

Ellen Carozza, LVT
NOVA Cat Clinic, Herndon, VA

As a 1996 SUNY Delhi graduate, Ellen has worked most sectors of veterinary medicine. From starting out in primatology, moving into shelter medicine, and then on to corporate small animal medicine, she noticed all the cats she came in contact with did not get the care they truly deserved. In 2002, Ellen left the world of mixed practice to work at NOVA Cat Clinic, where cats are treated like superstars and receive the medical attention they need without being treated like a problem to be dealt with which she noticed as an issue in mixed animal practice. She has enjoyed watching and participating in the evolution of feline medicine. She is currently the President of the Virginia Association of Licensed Veterinary Technicians, and one of the co-creators of the AVTCP-Feline VTS. In her spare time, Ellen works with her clinic's 501c3, The Chris Griffey Feline Memorial Foundation, where local neonatal and pediatric kittens receive the appropriate medical care they deserve. She also runs a popular Instagram account (THECATLVT) on feline health, wellness, and rescue kittens. You can find her M-F at NOVA Cat Clinic doing what she likes to do best, working with cats.

Robin Downing, DVM, MS, DAAPM, DACVSMR, CVPP, CCRP
The Downing Center of Pain Management, Windsor, CO



Dr. Downing is Hospital Director of The Downing Center for Animal Pain Management, LLC. She has received many regional, national, and international awards, including the Excellence in Veterinary Medicine Award in 2001 from the World Small Animal Veterinary Association. Dr. Downing is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner, and she was the third veterinarian in the world to earn the Diplomate credential in the American Academy of Pain Management (a human pain management organization). Dr. Downing is an internationally sought-after speaker on a wide variety of topics including pain management, physical rehabilitation, physical medicine, hospice/end-of-life care, anesthesia related topics, and overcoming compliance obstacles/issues in veterinary medicine.

Mark Epstein, DVM, DABVP (Canine/Feline), DAAPM, CVPP
TotalBond Veterinary Hospitals, Gastonia, NC



Dr. Epstein received his DVM from the University of Georgia and is the Senior Partner and Medical Director of TotalBond Veterinary Hospitals and Carolinas Animal Pain Management, a small group of AAHA-accredited practices in the Charlotte & Gastonia NC area that received the Small Business of the Year Award from the Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce in 2015. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (Canine/Feline) and is a past-president of ABVP. He is certified by the American Academy of Pain Management, is recognized as a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner (CVPP) by the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management, and is a past-president of IVAPM. Dr. Epstein chaired the AAHA Senior Care Guidelines Task Force and co-chaired the 2015 AAHA/AAFP Pain Management Guidelines Task Force. He is published in journals and textbooks, is a national and international lecturer on the recognition, prevention, and treatment of pain in the veterinary clinical setting, and a nominee for WVC's 2016 Small Animal Continuing Educator of the Year.

Laurie Fonken, PhD, LPC

Dr. Laurie Fonken is a licensed psychotherapist, and Director of Counseling and Wellness Programs for the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University where she provides support and counseling services to students, interns, residents and faculty, coordinates and teaches courses including The Healer's Art, Foundations and various wellness initiatives. As a counselor and educator she has had the privilege of working with and providing support to veterinary professionals in all areas of medical practice. Dr. Fonken is a licensed psychotherapist, and holds a Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of Northern Colorado and a Ph.D. in Education from Colorado State University. Over the last 30 years she has worked in private practice, clinical hospital settings, and non-profit, governmental and educational settings. She has recently been involved as a member of the AVMA Wellness Roundtable, The Veterinary Mental Health Professionals Group, and oversaw planning and implementation of the 4th Annual AAVMC Veterinary Health and Wellness Summit: Reaching New Heights in Veterinary Well Being held at Colorado State University November 4-6, 2016. As a native of Colorado she spends her free time out in nature, trail running, hiking, skiing and enjoying outdoor adventures with her two sons.

David Gosche, DVM
Bayer HealthCare Animal Health



Dr. David Gosche received his veterinary degree from the University of Florida. After graduation he pursued a career in companion animal practice in Scottsdale, Arizona. He returned to academia to serve as the chair of a veterinary technology program, where he taught pharmacology and hospital management. Previously, Dr. Gosche participated in infectious disease research including vaccine development and diagnostic testing for emerging diseases. He is a RACE accredited speaker and has pursued extensive training in communication including the Institute for Healthcare Communication's intensive faculty development course. Currently he is a Senior Veterinary Scientific Liaison at Bayer HealthCare Animal Health.

