infections, pneumonia/bronchitis, chronic sinusitis, feline stomatitis, hepatic disease, hypertension, osteoarthritis, pancreatitis/triadenitis, chronic renal failure/azotemia etc. Emphasis on both using multiple pharmacological therapies (polypharmacy) and disease modifying agents will be discussed in detail.

11:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch and Visit Exhibit Hall

1:00 - 2:00 pm **“When the Fur is Flying: Preventing and Coping With Compassion Fatigue”**

Dana Durrance, M.A., Veterinary Grief Specialist and Consultant, World by the Tail, Inc.

Feline veterinary environments can be highly stressful. The severity of the illnesses seen, the medical challenges, and the prevalence of animal death are just a few factors contributing to the high stress levels. The ability or inability of staff members to recognize and deal with these issues is a major determinant in developing compassion fatigue. This 90-minute presentation will focus on stressors inherent to today’s feline practitioner and provide proven strategies for how to deal with professional compassion fatigue. This sessions will offer practical, “what to say,” and “what to do” information. The goal is to teach attendees skills they can use immediately upon returning to their practices. They are a blend of lecture, group skill-building, and role-play. Ample time is provided for questions and discussion.

2:00 - 2:30 pm PM Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

2:30 - 3:30 pm **“Updates in IBD”**

Rhonda Schulman, DVM, DACVIM, Animal Specialty Group, Los Angeles, CA

Inflammatory bowel disease is one of the most common reasons for cats to be presented. The latest thoughts on underlying etiologies as well as treatment options will be discussed. The relationship between IBD and small cell lymphoma will also be explored.

3:30 - 4:30 pm **“Updates in Pancreatitis”**

Rhonda Schulman, DVM, DACVIM, Animal Specialty Group, Los Angeles, CA

Pancreatitis. What does it look like in cats? How is it diagnosed? How should it be treated? These questions will be pondered (but not necessarily answered!) in this discussion of feline pancreatitis.

4:30 pm **Free Evening to Explore Denver**



Monday, November 2, 2009

DAY THREE GENERAL CONFERENCE

6 CEU Hours

7:00 - 8:00 am General Conference Breakfast

7:00 - 8:00 am **American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) Diplomate Breakfast**

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.

8:00 - 9:00 am **"Unusual Endocrinopathies"**

Rhonda Schulman, DVM, DACVIM, Animal Specialty Group, Los Angeles, CA

When you hear hoofbeats think zebras! This lecture will cover the manifestations, diagnosis and treatment of less commonly seen endocrinopathies including Cushings, hyperaldosteronism and acromegaly.

9:00 - 10:00 am **"Updates in Endocrinology Emergencies"**

Rhonda Schulman, DVM, DACVIM, Animal Specialty Group, Los Angeles, CA

Endocrine emergencies are commonly seen, challenging to treat, sometimes frustrating to diagnose but hopefully rewarding in the end. This lecture will present common and not-so-common endocrine emergencies; how to diagnose them and how to treat them.

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

10:30 - 11:30 am **"Updates in the Treatment of Asthma"**

Rhonda Schulman, DVM, DACVIM, Animal Specialty Group, Los Angeles, CA

One of the most common and potentially fatal conditions seen by feline practitioners is feline asthma. This lecture will focus on current research examining different diagnostics and treatments for feline asthma.

11:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch, Research Grant Presentations, and Visit Exhibit Hall

1:00 - 2:00 pm **"Progress in Characterization and Management of the Feline Cholangitis/Cholangiohepatitis Syndrome"**

Sharon Center, DVM, DACVIM; Professor, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

This lecture will provide a topical discussion of progress in the diagnosis, categorization, and medical management of feline cholangitis/cholangiohepatitis syndrome (CCHS) including histologic, immunophenotyping, T cell receptor clonality, and eubacterial DNA investigations. Case-based discussions will be used to exemplify information.

2:00 - 2:15 pm PM Coffee Break

2:15 - 4:15 pm **"Case Based Consideration of Complex Disorders of the Feline Biliary System"**

Sharon Center, DVM, DACVIM; Professor, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

This lecture will review diagnosis and management of disorders involving the biliary tree in the cat, including disorders involving the common and intrahepatic bile ducts, gallbladder, choledochal cysts, and polyfibrocystic malformations of the biliary tree. Case based illustrations will be used to exemplify the presented information.

