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2016 CONFERENCE

Feline Behavior and Respiratory Diseases

November 3 – 6, 2016










**Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, DC**

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016

Pre-conference Day Sessions

PRE-CONFERENCE DAY	
Separate registration required	
8:30 – 10:30 am	<p>Feline-Friendly Handling Lab #1, <i>Dr. Ilona Rodan – Delaware B</i> Separate registration required</p> <p>Sponsor:  Partner: </p>
10:30 – 11:15 am	<p>AVMA Compounding Update, <i>Dr. Ashley Morgan – Marriott Ballroom Salon 2</i> Included in Pre-conference registration</p>
11:15 – 12:45 pm	<p>Food for Thought Luncheon – Marriott Ballroom Salon 1 Included in Pre-conference registration</p> <p>Sponsor: </p>
11:40 – 12:45 pm	<p>Evidence Based Management of Chronic Kidney Disease in Cats <i>Dr. Susan Little</i></p>
1:00 – 5:30 pm	<p> ABVP/AAFP Seminar & Social – Marriott Ballroom Salon 2 Included in Pre-conference registration</p> <p>Sponsor:  A SANOFI COMPANY</p>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<p>Gems from ACVIM <i>Dr. Alice Wolf</i></p>
2:00 – 3:00 pm	<p>Systemic Mycotic Diseases in Cats <i>Dr. Alice Wolf</i></p>
3:00 – 3:30 pm	<p>Seminar & Social Refreshment Break – Marriott Ballroom Salon 1 Included in Pre-conference registration</p> <p>Sponsor:  A SANOFI COMPANY</p>
3:30 – 4:30 pm	<p>Chronic Nasal Discharge in the Cat <i>Dr. Alice Wolf</i></p>
4:30 – 5:30 pm	<p>Fibrosarcomas: Current Scientific Evidence <i>Dr. Alice Wolf</i></p>
5:30 – 7:00 pm	<p>WELCOME RECEPTION – Marriott Foyer - 2nd Floor All attendees invited</p> <p>Sponsor: </p>

Track Descriptions

Tracks A & B - This conference offers two veterinary concurrent tracks that allow attendees the opportunity to customize their learning experience. Both tracks offer cutting-edge feline research and the latest information in feline medicine. You can choose to follow one track exclusively — or you can jump between tracks, based on your own interests and needs.

Para-professional Track - This track is designed for technicians, practice managers, and other team members who consult with clients.

Shelter Medicine Track - This track is designed to provide feline-specific information for shelter team members.

Topics, speakers, and schedules subject to change.

COMBINED TRACK <i>Marriott Ballroom Salon 1 & 2</i>		
Rise & Shine: It's Zumba Time! – Delaware A Separate registration required		6:00 – 7:00 am
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – Maryland & Virginia Included in your registration	Sponsor 	7:30 – 8:00 am
President's Address <i>Dr. Colleen Currihan</i>		8:00 – 8:20 am
Fantastic Felines: Understanding Their Natural Behavior <i>Dr. Sarah Heath</i>	Sponsor 	8:20 – 9:10 am
Understanding Feline Emotions <i>Dr. Sarah Heath</i>		9:10 – 10:00 am
NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration		10:00 – 10:50 am
Meeting Environmental Needs: Setting Up the Home for Success <i>Dr. Sarah Ellis</i>	Sponsor 	10:50 – 11:40 am
Feline Indoor Elimination Issues: How to Investigate & Treat <i>Dr. Sarah Heath</i>	Sponsor 	11:40 – 12:30 pm
LUNCH – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration		
12:45 - 1:45 pm Lunch & Learn: Feline Pain: Don't Let Acute Become Chronic!, <i>Dr. Robin Downing</i> – Maryland Separate registration required	Sponsor 	12:30 – 2:00 pm
TRACK A <i>Marriott Ballroom Salon 1</i>		
Handling Cats Effectively in Practice <i>Dr. Sarah Heath</i>		
Inter-cat Aggression in Multi-cat Households <i>Dr. Sarah Heath</i>	Sponsor 	
NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration	Sponsor 	
I Understand You, But Do You Understand Me? Feline Communication & Its Implications for Human-cat Interaction <i>Dr. Sarah Ellis</i>		
Behavioral Preparation for a Veterinary Examination: Educating Your Owners <i>Dr. Sarah Ellis</i>		
TRACK B <i>Marriott Ballroom Salon 2</i>		
Senior Cats: Medical Disorders & Behavioral Signs <i>Dr. Gary Landsberg</i>	Sponsor 	2:00 – 2:50 pm
Feisty Felines: Kitten Development & Problem Prevention <i>Dr. Gary Landsberg</i>		2:55 – 3:45 pm
Identifying Common Triggers for Undesirable Behaviors <i>Dr. Amy Pike</i>	Sponsor 	4:15 – 5:05 pm
Creating Effective Treatment Plans <i>Dr. Amy Pike</i>		5:10 – 6:00 pm
EXHIBITORS' HAPPY HOUR RECEPTION – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration	Sponsor 	6:00 – 7:00 pm

	TRACK A <i>Marriott Ballroom Salon 1</i>	TRACK B <i>Marriott Ballroom Salon 2</i>	SHELTER TRACK <i>Virginia A-B</i>
6:30 – 7:30 am	Rise & Shine: It's Zumba Time! – Delaware A Separate registration required		
7:30 – 8:30 am	BREAKFAST – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration		
8:30 – 9:20 am	Getting Pets-to-Vets: Tools, Strategies, & Training for the Cat <i>Dr. Theresa DePorter</i> Sponsor  NUTRAMAX LABORATORIES VETERINARY SCIENCES, INC.	Feline Orofacial Pain Syndrome (FOPS) <i>Dr. Sarah Heath</i>	Understanding Cat Behavior in the Shelter <i>Dr. Brenda Griffin</i> Partner 
9:25 – 10:15 am	Use of Products & Medications for Long-term Modification of Feline Behavior <i>Dr. Theresa DePorter</i>	Behavioral Considerations in Feline Obesity & Weight Loss Cases <i>Dr. Sarah Heath</i> Sponsor  ROYAL CANIN	Housing for Health, Safety, & Welfare: Part 1 <i>Dr. Brenda Griffin</i> Partner 
10:15 – 10:45 am	NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration		
	10:20 – 10:45 am AAFP Membership Meeting – Virginia A-B		
10:45 – 11:35 am	To Scratch or Not to Scratch: That is the Question <i>Dr. Theresa DePorter</i> Sponsor  Ceva	Behavioral Dermatology in Cats <i>Dr. Gary Landsberg</i> Sponsor  PURINA	Housing for Health, Safety, & Welfare: Part 2 <i>Dr. Brenda Griffin</i> Partner 
11:40 – 12:30 pm	Stress & Feline Medicine <i>Drs. Sarah Ellis and Ilona Rodan</i>	Urine Marking <i>Dr. Gary Landsberg</i>	Enrichment FUN with Shelter Cats <i>Dr. Brenda Griffin</i> Partner 
12:30 – 2:00 pm	LUNCH – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration		
	12:45 – 1:45 pm Lunch & Learn: The Skinny Cat, <i>Dr. Peter Kintzer</i> – Maryland Separate registration required Sponsor  IDEXX		
	1:20 – 1:50 pm ABVP: Is It For Me? – Marriott Ballroom Salon 1 Included in your registration		
2:00 – 2:50 pm	Sound, Mind, & Body: Complex Relationship Between Mental & Physical Health <i>Dr. Valarie Tynes</i> Sponsor  Ceva	Behavioral Adaptions to Chronic Pain <i>Dr. Lisa Moses</i> Partner  IVAPM	Is This Cat Really Feral? <i>Dr. Brenda Griffin</i> Partner 
2:55 – 3:45 pm	From Ticks to Turkeys to Tabbies: The Science of Semiochemicals <i>Dr. Valarie Tynes</i>	Behavior Changes in the Geriatric Patient: Is it Pain or is it Dementia? <i>Dr. Lisa Moses</i>	Keeping Cats in Their Homes <i>Dr. Brenda Griffin</i> Partner 
3:45 – 6:30 pm	FREE TIME		
	3:50 – 4:45 pm Cat Friendly Practice®: Tips, Solutions, & Answers to Your Questions – Marriott Ballroom Salon 1 Sponsor  Cat Friendly Practice		
6:30 – 10:30 pm	Offsite Event: Gala on Pennsylvania Avenue Separate registration required (Boarding begins at 5:45pm) Sponsor  Elanco		