Tammy Grubb, DVM, PhD
Washington State University, Uniontown, WA



Dr. Tamara Grubb is a board certified veterinary anesthesiologist with a strong clinical interest and research focus in pain management. She is an Associate Clinical Professor of Anesthesia & Analgesia in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University, a certified acupuncturist, and a consultant in a private small animal veterinary practice. Dr. Grubb's favorite achievement is winning the Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teaching Award, which has been awarded to her from students at two universities.

Michael Lappin, DVM, PhD, DACVIM
Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine, Colorado State University



Dr. Lappin graduated from Oklahoma State University and then completed an internship, internal medicine residency, and PhD program in Parasitology at the University of Georgia. Dr. Lappin is the Kenneth W. Smith Professor in Small Animal Clinical Veterinary Medicine at Colorado State University, director of the "Center for Companion Animal Studies," and helps direct the shelter medicine program. His principal areas of interest are prevention of infectious diseases, the upper respiratory disease complex, infectious causes of fever, infectious causes of diarrhea, and zoonoses. His research group has published over 300 primary papers or book chapters concerning small animal infectious diseases. Awards include the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award, the European Society of Feline Medicine International Award for Outstanding Contribution to Feline Medicine, the Winn Feline Research Award, the ACVIM Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence, and the WSAVA Scientific Achievement Award.

**Justine A. Lee, DVM, DACVECC, DABT
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Dr. Justine Lee is a board-certified veterinary specialist in both emergency critical care (DACVECC) and toxicology (DABT). Dr. Lee attended veterinary school at Cornell University and completed her internship at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, MA. She completed her fellowship and residency in emergency and critical care at the University of Pennsylvania. Previously, she was on faculty at the University of Minnesota (2003-2008) and the Associate Director at an animal poison control center from 2009-2013. She is the founder and CEO of VETgirl, a subscription-based podcast and webinar service offering RACE-approved, online veterinary continuing education, and currently practices as a criticalist at the Animal Emergency & Referral Center of Minnesota.

**Annette Litster, BVSc, PhD, FANZCVS (Feline), MMedSci (Clinical Epidemiology)
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Partner 

Dr. Litster graduated as a veterinarian in 1982 from The University of Queensland in Australia. She is a boarded feline internist (FANZCVSc) and holds a PhD (2001) and a Masters of Medical Science (MMedSci) in Clinical Epidemiology (2006). Prior to obtaining her specialization, Dr. Litster worked in small animal general practice and specialist feline practice for 17 years. She moved to the United States in 2007, where she was a tenured Associate Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine at Purdue University. While at Purdue, Dr. Litster was founding Director of The Purdue Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program, an integrated program of research and teaching focused on feline and canine infectious diseases, animal welfare, and preventive medicine. She has authored over 60 journal articles and book chapters. Dr. Litster is a popular speaker at major national meetings and over the past two years has spoken at NAVC, WVC, AAHA, AVMA, ACVIM Forum, and many regional AVMA and continuing education meetings. She is the co-Editor in Chief of The Veterinary Journal and is a member of the AAFP Cat Friendly Practice Advisory Council. Dr. Litster joined Zoetis as a Senior Veterinary Specialist in January 2014.

**Susan Little, DVM, DABVP (Feline)
Bytown Cat Hospital, Ottawa, Canada**

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Dr. Susan Little received her BSc from Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada, and her DVM from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. She has been in feline practice since 1990 and achieved board certification in Feline Practice in 1997. Dr. Little is part owner of two feline specialty practices in Ottawa, Canada. She is a board member and Past President (2015) of the American Association of Feline Practitioners, as well as being a past board member and Past President of the Winn Feline Foundation. Dr. Little also serves on the board of the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (formerly NBVME). She is a peer reviewer for veterinary journals as well as the author of many journal articles. Dr. Little is the recipient of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Small Animal Practitioner Award (2010), the NAVC Small Animal Speaker of the Year Award (2013), and the International Society of Feline Medicine/Hill's Pet Nutrition Award for outstanding contributions to feline medicine (2013). She is the editor and co-author of two textbooks: *The Cat – Clinical Medicine and Management* (2012) and *August's Consultations in Feline Internal Medicine, Volume 7* (2015).