4:15 pm **Conclusion of the Conference**



GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Dates to Note on Your Calendar

4 weeks prior: **Friday, October 2, 2009:**
Early Bird Deadline, Cancellation Deadline and Hotel Reservation Deadline

Conference Objective

This conference will focus on the theme **“Complex Disease Management – A Fine Balance.”** This program is designed to help practitioners address the challenges of managing cats with conditions with conflicting or complicated therapeutic protocols, enhance confidence in treating complex cases, and improve treatment results.

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 & Social, Friday, October 30, 2009 = 4.0 CE hours

Technician Track, Saturday, October 31, 2009 = 6.0 CE hours

General Conference

Day 1: Saturday, October 31, 2009 = 6.0 CE hours

Day 2: Sunday, November 1, 2009 = 6.0 CE hours

Day 3: Monday, November 2, 2009 = 6.0 CE hours

Registration

Early Bird Registration: The early bird deadline is Friday, October 2, 2009.

ABVP & AAFP Seminar and Social

Separate registration is required for this Seminar and you will receive a separate CE Certificate.

	By 10/02/09	After 10/02/09
Member/Non-Member	\$100.00	\$125.00
Student	\$ 40.00	\$ 65.00

Technician Track

Attendees will receive a separate CE Certificate.

	By 10/02/09	After 10/02/09
	\$125.00	\$150.00

General Conference Registration*

Full Three-Day	By 10/02/09	After 10/02/09
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

*This price includes most meals and snacks during the conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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, October 2, 2009** will receive a refund minus a \$50.00 administrative fee. Cancellations received after **Friday, October 2, 2009** 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 are not 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. 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 onsite materials.
3. **Printed Book:** You may pre-purchase a Printed Proceedings Book for \$55.00.



Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center

650 15th Street
Denver, CO 80202 USA
Tel: (303) 436-1234
Fax: (303) 486-4450

<http://denverregency.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>



The Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center is located in downtown Denver, which is about 25 minutes from the Denver Airport. Experience the best of the Mile High City from Hyatt Regency Denver by enjoying a leisurely stroll downtown or hop on the free shuttle that will bring you through the 16th Street Mall. While here you can take advantage of the incredible selection of restaurants, arts, entertainment and sports events nearby.

A block of rooms have been reserved for October 29 – November 3, 2009 and are subject to availability. **The group rate is only available until Friday, October 2, 2009, subject to availability.** Reservations made after Friday, October 2, 2009 may not be guaranteed the group rate. If you call in your reservations you must refer to the Group Code: **“American Association of Feline Practitioners”** in order to receive the group rates. Call the Hotel directly to make a reservation: (888) 421-1442.

Online Reservations:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcomed_ei_new&eventID=822292. Reservations made through this web link will automatically pull the group rates.

Run of House Room Rates:

- \$ 169.00 Single Occupancy Rate
- \$ 194.00 Double Occupancy Rate

Taxes are estimated based on a 14.85 % per room per night tax. Changes in taxes or fees applied after booking may affect the total rate for your stay.

There is a credit card required for this reservation. If you wish to cancel, please do so 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid cancellation penalties. At check in, the front desk will verify your check-out date. In the event that a guest who has reserved a guest room within Group's guest room block checks out prior to the guest's reserved checkout date, an early departure fee of one night room and tax will be charged to that guest's individual account. Guests wishing to avoid this fee must advise Hotel at or before check-in of any change in the scheduled length of stay.

Check-in time is 3:00 pm Check-out time is 11:00 am

Airport

The Denver International Airport (DEN)

(303) 342-2000
<http://www.flydenver.com/>
The airport is 23 miles from downtown Denver.



Transportation

Hyatt Regency Denver is accessible from Denver International Airport via several modes of transportation:

Taxi:

Flat Rate Zone from/to the Airport \$43.00
*\$2.00 charge for each additional person

Super Shuttle:

Cost is \$21 per person each way

- Shuttles run 5:15 am to 5:30 pm, approximately every 15 minutes.
- Shuttle ticket counters are located on Terminal Level 5, across from the rental car agencies. Reservations are not required between 5:15 am and 5:00 pm.
- Shuttle stops at Hyatt Regency Denver for pick up every 15 minutes.
- For ticket information, call (800) 258-3826 or (303) 316-3865.

Driving Directions:

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Sharon A. Center, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM, Professor, Internal Medicine, Cornell University

Dr. Center received her undergraduate (BS) in Biological Sciences at California State University in San Luis Obispo, California, and her veterinary training at the University of California at Davis. She completed a rotating Internship in Small Animals and Residency in Internal Medicine at the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. She joined the veterinary faculty at Cornell in 1983 and is currently a Professor of Internal Medicine. Currently she co-manages the Internal Medicine referral service, provides didactic lectures in the areas of hepatobiliary and hematologic disease to 3rd and 4th year veterinary students, trains small animal internal medicine residents, and conducts focused research in the area of canine and feline hepatobiliary disorders, including disease characterization, diagnostic evaluations, and therapeutic interventions. She has authored many research manuscripts, clinical papers, and book chapters regarding liver disease in dogs and cats.