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Rise & Shine: It's Zumba Time! – Delaware A Separate registration required		6:30 – 7:30 am
BREAKFAST – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration		7:30 – 8:30 am
Feline Bronchitis & Asthma Including Use of Inhaled Medications <i>Dr. Philip Padrid</i>	Environmental Enrichment for Indoor Cats: Maximizing Your Home to Better Meet Your Cat's Needs <i>Ms. Ingrid Johnson</i>	8:30 – 9:45 am
Chronic Nasal Disease in Cats <i>Dr. Philip Padrid</i>	Feline Foraging Toys: How to Implement, Motivate, & Stage the Difficulty Level <i>Ms. Ingrid Johnson</i>	9:50 – 10:40 am
NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration		10:40 – 11:15 am
TRACK A <i>Marriott Ballroom Salon 1</i>	TRACK B <i>Marriott Ballroom Salon 2</i>	PARA-PROFESSIONAL <i>Virginia A-B</i>
Approach to the Coughing Cat <i>Dr. Laura Nafe</i>	Pleural Disease in Cats: State of the Art <i>Dr. Philip Padrid</i>	Behavioral Aspects of Common Feline Diseases: What a Cat Does May Tell You What it Has <i>Dr. Hazel Carney</i>
11:15 – 12:30 pm	11:15 – 12:30 pm	11:15 – 12:30 pm
LUNCH – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration		12:30 – 1:45 pm
12:40 – 1:40 pm Lunch & Learn: Update on Feline Adverse Food Reactions, <i>Dr. Klaus Loft</i> – Maryland Separate registration required		12:30 – 1:45 pm
Approach to Feline Respiratory Distress <i>Dr. Laura Nafe</i>	Identifying Sepsis in Cats: Focus on Thoracic Disease <i>Dr. Amy DeClue</i>	The Piddling Pussycat: Is it Physical, Mental, or Both? <i>Dr. Hazel Carney</i>
1:45 – 2:35 pm	1:45 – 2:35 pm	1:45 – 2:35 pm
Anesthesia & Respiratory Disease <i>Dr. Laura Nafe</i>	Diagnostic Evaluation of Pulmonary Disease <i>Dr. Amy DeClue</i>	Scientific Explanations of Unique Cat Behaviors <i>Dr. Hazel Carney</i>
2:40 – 3:30 pm	2:40 – 3:30 pm	2:40 – 3:30 pm
Conclusion of Conference		3:30 pm
Feline-Friendly Handling Lab #2, <i>Dr. Ilona Rodan</i> – Delaware B Separate registration required		3:45 – 5:45 pm

Hazel Carney, DVM, MS, DABVP (Canine & Feline)
Westvet Emergency and Specialty Center, Garden City, ID



As a long-time veterinary technician turned cat-only practitioner, Dr. Carney has cared for cats for over 40 years. She graduated from Colorado State University with an MS in Physiology and Biophysics and a DVM. She opened a feline exclusive practice in 1981. She and her husband reported the first cases of feline wart virus. She was an adjunct professor at Louisiana State University Veterinary School where in 1986, she started providing radio-iodine therapy for hyperthyroid cats. For the past 21 years she has been a feline medicine and behavior clinician at a referral clinic in Idaho and has operated an I-131 treatment facility in Oregon. In 2014, the Idaho VMA named her Veterinarian of the Year. She currently serves as Chair of the AAFP Guidelines Committee and has been a Co-chair or panelist on six of the Guideline publications. She recently co-authored a chapter in the *ISFM Pocket Guide to Feline Stress and Health*. Besides the health care of cats, her passions are her husband of 35 years, their daughter, their critters and their ranch in Idaho.

Amy DeClue, DVM, MS, DACVIM
University of Missouri Veterinary Health Center, Columbia, MO



Dr. Amy DeClue received her DVM from the University of Illinois and spent 3 years in small animal private practice before completing a residency in small animal internal medicine at the University of Missouri. She is board certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in Small Animal Internal Medicine and is currently an Associate Professor of Veterinary Internal Medicine and the Associate Director of the Comparative Internal Medicine Laboratory at the University of Missouri. Her professional interests include sepsis, critical illness-induced immunodysfunction, pulmonology and endocrinology. Dr. DeClue's research program focuses on innate immunity in the context of infection, cancer, and respiratory disease. Dr. DeClue has published more than 50 peer-reviewed papers pertaining to her research and has presented her work both nationally and internationally at scientific meetings.

Theresa DePorter, DVM, MRCVS, DECAWBM, DACVB
Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Theresa DePorter is a board certified diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) and the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (ECAWBM). She received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Purdue University in 1992. She has been seeing behavior consultations at Oakland Veterinary Referral Services in Detroit, Michigan, since 2004. She is co-author of "Feline Aggression" in the 3rd edition of "Behaviour Problems of the Dog and Cat" by Landsberg et al. *Feline Behavioral Medicine (Elsevier)* Ilona Rodan & Sarah Heath. The chapters: "Use of pheromones in feline practice" and co-author chapter "Tools of the trade: Psychopharmacology and Nutrition" Chapter on "Prevention and management of stress in pet cats in the home environment" *ISFM Pocket Guide to Feline Stress and Health*. Also forthcoming, 9 chapters on *Feline Aggression in Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Consult Clinical Companion: Canine and Feline Behavior*, Second Edition by Debra Horwitz. Dr. DePorter is the proud caretaker of five Labradors and a former shelter cat "Bacon" who was relinquished in the bitter Michigan winter of 2013 for "not wanting to be an outside cat."