**Catriona MacPhail DVM, PhD
Associate Professor in Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery, Colorado State University**

Dr. MacPhail graduated from Texas A&M University in 1996. She completed a rotating small animal medicine and surgery internship at Colorado State University (CSU) followed by a small animal surgical residency. After completing her residency in 2000, Dr. MacPhail did a two-year fellowship at CSU in soft tissue and oncologic surgery. She was board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2002 and has been on faculty at CSU as an associate professor in small animal soft tissue surgery since 2002. Dr. MacPhail's primary clinical interest is soft tissue surgery with an emphasis on upper and lower respiratory disease, wound management, and reconstructive surgery.

**Karen Moriello, DVM, DACVD
School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI**

Dr. Karen Moriello is a 1982 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. She was a small animal practitioner in Chicago, IL for 2 years before completing a residency in dermatology at the University of Florida. In 1986, she joined the faculty at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison and is currently a clinical professor of veterinary dermatology. She is a co-editor of the journal of Veterinary Dermatology and past recipient of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology Award of Excellence and the ISFM/Hill's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Feline Medicine. For the past 30 years, her clinical research interest has been focused on feline skin diseases, in particular dermatophytosis.

**Maryanne Murphy, DVM, PhD, DACVN
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN**

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Dr. Murphy received her dual BS in animal sciences and biological sciences from Rutgers University in 2004 and her DVM from Iowa State University in 2008. She completed a rotating general medicine and surgery internship at Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists in NYC and a clinical nutrition residency at the University of Tennessee. She became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition in 2013 and earned her PhD in Comparative and Experimental Medicine from the University of Tennessee in 2014. She joined the staff of Red Bank Veterinary Hospital in NJ as a clinical nutritionist in 2014. Her clinical duties involved assessing the nutritional status of all hospitalized patients and seeing in-person consultations for any cat or dog needing appropriate diet recommendations, whether using commercially or home prepared options. After spending a couple years in private practice, Dr. Murphy transitioned back to academia and is now a Clinical Assistant Professor of Nutrition at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Murphy's major professional interests are obesity prevention and management and veterinary nutrition education.

**Niels Pedersen, DVM, PhD
University of California, Center for Companion Animal Health, Davis, CA**

Partner 

Dr. Pedersen obtained his DVM from UC Davis in 1967, interned in small animal medicine and surgery from 1967-1968 at CSU, and earned a PhD in Experimental Pathology and Immunology from the John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU, Canberra, A.C.T., Australia in 1972. He has been on the faculty at the School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis since 1972 and is currently a Distinguished Professor Emeritus and is still active in research on FIP and genetic diversity in pure breeds of dogs. He is author of over 250 scientific articles and has written textbooks on feline infectious diseases and feline husbandry, as well as numerous book chapters and review articles. His research in feline medicine has been recognized with a number of national and international awards. He taught small animal medicine clinics for 17 years, small animal infectious and immunologic diseases and feline medicine for 20 years, and has spent the last two decades prior to "retirement" in administration, as founder and director of the Center for Companion Animal Health and director of the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory.

Jessica Quimby, DVM, PhD, DACVIM

Small Animal Internal Medicine, The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center, Columbus, OH

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Dr. Quimby received her veterinary degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed a small animal rotating internship in Sacramento, CA. She subsequently spent two years in feline practice in Grand Rapids, Michigan before moving on to Colorado State University for a combined small animal internal medicine residency and PhD program. She completed her PhD entitled "Feline Chronic Kidney Disease: Novel Approaches to Etiology, Specific Therapy and Supportive Care" in 2012, and was faculty at Colorado State until 2017. Dr. Quimby is now at the Ohio State University. Her research continues to focus on chronic kidney disease in cats. Current research areas include the study of renal aging, telomere length and cellular senescence, novel treatment strategies, and evidence-based supportive care strategies. She has an interest in clinical trials and clinical pharmacology which is aimed at improving supportive care and quality of life in cats with chronic kidney disease.