Etienne Côté, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM (Cardiology, Small Animal Internal Medicine)

Dr. Etienne Côté is one of six veterinary cardiologists in Canada. He obtained his DVM from Cornell University in 1993 and did his internship and residency in small animal internal medicine and in cardiology at the California Animal Hospital in Los Angeles. He has been staff cardiologist at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston, visiting clinical faculty at the University of Pretoria in Onderstepoort, South Africa, and currently is Associate Professor of Companion Animal Medicine at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Dr. Côté is an author, researcher, teacher, clinician, and mentor. He is the recipient of the 2004 Merit Award of Excellence in Clinical Teaching, the 2005 Pfizer Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award, the 2007 Janet Pottie Murray Award for Educational Leadership, the 2009 Association of Atlantic Universities Distinguished Teacher Award, and is the editor of the Clinical Veterinary Advisor textbook.

Dana Durrance, M.A., Veterinary Grief Specialist and Consultant, World by the Tail, Inc

Dana Durrance is a veterinary grief specialist for World by the Tail, Inc. She provides pet loss support services as well as writes, teaches, and consults for veterinary professionals as a "Bond-Centered Coach." She holds a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology and is the former director of the nationally renowned support program at Colorado State University's Veterinary Medical Center. Over the past decade, she has worked with veterinarians, students, and pet owners on all aspects of pet loss and grief. She lectures at veterinary conferences, veterinary hospitals, and schools as well as publishes in veterinary-related books, journals, and textbooks on topics such as pet loss, client communication, and compassion fatigue. She is also a regular speaker at Alameda East Veterinary Hospital (home of Animals Planet's Emergency Vets). Dana lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado with her husband (a veterinarian) and together they own Mountain Shadows Pet Hospital. They have a daughter, a son, and three dogs. As both a pet loss counselor and a veterinary practice owner, she has a special insight into the perspectives of both pet owners and veterinary professionals.

Thomas K. Graves, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVIM, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana, IL

Dr. Tom Graves received the DVM degree from Cornell University in 1991, and completed an internship at The Ohio State University, followed by a small animal internal medicine residency at Michigan State University. A diplomate of ACVIM (small animal internal medicine), he also holds MS and PhD degrees in pharmacology from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Graves has worked as a feline practitioner in Rochester, New York, and is now Associate Professor and Chief Head of Small Animal Internal Medicine at the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine where he also serves as Assistant Department Head for Curriculum and Instruction. He has published extensively in the area of small animal endocrinology, and has lectured extensively throughout North America, South America, Asia, and Europe. His research, focusing on geriatric medicine and diabetes, has been funded by the American Association of Feline Practitioners, the American Animal Hospital Association, the Feline Winn Foundation, and the National Institutes of Health.

**Kurt A. Grimm, DVM, MS, PhD, Dipl. ACVA, Dipl. ACVCP**

Kurt A. Grimm, DVM, MS, PhD, Dipomate- American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists and Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology. Dr. Grimm earned his DVM from Iowa State University in 1995 and later his MS and PhD from the University of Illinois. He is a former assistant professor of anesthesiology and pain management at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and currently provides anesthesia specialist support to private practices in the Denver Metro area. He is double boarded in Veterinary Anesthesia and Clinical Pharmacology and co-editor of several texts, including *Pain Management for the Small Animal Practitioner* and *Lumb and Jones' Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia, 4th Edition*.

Timothy Hackett, DVM MS, Dipl. ACVECC, Assistant Professor, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Dr. Timothy Hackett graduated Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1989. Following an Internship at the West Los Angeles Veterinary Medical Group. He practiced in Sonoma County California for a year before returning to Colorado State University for a residency in emergency/critical care medicine. Dr. Hackett became board certified by the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Care in 1994 and spent 2 years as a specialist at the VCA West Los Angeles Animal Hospital before returning to Colorado in 1996. He has been on faculty at Colorado State University since where he is currently an Associate Professor of Emergency and Critical Care Medicine and the Small Animal Medical Chief of Staff.