Robin Downing, DVM, 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.

Sarah Ellis, BSc, PGDipCABC, PhD
International Cat Care, United Kingdom

Sarah has a keen interest in the behavior and welfare of the domestic cat. After completing a degree in Zoology and Psychology (University of Bristol, UK) and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Companion Animal Behavior Counselling (University of Southampton, UK), Sarah specialized in cats and was awarded a PhD for investigating ways to improve the welfare of cats housed in rehoming centers (Queen's University Belfast, UK). Sarah then spent several years at the University of Lincoln, UK as a Research Scientist working on numerous projects including investigating novel ways to improve feline welfare, and furthering our understanding of feline behavior and the cat-human relationship. In 2015, Sarah decided to concentrate on the application of research and joined charity International Cat Care as their Feline Behavior Specialist. She also is a Visiting Fellow at the University of Lincoln where she remains involved in several feline-related projects. Sarah writes for numerous veterinary and feline specialist publications and has appeared on several scientific documentaries about cats including National Geographic's "The Truth About Cats." She has also written a book entitled "The Trainable Cat" with John Bradshaw which covers how training can be used to improve cats' well-being.

Brenda Griffin, DVM, MS, DACVIM
Adjunct Associate Professor of Shelter Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL



Dr. Griffin is a 1990 graduate of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. After completing an internship at the MSPCA's Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in 1991, she spent time working in general small animal practice as well as in animal shelters before pursuing a residency in small animal internal medicine at Auburn University. For the past 17 years, Dr. Griffin has used her expertise in small animal internal medicine and her passion for shelter animals to assist in the development of training and research programs that support the field of Shelter Medicine as a whole. Her professional interests surround shelter animal behavior and welfare, population health and wellness, feline medicine, and strategies to prevent animals from entering shelters including behavioral wellness, identification, and sterilization programs. She has published numerous articles and book chapters on these topics. While a member of the faculty of the Scott Ritchey Research Center, Dr. Griffin co-founded the Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs and directed a trap-neuter-return program for campus and community cats and a Maddie's Shelter Medicine program. She later served on the Association of Shelter Veterinarians' Task Force to Advance Spay-Neuter, as well as the Shelter Standards Task Force. In 2000, she was named by the AVMA as the Bustad Companion Animal Veterinarian of the Year. She currently co-instructs courses in shelter medicine at both the University of Florida and the University of Georgia, and serves as the Regent for the new specialty in Shelter Medicine: ABVP- SMP.

Distinguished Speakers:

Sarah Heath, BVSc, DECAWBM(BM), CCAB, MRCVS Behavioural Productions, United Kingdom

Sarah qualified from Bristol University and spent four years in mixed general practice before setting up a behavioral medicine referral practice in 1992. She is an External Lecturer in small animal behavioral medicine at Liverpool University and a Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist under the ASAB accreditation scheme. In 2002, Sarah became a Founding Diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (formerly the ECVBM-CA) and served as President from 2002 to 2008. She is currently Treasurer of the College. Sarah has a special interest in the interplay between behavior and physical illness in dogs and cats and particularly in the role of pain. Her specific feline interests include the interplay between feline stress and disease, the importance of appropriate early rearing of kittens, and the role of behavioral factors in feline obesity, lower urinary tract disease, cognitive dysfunction, and infectious disease. She lectures extensively at home and abroad on behavioral topics and is an author and co-editor of the recently published *Feline Behavioral Health and Welfare* book published by Elsevier.

Ingrid Johnson, CCBC Fundamentally Feline, Atlanta, GA

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Ingrid Johnson is a Certified Cat Behavior Consultant (CCBC) through The International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC). She is employed at Paws Whiskers and Claws, a feline-only veterinary hospital and has been working exclusively with cats since 1999. Ingrid operates Fundamentally Feline, providing in home and phone consultations for clients experiencing behavior challenges with their cat(s). In addition to behavior consultations, Ingrid publishes educational blog content, manages Facebook and Twitter pages, makes her own line of feline foraging toys, scratching posts and scratch pads, and litter boxes. Ingrid's home, cats, and environmental enrichment expertise has been featured on Animal Planet's *Cats101* show. Ingrid filmed for the website WebMD and has created a series of educational How-To videos of her own. You may view these on Fundamentally Feline's website. She also writes for the IAABC's Cat Blog. She has been appointed Co-Director of Paw Project-Georgia. Cat Fancy magazine's 2008 "Home Issue" showcased her feline friendly accommodations and the aesthetically pleasing ways you can provide for your cats innate basic needs while still having a home the humans can enjoy. She most recently published an article entitled *Food puzzles for cats: feeding for physical and emotional wellbeing*.

Peter Kintzer, DVM, DACVIM IDEXX Laboratories

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Dr. Peter Kintzer received his DVM from the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. He completed an internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York City followed by a residency in small animal internal medicine at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Kintzer spent five years on staff at Tufts, followed by almost 15 years as an internist at specialty/referral practices in New England. He is currently a Field Medical Specialist for IDEXX Laboratories as well as a member of the Pet Health Network medical review board and continues to practice internal medicine in New England. Dr. Kintzer is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. He lectures nationally and internationally on small animal internal medicine and endocrine disorders, and has authored numerous articles and book chapters, most recently for *Current Veterinary Therapy XV* and the latest edition of the *5-Minute Veterinary Consult*.

Gary Landsberg, BSc, DVM, DACVB, DECAWBM (CA) North Toronto Veterinary Behaviour Specialty Clinic, Ontario, Canada

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Dr. Landsberg received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Ontario Veterinary College in 1976 and is a diplomate of both the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) and the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (ECAWBM). He also currently serves on the ECAWBM executive board. Dr. Landsberg offers behavior consultation services at North Toronto Veterinary Behaviour Specialty Clinic in Thornhill, Ontario, and serves as vice president of veterinary affairs for CanCog Technologies, as well as a consultant for Veterinary Information Network (VIN). He has authored and edited more than 100 research papers, articles, and book chapters, and co-authored Behavior Problems of the Dog and Cat in 2013. Dr. Landsberg received the Nestlé Purina PetCare Award from the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) in 2000, and the Meritorious Service Award from Western Veterinary Conference (WVC) in 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. She is part owner of two feline specialty practices in Ottawa, Canada. She is a past president of the American Assoc. of Feline Practitioners and board member for the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (representing the American Animal Hospital Association). 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 Assoc. 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).