Jane Robertson, DVM, DACVIM

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Dr. Robertson received her DVM from the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph in Canada in 1992. She worked in mixed-animal and small-animal practice before completing a small-animal internship at the same institution two years later. She completed her medicine residency at the University of California, Davis, and became board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 1998. She practiced in a busy referral hospital before joining IDEXX as a medicine consultant. Dr. Robertson was head of IDEXX consulting services for many years before moving to her current role as Director of Medical Affairs. Dr. Robertson's current area of focus is to help veterinarians better diagnose and manage kidney disease.

Ilona Rodan, DVM, DABVP (Feline)

Cat Care Clinic, Madison, WI

Dr. Ilona Rodan was the owner and medical director of the Cat Care Clinic, Madison, WI from 1987-2015, and continues to work there as the behavior consultant and board certified feline specialist. She has been an ABVP Diplomate in Feline Practice since 1995. She also started Feline-Friendly Consultations to help practices with handling techniques and environmental changes to benefit cats and cat owners. Dr. Rodan is an avid volunteer, a past-president of the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP), co-chair of the AAFP's Cat Friendly Practice Committee, and co-chair of many guidelines, including the *Feline-Friendly Handling Guidelines* and the *Environmental Needs Guidelines*. In 2005, she was awarded the AVMA Animal Welfare Award for her leadership and contributions to advancing feline welfare. She is co-editor and co-author of the book, *Feline Behavioral Health and Welfare*.

Margie Scherk, DVM, DABVP (Feline)

catsINK, Vancouver, BC

Dr. Margie Scherk graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1982. In 1986, she opened Cats Only Veterinary Clinic in Vancouver and practiced there until 2008, publishing several clinical trials during that time. She has written a number of book chapters, is an active international speaker, and enjoys teaching online courses. Dr. Scherk has served extensively in the American Association of Feline Practitioners, as well as other veterinary organizations. Her interests include all things feline, especially the study of analgesia, peculiarities of the digestive system, and enabling positive interactions with cats.

Kersti Seksel, BVSc (Hons), MRCVS, MA (Hons), FANZCVS, DACVB, DECAWBM, FAVA

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Kersti graduated in Veterinary Science from Sydney University. She has a BA in Behavioural Sciences with a major in psychology as well as a MA (Hons). She is a Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Animal Behaviour, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists and a Diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine. Kersti is the principal of a specialist practice in behavioural medicine in Sydney, Australia. She teaches the distance education course in Behavioural Medicine for Centre for Veterinary Education (University of Sydney) and is an adjunct senior lecturer at Charles Sturt University. She has presented at numerous conferences nationally and internationally and has written many text book chapters; written a book, *Training Your Cat*; writes for *Dog's Life* magazine; is a regular presenter on ABC radio and is a consultant on VIN (Veterinary Information Network).

John Volk

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John Volk is senior consultant with Brakke Consulting, the largest consulting firm serving the global animal health, veterinary, and pet care markets. John is principal author of four landmark economic studies of the veterinary profession: Brakke Study of Financial and Economic Behaviors of Veterinarians (1998), AVMA-Pfizer Business Practices Study (2005), Bayer Veterinary Care Usage Studies (2011-2013), and Veterinary Pet Insurance-Veterinary Economics Financial Health Study (2014). He has been widely published in veterinary journals. John is a 1967 graduate of the University of Illinois where he earned a BS in agricultural communications and did graduate work in marketing. He also served on the faculty of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine as communications director. Prior to joining Brakke in 1994, John was founder and owner of The John Volk Company, one of the leading advertising and public relations agencies specializing in the animal health and agricultural industries.

Craig Webb, PhD, DVM, DACVIM

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Dr. Craig Webb is Head of the Small Animal Medicine Section at Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Dr. Webb graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine in 1997 after having completed a PhD in Neuroscience. Dr. Webb is a clinical gastroenterologist with extensive experience in both laparoscopy and endoscopy and he works closely with Dr. David Twedt teaching CE laboratories in these techniques. Dr. Webb's research looks at novel therapies for chronic enteropathies, including probiotics and mesenchymal stem cell therapy, as well as oxidative stress, and antioxidant supplementation. Dr. Webb is best known for marrying his much smarter and better looking wife Tracy, and for being the Father of future Olympians, Trevor, Collette, and Domonique.