Lester Mandelker, DVM, Dipl. ABVP, AAVPT (Fellow), VIN Consultant, Community Veterinary Hospital, Largo, FL

Dr. Lester Mandelker graduated from MSU in 1968! He is the Owner/Director of Community Veterinary Hospital, an AAHA Certified hospital since 1972. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners and has taken a special interest in pharmacology and nutraceuticals. He is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics. Dr. Mandelker serves as pharmacology consultant for many publications and is the pharmacology editor and consultant for the Veterinary Information Network since 1995. He has co-authored 2 books on Practice Tips and written over 175 publications on pharmacology. He is Editor of the 2 books for The Veterinary Clinics of North America: Jan 2004 "Nutraceuticals and Other Biological Therapies" as well as Jan 2008 "Oxidative Stress: The Role of Mitochondria, Free Radicals And Antioxidants." He lectures at various state and national meetings on pharmacology, practice tips, nutraceutical and antioxidant therapies.

Rhonda Schulman, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM

Dr. Rhonda Schulman graduated from the University of California, Davis in 1994. She completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. Following one year in general practice, Dr. Schulman completed a residency in small animal internal medicine at the University of Illinois in 1998. Dr. Schulman has worked in private specialty practice in Arizona as well as spending four years on the faculty at the University of Illinois. She currently works in Los Angeles at the Animal Specialty Group. Dr. Schulman has lectured nationally on a variety of topics and has authored numerous articles and textbook chapters. Her specific areas of interest include endocrinology and respiratory disease.

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Saturday, October 31, 2009

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Sunday, November 1, 2009

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Monday, November 2, 2009

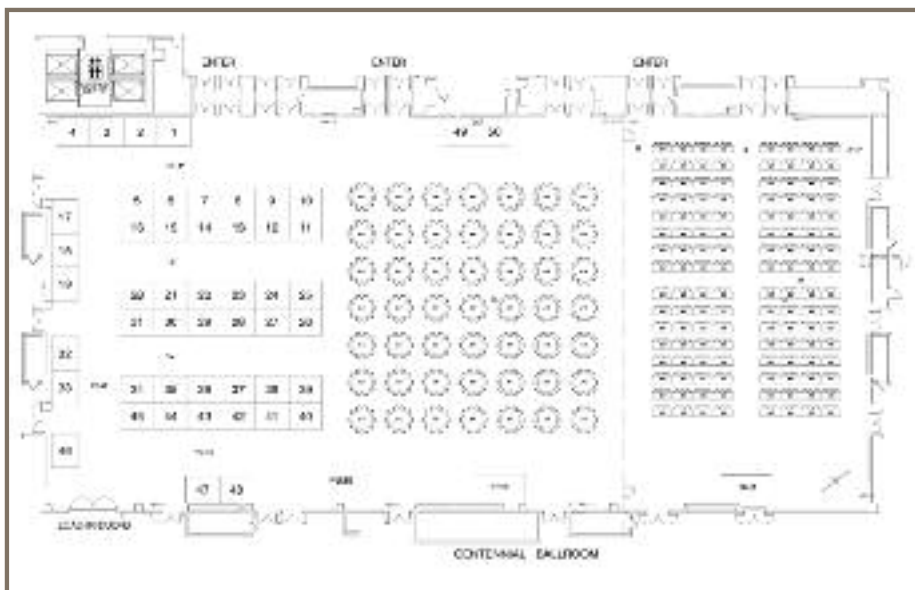
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Celebrate Halloween with AAFP!

No tricks - just treats! The Fall Conference will be held over Halloween, and what better way to enjoy yourself than with a Halloween Party? Sessions end at 4:30 pm on Saturday, October 31, 2009, which will be followed by free time for you to relax and prepare for a great evening. We encourage you to dress up in costume; come donned in your most frightening, cute, and original creations! All attendees are welcome to attend.

Get your boo on! This year's Exhibitors' Welcome Reception will begin at 6:00 pm and will be combined with an exceptional Halloween Party. The first part of the evening will be dedicated to "trick or treating" through the Halloween-themed exhibit hall. You will have time to visit exhibitors, see new products, ask questions, and pick up goodies. There will also be CASH drawings during the reception! Then we will kick off the Halloween Party with refreshments, music, and dancing. A Halloween Costume Contest will be held to honor the best and most creative costumes!



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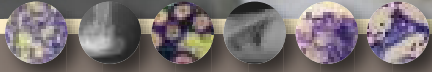
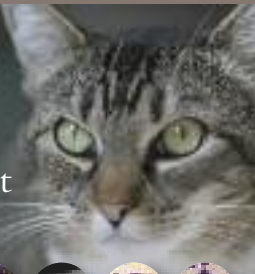
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