Klaus Loft, DVM MSPCA - Angell Animal Medical Center, Dermatology Service, Boston, MA

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Dr. Klaus Earl Loft joined Angell's Dermatology Service in January 2011 at one of the world's largest referral specialty animal hospitals with an annual case load of 60,000+ patients and 70+ veterinarians. The Angell Dermatology Service is responsible for the day-to-day management of 2000+ annual referral cases from all of New England. He graduated from the Royal Agricultural and Veterinary University of Denmark in 1999. Upon graduation, he worked in private practice in Denmark and Sweden. He became increasingly interested in dermatology and allergies and began to focus his case load on dermatology in 2001. Dr. Loft completed an American College of Veterinary Dermatology approved residency at Michigan State in 2007. He has worked in the greater Boston area and New England since 2007. His practice is limited to dermatology, seeing cats and dogs with chronic ear problems, severe allergies, cutaneous cancerous conditions, and immune mediated skin problems. Dr. Loft has published articles and lectured both in Scandinavia and the United States. His special interests are feline dermatology and chronic ear disease.

Ashley Morgan, DVM American Veterinary Medical Association, Washington, DC

Currently an Assistant Director in the American Veterinary Medical Association's Governmental Relations Division, Ashley has been with the AVMA since August 2008. In this role, Ashley spends her time advocating to Congress and the federal government on behalf of the veterinary profession, animal health, and animal welfare. Her portfolio focuses on public health, animal health, and pharmaceutical issues. Prior to joining the AVMA staff, Ashley completed an AVMA Congressional Science Fellowship during which she spent a year in U.S. Senator Richard Burr's office working on public health issues. Ashley is a graduate of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine and upon completing an internship in equine medicine and surgery, Ashley practiced in her southern Virginia hometown.

Lisa Moses, VMD, DACVIM, CVMA
MSPCA - Angell Animal Medical Center, Pain Medicine Service, Boston, MA



Dr. Lisa Moses is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (SAIM), and an affiliate of the Center of Bioethics, Harvard Medical School and the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Ethics. After spending twelve years as a senior member of the Emergency and Critical Care Section at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston (now Angell Animal Medical Center), she founded the Pain Medicine Service at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. The Pain Medicine Service is a unique service consisting of an outpatient chronic pain and palliative care clinic and a hospital based in-patient/perioperative consultation service. The service treats all companion animal species and frequently works with patients receiving intensive medical care from other internists, surgeons, and oncologists. Dr. Moses is a frequent speaker on various topics in pain medicine, palliative care, and medical ethics. Dr. Moses is a research fellow in bioethics at the Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School and the chair of the Animal Ethics Study Group at the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics. She has a particular research interest in the ethics of medical decision making, end of life care, and euthanasia in veterinary medicine.

Laura Nafe, DVM, MS, DACVIM
Oklahoma State University, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Stillwater, OK

Laura Nafe obtained her DVM from the University of Missouri in 2009. She then went on to complete a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at North Carolina State University before completing a residency in small animal internal medicine at the University of Missouri in 2013. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine at Oklahoma State University. Her clinical and research interests include respiratory disease and immune-mediated disease.

Phil Padrid, DVM, DACVIM
VCA Inc., Corrales, NM



Dr. Padrid is a fellowship trained human and veterinary pulmonologist (UC Davis School of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine). Dr. Padrid's research regarding the molecular mechanisms involved in human and feline asthma was NIH-supported for 10 years during his tenure at the University of Chicago. He is the author of more than 80 peer reviewed manuscripts and book chapters in the fields of human and veterinary pulmonary medicine, including published manuscripts in the Journal of Immunology, British Journal of Pharmacology and American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, among others. He is a past author of Respiratory Medicine for the Veterinary Clinics of North America and is acknowledged to be the first person to develop, actively promote, and research the use of inhaled medications to treat veterinary patients with respiratory disease. Dr. Padrid is the "official vet" of the NPR-based radio station Dogtalktheradioshow, and is a frequent guest on the Sirius/XM radio talk show Catchat.

Amy Pike, DVM, DACVB
Veterinary Behavior Solutions, Northern Virginia



Dr. Pike graduated from Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in 2003. After graduation, she was commissioned as a Captain into the United States Army Veterinary Corps. It was dealing with the Military Working Dogs returning from deployment that spurred her initial interest in behavior medicine. After getting off of active duty in 2006, Dr. Pike worked exclusively in small animal practice where she furthered her love of behavior medicine by seeing cases and teaching puppy socialization classes. In 2011, the Pike family was stationed in the St. Louis area at Scott Air Force Base where Dr. Pike started seeing behavior referrals in a Residency program officially approved by the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) under the mentorship of Dr. Debra Horwitz, DACVB. In October 2015, Dr. Pike passed the ACVB certifying examination, officially becoming a boarded veterinary behaviorist. Dr. Pike is the owner of Veterinary Behavior Solutions in Louisville, Kentucky where she sees referral behavior cases.

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 AAFF, co-chair of the AAFF's Cat Friendly Practice, 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*.

Valarie Tynes, DVM, DACVB
Ceva Animal Health




Dr. Valarie Tynes is a native Texan and received her DVM from Texas A&M University. She worked in private practice for 14 years before returning to academia to pursue a residency in clinical animal behavior at the University of California Davis in 2000. She has been a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists since 2003 and is currently President-Elect of the College. Her special interests are the behavior and welfare of pet pigs, exotic pets, and zoo animals. She is a frequent speaker at veterinary meetings around the country and author of numerous articles and textbook chapters. She is the editor of *The Behavior of Exotic Pets* and co-editor of the Behavior issue of the *Veterinary Clinics of North America - Small Animal Clinics* released in May of 2014. She is a veterinary services specialist for Ceva Animal Health, providing behavior education, training, and technical support to the sales force as well as lectures and presentations to veterinarians in the field. She also provides consulting services for zoos, veterinarians, and pet owners.

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Dr. Alice M. Wolf received her DVM degree from the University of California Davis, interned at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, MA, and returned to U.C. Davis for her residency in Small Animal Internal Medicine. Dr. Wolf spent three years in private practice in Albany, CA and the next 24 years as a Professor of Small Animal Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University. Dr. Wolf has received a number of teaching and service awards including the Norden Teacher Award, the Merck Teaching Award, Texas A&M University Association of Former Students College, University Level Distinguished Teaching Awards, and the Cornerstone Award from her collegiate alma mater, Chatham College. She has been recognized for her contributions in feline internal medicine with the AAHA Regional Practitioner of the Year Award, the National Friskies PetCare Award, and the prestigious Bourgelat Award from the British Small Animal Veterinary Association. In 2007, she received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Veterinary Medicine at U.C. Davis. Dr. Wolf has been a speaker at numerous local, regional, national, and international veterinary meetings and has twice received the "Speaker of the Year" award from the North American Veterinary Conference (NAVC). Dr. Wolf has published numerous journal articles, book chapters, and is a reviewer and editor for several veterinary publications. She is presently an Adjunct and Emeritus Professor at Texas A&M University, Chief Medical Consultant for the Veterinary Information Network, and works as a private consultant and lecturer in feline medicine worldwide.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016 – PRE-CONFERENCE DAY

- 8:30 – 10:30 am**  **Feline-Friendly Handling Lab #1**, *Dr. Ilona Rodan*
This hands-on lab will begin with a short summary presentation on unique feline behaviors. Dr. Rodan will then demonstrate feline handling techniques, followed by attendees having an opportunity to break out into small groups to apply those techniques utilizing live cats. This session requires separate registration.
- 10:30 – 11:15 am** **AVMA Compounding Update**, *Dr. Ashley Morgan*
Attendees will learn about the status of compounding legislation and the challenges with regulating the compounding of medications for animals. Attendees will also become familiar with how these laws and regulations can affect their practice and medical treatment decisions. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and learn how to be informed and engaged as changes to policies are made.
- 11:40 – 12:45 pm** **Evidence Based Management of Chronic Kidney Disease in Cats**, *Dr. Susan Little*
Chronic kidney disease affects at least 1/3 of senior cats and can present complex diagnostic and management issues. Therapies are available to improve quality of life, and in some cases, slow disease progression. This presentation will focus on an evidence-based medicine approach to evaluation of the various treatments available.
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm** **Gems from ACVIM**, *Dr. Alice Wolf*
Research presented at scientific meetings often does not appear in the print or electronic publication format until a year or more after the initial presentation of the information. The focus of this discussion is to present selected information from the 2016 ACVIM Research Abstracts sessions that have practical implications and applications in our feline patients so that you can apply this information today, before it appears in printed form.
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm** **Systemic Mycotic Diseases in Cats**, *Dr. Alice Wolf*
Cats are susceptible to all of the major systemic mycotic diseases and most of the minor and opportunistic ones. Clinical signs in cats may differ from signs seen in the dog with the same systemic mycosis. This discussion will include descriptions of these mycotic diseases, regional variations, diagnostic tools and findings, and therapy for deep mycoses.
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm** **Chronic Nasal Discharge in the Cat**, *Dr. Alice Wolf*
Not all cats with chronic nasal discharge are “chronic snufflers.” This presentation will discuss the diagnostic approach to the cat with chronic nasal discharge to help differentiate among the various conditions that may cause this clinical sign. Specific findings and recommendations for therapy for the various conditions that can cause chronic nasal discharge will be described.
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm** **Fibrosarcomas: Current Scientific Evidence**, *Dr. Alice Wolf*
This seminar will describe and review the appearance of and occurrence of injection-site/vaccine-associated sarcomas (ISS/VAS) in cats from the initial published description in 1991 to the present. The presentation will include evidence from recent peer-reviewed, published studies regarding the underlying causes for the induction of ISS/VAS. Recommendations will be made regarding ways to decrease the incidence of this serious vaccine-related adverse event.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016

- 8:20 – 9:10 am**  **Fantastic Felines: Understanding Their Natural Behavior**, *Dr. Sarah Heath*
The cat is a unique and fascinating species and understanding its natural behavior is the key to maximizing the benefits of the feline-human relationship. This presentation will discuss normal feline social behavior and communication and aim to increase the attendees' appreciation of fantastic felines. It will also emphasize the importance of teaching cat owners about the natural behavior of their pets in order to reduce the risk of unwanted behaviors which will be detrimental to their relationship.
- 9:10 – 10:00 am**  **Understanding Feline Emotions**, *Dr. Sarah Heath*
When dealing with unwanted behavioral responses in domestic cats it is important to realize that emotional states have both physiological and behavioral consequences. Understanding the functions of emotional responses will enable owners to make sense of the behaviors their feline friends display, which is the key to more appropriate management and treatment strategies for unwanted behaviors. This presentation will explain the different emotional motivational systems and the behavioral responses that can result from them.
- 10:50 – 11:40 am**  **Meeting Environmental Needs: Setting Up the Home for Success**, *Dr. Sarah Ellis*
The physical set-up of the home and the everyday activities between people and animals that take place within it, can have a substantive impact on the behavior and health of pet cats residing there. For example, inappropriate home environments have been shown to contribute to both feline urinary tract disease and indoor urine spraying. Preventing such health and behavior problems from occurring in the first place is often an easier job than treating them. This talk will discuss how the home can be set-up physically (e.g. providing appropriate toileting, resting, and feeding sites) and socially (e.g. respecting the cat's social preferences) to provide ample opportunities for the cat(s) living within it to display their natural behavior and meet their environmental needs – both of which will promote feline welfare and the human-cat bond.
- 11:40 – 12:30 pm**  **Feline Indoor Elimination Issues: How to Investigate & Treat**, *Dr. Sarah Heath*
Feline elimination problems are a common presentation in general veterinary practice. These problems can cause significant levels of stress within households and can be a serious threat to the cat's welfare as well. It is important to approach these cases with a thorough understanding of normal elimination behavior. If we appreciate the requirements of cats when they are eliminating we can better prepare the domestic environment to meet those requirements and better understand why things go wrong.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016 continued

- 12:45 – 1:45 pm** **Lunch & Learn – Feline Pain: Don't Let Acute Become Chronic!**, *Dr. Robin Downing*
Pain science informs us that if acute perioperative pain is either unmanaged or undermanaged, it can progress to chronic maladaptive pain that lasts and lasts. Effective, comprehensive, multimodal pain management at the time of the surgical insult lays the foundation to prevent the transition from “good” pain (adaptive) to “bad” pain (maladaptive). This session will articulate the essential principles of pain pathophysiology, targeted therapy, and the tools we have available to make a difference in the lives of these cats. After all, they don't deserve to hurt!
- 2:00 – 2:50 pm** **A Handling Cats Effectively in Practice**, *Dr. Sarah Heath*
Dealing with feline patients can sometimes be challenging, and difficult appointments are not only stressful for the patient but also for the owner and practice staff. Learning how to accurately interpret feline body language and effectively handle cats in the veterinary context will benefit everyone. This presentation will explain how a better understanding of normal feline behavior can lead to more efficient and effective interactions with feline patients.
- B Senior Cats: Medical Disorders & Behavioral Signs**, *Dr. Gary Landsberg*
Senior cats are at an increased risk for metabolic and degenerative diseases, many of which can manifest behaviorally. Diagnosis and treatment of geriatric behavior problems and cognitive health will enhance the care of your elderly patients.
- 2:55 – 3:45 pm** **A Inter-cat Aggression in Multi-cat Households**, *Dr. Sarah Heath*
As the cat increases in popularity as a beloved pet, the number of multi-cat households is increasing. While cats can benefit from social interaction with other cats that they are socially compatible with, they can also suffer from chronic stress as a result of forced interaction with cats outside of their natural social group. This presentation will explore the impact of normal feline behavior on inter-cat relationships and give advice about how to investigate and manage cases where there are confrontational interactions between cats in the same household.
- B Feisty Felines: Kitten Development & Problem Prevention**, *Dr. Gary Landsberg*
A good understanding of feline development and problem prevention is a helpful addition to any practice. The information you receive will help you appropriately counsel kitten owners about normal but unwanted behaviors, and how to prevent those behaviors with effective preventive counseling, resource materials, and kitten classes.
- 4:15 – 5:05 pm** **A I Understand You, But Do You Understand Me? Feline Communication & Its Implications for Human-cat Interaction**, *Dr. Sarah Ellis*
For the pet cat, human interaction is a daily occurrence. It should therefore occur in a welfare-friendly manner; minimizing stress, reducing risk of injury (from scratching and/or biting), and improving care (e.g. allowing a full physical examination). Identifying and understanding the function of feline body language and communicative signaling is a critical part of the process of providing appropriate interaction. However, empirical studies in this area are still very much in their infancy. This talk will bring together the existing scientific research on domestic cat body language and communication, and human-cat interactions, in a manner that provides practical advice on the optimal ways to interact with pet cats to promote the human-feline bond.
- B Identifying Common Triggers for Undesirable Behaviors**, *Dr. Amy Pike*
When working with undesirable behaviors you must assess whether they are normal but unwanted, or abnormal behaviors/behavior illnesses. A good understanding of the normal feline ethology will help you identify triggers. With these two pieces of information you can then create effective treatment plans for common behavioral issues between cats and their human family.
- 5:10 – 6:00 pm** **A Behavioral Preparation for a Veterinary Examination: Educating Your Owners**, *Dr. Sarah Ellis*
Performing even a simple feline health check-up can sometimes be a difficult task. It is not uncommon for veterinary team members to be faced with cats that do not want to leave their carriers or are uncooperative during examination, some even displaying aggressive behavior – behavior that relates to negative emotions such as fear. While feline-friendly handling by veterinary staff can reduce much of the negative emotion a cat experiences, the owner also has an important role to play in stress reduction for the cat during a veterinary examination. This talk will work through basic training (involving desensitization and counter-conditioning the cat to various types of handling) that owners can practice at home to help teach their cat that being handled by the veterinarian is nothing to fear.
- B Creating Effective Treatment Plans**, *Dr. Amy Pike*
The key to creating effective treatment plans is understanding how unwanted behaviors become established and the basic techniques to decrease emotional arousal, manage the pet, and manage the environment to diminish and improve undesirable behaviors.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

- 8:30 – 9:20 am** **A Getting Pets-to-Vets: Tools, Strategies, & Training for the Cat**, *Dr. Theresa DePorter*
Stress isn't a powerful enough word to describe the emotion most cats feel as they are stuffed into a carrier and transported to the clinic. Forced panic is likely more accurate. The fear may begin when the carrier comes out. This session will discuss tools and strategies for reducing feline fear in the car and on the way to the veterinary clinic. Getting Pets-to-Vets will be about getting pets out of the living room and into the exam room.
- B Feline Orofacial Pain Syndrome (FOPS)**, *Dr. Sarah Heath*
A feline facial pain/mutilation syndrome has been recognized, which is especially prevalent in Burmese cats although occasional cases have been seen in the domestic shorthair, Burmilla, and Siamese. The classical clinical signs are characterized by exaggerated licking and chewing movements with pawing at the mouth. Occasionally other areas of the face are traumatized. This presentation will discuss the etiology of this condition and the behavioral and pharmacological approaches to managing these cases.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016 continued

- 8:30 – 9:20 am continued** **S** **Understanding Cat Behavior in the Shelter**, *Dr. Brenda Griffin*
This session will introduce key concepts related to emotional health and wellness in shelter cats, analyze common behavioral responses of cats in animal shelters, review the impact of stress on health and welfare, and discuss simple, practical ways to reduce fear and stress beginning at intake.
- 9:25 – 10:15 am** **A** **Use of Products & Medications for Long-term Modification of Feline Behavior**, *Dr. Theresa DePorter*
Chronic fear and anxiety in cats may result in long-term and serious behavior problems. This session will discuss natural and pharmacological options for long-term use for alleviation and management of feline behavior problems. From new products to favorite old drugs, research to clinical applications, this presentation provides an overview of natural and pharmaceutical anxiolytics which may reduce chronic anxiety or fears in cats.
- B** **Behavioral Considerations in Feline Obesity & Weight Loss Cases**, *Dr. Sarah Heath*
Issues of feline weight, either related to anorexia and weight loss, or to obesity, can be frustrating to deal with in general practice. In addition to considering these cases from a medical perspective it can also be helpful to consider the behavioral factors that are involved. This presentation will explain how a better understanding of normal feline feeding behavior can help practices to offer practical advice to cat owners and achieve long-term resolution of these issues.
- S** **Housing for Health, Safety, & Welfare: Part 1**, *Dr. Brenda Griffin*
This session will focus on meeting the needs of shelter cats through housing operation and design, including intake housing, long-term housing, and social group housing. Building on concepts of emotional healthcare, humane handling, behavior monitoring, and welfare assessment of housed cats will be discussed.
- 10:45 – 11:35 am** **A** **To Scratch or Not to Scratch: That is the Question**, *Dr. Theresa DePorter*
This session will examine aspects of the cat, environment, and scratching post that might influence scratching behavior in an effort to determine how inappropriate scratching behavior might be refocused on acceptable targets. It will also include a discussion of results from an internet survey which gathered details about scratching behavior, as described by owners in their home environments, from 4331 respondents.
- B** **Behavioral Dermatology in Cats**, *Dr. Gary Landsberg*
It's time to shed some light on the many twists and turns involved in over grooming and hair loss in cats. Learn how to diagnose, treat, and differentiate medical from behavioral causes of skin disease in cats.
- S** **Housing for Health, Safety, & Welfare: Part 2**, *Dr. Brenda Griffin*
See Abstract Above
- 11:40 – 12:30 pm** **A** **Stress & Feline Medicine**, *Drs. Sarah Ellis and Ilona Rodan*
Behavior and disease are closely interlinked – for example, behavioral changes are often a sign of underlying disease. Furthermore, stress, particularly chronic stress, which can arise from lack of appropriate behavioral opportunities for a cat, is a risk factor for several disease processes (e.g. feline idiopathic cystitis and the most common, urinary tract disease). Veterinarians are in a unique position to be able to detect chronic stress. The cat's medical history should include careful questioning about its physical and social home environment. Clues can also be found by observing the cat's clinical signs at the practice, and the client's interactions with the pet during the veterinary appointment. If chronic stress is detected, a treatment plan targeting both the signs of disease and the root cause of chronic stress can be developed to improve the behavioral and physical health of the cat.
- B** **Urine Marking**, *Dr. Gary Landsberg*
Urine marking in cats is a common behavioral complaint of pet owners and disrupts the human-animal bond. Factors contributing to marking behavior will be discussed and cases will be used to illustrate diagnosis and treatment options including pharmacologic interventions and natural options.
- S** **Enrichment FUN with Shelter Cats**, *Dr. Brenda Griffin*
This session will review the science behind enrichment practices and provide multiple photo and video examples for bold cats, shy cats, young cats, old cats, and more.
- 12:45 – 1:45 pm** **Lunch & Learn – The Skinny Cat**, *Dr. Peter Kintzer*
Many of the diseases for which weight loss is a clinical sign are more common in senior and geriatric cats. The differential diagnosis list is quite lengthy and includes hyperthyroidism, diabetes mellitus, and chronic kidney disease, just to name a few. A thorough and logical approach to these patients is needed, starting with a detailed history and physical examination, including assessment of body condition score (BCS), and muscle condition score (MCS). Early disease recognition can help improve the quality of life for senior and geriatric cats that present with weight loss or because their owners complain they are "getting skinny." Complete diagnostic efforts (a minimum data base at the least) are critical because these pets may have abnormalities in multiple body systems.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016 continued

- 2:00 – 2:50 pm**
- A Sound, Mind, & Body: Complex Relationship Between Mental & Physical Health, Dr. Valarie Tynes**
Anxiety and fear-related behavior problems may contribute to medical problems due to the chronic stress they can produce. In addition, chronic pain and discomfort can further complicate problem behaviors, especially those associated with fear and anxiety. There are also several medical conditions whose primary clinical signs are often confused with behavior problems. This presentation will give attendees the tools they need to approach history taking of these conditions, differentiate primary medical from primary behavioral change, and treat these cases appropriately.
 - B Behavioral Adaptions to Chronic Pain, Dr. Lisa Moses**
Chronic pain is under-diagnosed and under-treated in cats, despite being a frequent concern of cat owners. Most veterinarians cite difficulties in chronic pain assessment as the cause. Recent research has identified specific behavioral and functional mobility changes as good indicators of chronic pain in cats. Behavioral changes also appear to be the most reliable way to assess the success of chronic pain therapy in cats. This session will help practitioners identify behavioral indicators of chronic pain and use owner observations as a tool for chronic pain assessment and response to treatment.
 - S Is This Cat Really Feral?, Dr. Brenda Griffin**
It can be challenging to differentiate truly feral cats from those that are tame but very frightened and reactive, especially when they have been trapped. Even calm indoor cats that are trapped or otherwise very stressed may exhibit the same behaviors as feral cats. This session explores methods to distinguish feral cats from “scaredy cats.”
- 2:55 – 3:45 pm**
- A From Ticks to Turkeys to Tabbies: The Science of Semiochemicals, Dr. Valarie Tynes**
Semiochemicals refers to any chemical used by animals for the purpose of communication. For the majority of animal species, chemical communication is critically important in their day-to-day lives. Humans tend to ignore the importance of semiochemical communication, and veterinarians are taught very little about any form of animal communication. Pheromones are the form of semiochemicals that have been most researched in the past 20-30 years and their applications in veterinary medicine and agriculture are plentiful. This presentation will review the most current literature on the subject, cover the basics of how pheromones work to affect animal behavior, and provide practical examples of how pheromones can be used in practice to the benefit of veterinarians and pet owners alike.
 - B Behavior Changes in the Geriatric Patient: Is it Pain or is it Dementia?, Dr. Lisa Moses**
We are seeing cats live longer lives and our profession is becoming more adept at identifying “normal” behavior changes associated with advanced age. In some cases, it is very hard to know whether behavior changes are due to pain, dementia, or a combination of the two. This session will present ways to distinguish between the two and present practical techniques to try and treat pain or dementia that is affecting behavior.
 - S Keeping Cats in Their Homes, Dr. Brenda Griffin**
Anyone who has spent time in an animal shelter recognizes how difficult it is to meet the needs of all cats that pass through a shelter’s doors. Thus, humane efforts should always emphasize prevention of cats entering shelters. This session will review common reasons cats are relinquished and and explore strategies for keeping cats out of animal shelters—the most friendly type of sheltering
- 3:50 – 4:45 pm**
- Cat Friendly Practice®: Tips, Solutions, & Answers to Your Questions**
Do you believe the AAFP’s Cat Friendly Practice® (CFP) program requires a cat-only waiting room or other expensive, time consuming changes? Don’t know how you would even start to get staff on board with making changes the CFP program requires? If this sounds like you, this session is a must to attend. A panel of CFP’s will discuss tips and creative solutions for implementing the CFP checklist. Now is your time to ask questions or share your experiences!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

- 8:30 – 9:45 am**
- C Feline Bronchitis & Asthma Including Use of Inhaled Medications, Dr. Philip Padrid**
This presentation will use video of clinic cases to present the most current information on feline asthma and bronchitis, including treatment with inhaled medications. At the completion of this presentation the participants will be able to make rational diagnostic and treatment recommendations for these patient, based on evidence and data.
 - P Environmental Enrichment for Indoor Cats: Maximizing Your Home to Better Meet Your Cat’s Needs, Ms. Ingrid Johnson**
Boredom, frustration, and environmental stress are the most common reasons for behavior problems in indoor cats. This lecture will focus on all aspects of enrichment to alleviate such stress. We will discuss the importance of vertical space, food puzzles, novel environmental changes, scratching post criteria, and placement to maximize usage as well as many fun, seasonal offerings, and games that you can provide for indoor cats! Everything from paper bags to perches, catnip marinades to cardboard castles!

Session Abstracts:

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016 continued

- 9:50 – 10:40 am** **C** **Chronic Nasal Disease in Cats**, *Dr. Philip Padrid*
This presentation will use video of clinic cases to present the most current information on chronic nasal disorders in the feline species. At the completion of this presentation the participants will be able to make rational diagnostic and treatment recommendations for these patients based on evidence and data.
- P** **Feline Foraging Toys: How to Implement, Motivate, & Stage the Difficulty Level**, *Ms. Ingrid Johnson*
This lecture will discuss the importance of encouraging indoor cats to work for their food, motivating cats to learn how to forage, staging the difficulty level of the objects offered, and how to set clients up for success feeding this way. The benefits of this type of feeding style bring out the hunting instincts of our pampered predators and introduce much needed enrichment into their lives. We will specifically discuss implementing this feeding strategy in a multi-cat household, as a weight loss program, and as a tool to keep young cats busy and working their mind and body! You will even learn how to make some food puzzles at home!
- 11:15 – 12:30 pm** **A** **Approach to the Coughing Cat**, *Dr. Laura Nafe*
This session will focus on the general approach to the feline cough with an emphasis on differential diagnoses and utilizing important historical, physical examination, and diagnostic information to aid in sorting through the potential differential diagnoses. In addition, specific diagnostics and therapeutics will be discussed for common causes of cough. Case discussion will be utilized to emphasize key points.
- B** **Pleural Disease in Cats: State of the Art**, *Dr. Philip Padrid*
This presentation will use video of clinic cases to present the most current information on pleural space disorders in cats. At the completion of this presentation the participants will be able to make rational diagnostic and treatment recommendations for these patients based on evidence and data.
- P** **Behavioral Aspects of Common Feline Diseases: What a Cat Does May Tell You What it Has**, *Dr. Hazel Carney*
Because a sick cat may very quickly become another animal's prey, a cat will respond to an internal physiologic change by altering its behavior to maintain a semblance of normalcy. These behavior changes initially are subtle but gradually become more obvious and can suggest the underlying disease process. This lecture will help you identify very early signs of different diseases such as chronic renal insufficiency, cardiovascular problems, degenerative joint disease, and hyperthyroidism.
- 12:40 – 1:40 pm** **Lunch & Learn – Update on Feline Adverse Food Reactions**, *Dr. Klaus Loft*
Feline adverse food reactions can be very frustrating for the cat, the owner, and the clinician. It is important to be able to recognize clinical signs and patterns associated with this condition. In this lecture we will discuss the typical clinical presentation of adverse food reactions along with the most common differentials that can lead to frustrating situations in clinical practice. Recommendations for diagnosis and medical management will be reviewed, including pointers on techniques and strategies. The main focus of this lecture will be from a clinician's perspective with support from the latest literature.
- 1:45 – 2:35 pm** **A** **Approach to Feline Respiratory Distress**, *Dr. Laura Nafe*
This session will focus on the general approach to stabilization of the cat presenting in respiratory distress. Focus of this discussion will include respiratory terminology, approach to localizing the cause of respiratory distress, initial diagnostics, and therapeutics. Case discussion will be utilized to emphasize key points.
- B** **Identifying Sepsis in Cats: Focus on Thoracic Disease**, *Dr. Amy DeClue*
In this lecture, intrathoracic causes of bacterial sepsis will be reviewed. A practical approach to identification of intrathoracic origin sepsis including discussion of various diagnostic modalities will be presented.
- P** **The Piddling Pussycat: Is it Physical, Mental, or Both?**, *Dr. Hazel Carney*
When cats urinate small volumes of urine, they have underlying pathology that may be identifiable in the urinary tract or seemingly hidden in the psyche. If you determine the interaction of each aspect for a particular cat, you can optimize diagnostic and therapeutic regimes. The lecture will integrate the current scientific knowledge about medical and behavioral management of feline interstitial cystitis.
- 2:40 – 3:30 pm** **A** **Anesthesia & Respiratory Disease**, *Dr. Laura Nafe*
This session will focus on the general approach to anesthesia in the cat with respiratory disease. Focus will be on various anesthesia protocols, emphasizing indications and contraindications for each. As anesthesia protocols should be individualized for each patient, discussion will focus on protocols for specific diagnostic and therapeutic procedures with special attention to underlying and/or concurrent conditions common in cats. Case discussion will be utilized to emphasize key points.
- B** **Diagnostic Evaluation of Pulmonary Disease**, *Dr. Amy DeClue*
In this lecture, major diagnostic modalities for assessing disease in the lung with the goal of differentiating infection, inflammation, neoplasia and fibrosis will be discussed including imaging, airway sample collection and fine needle aspiration of the lung.
- P** **Scientific Explanations of Unique Cat Behaviors**, *Dr. Hazel Carney*
How does a cat find its way home over thousands of miles or why does it purr when ill? How can it pick out the person most uncomfortable around cats? How does it tell time? These are just a few of the unique cat behaviors that do have scientific explanations. The lecture will explain the "how" and "why" of at least 15 classic mysterious feline behaviors.
- 3:45 – 5:45 pm** **L** **Feline-Friendly Handling Lab #2**, *Dr. Ilona Rodan*
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Why Should I Attend?

Come to historic Washington, DC and join colleagues from around the world as you increase your feline knowledge by attending presentations lead by experts in the fields of feline behavior and respiratory diseases. The AAFP is proud to offer an assortment of tracks to meet the individualized needs of attendees in the various stages of their professional development. This conference will join together veterinary healthcare professionals who are dedicated to increasing their feline knowledge and passionate about elevating the standard of care for cats.

Continuing Education Credits

This conference has been submitted (but not yet approved) for 30 hours of continuing education credits in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB RACE approval; however participants should be aware that some boards have limitations on the number of hours accepted in certain categories and/or restrictions on certain methods of delivery of continuing education. Contact AAFP Headquarters for further information at info@catvets.com. Once obtained, the program approval number will be listed on the conference website at www.catvets.com/education/

Pre-conference Day -	Thursday, November 3, 2016	Up to 7 CE Hours
General Conference -	Friday, November 4, 2016	Up to 9 CE Hours
	Saturday, November 5, 2016	Up to 7 CE Hours
	Sunday, November 6, 2016	Up to 9 CE Hours

Registration

Below are the costs for attending this conference. Please note that you will be able to move throughout Track A and B as well as the Para-professional and Shelter Tracks.

	BY 10/10/16	AFTER 10/10/16
Pre-conference Day (5 CE Hours) Includes Food for Thought Luncheon and Seminar & Social		
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$125	\$150
Non-Member	\$175	\$200
Student	\$ 40	\$ 55
Full Three Day General Conference (up to 25 CE Hours)		
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$490	\$565
Non-Member	\$590	\$670
Para-professional Member*	\$200	\$250
Para-professional Non-Member*	\$250	\$300
Students	\$ 80	\$100
One Day General Conference Pass (7-9 CE Hours)		
Members and Non-Members	\$220	\$260
Shelter Medicine Track (11/5/16)	\$100	\$125
Para-professional Track* (11/6/16)	\$100	\$125

* Para-professional denotes technicians, practice managers, and other hospital staff.

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Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

2660 Woodley Road NW

Washington, DC 20008

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The AAFP is pleased to offer special rates for this conference. The **group rate is only available until Monday, October 10, 2016**, subject to availability. Reservations made after Monday, October 10, 2016 may not be guaranteed the group rate. If you call to make your reservations, you must refer to the Group Code: "American Association of Feline Practitioners."

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**All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.*

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- Complimentary fitness center access
- Complimentary high-speed internet access in guest rooms
- Discounted \$25 self-parking and \$35 valet parking per day
- No early departure fees

Cancellation Policy: Cancel 24 hours prior to arrival.

Traveling to the Conference

Airport: Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

Distance: 7 miles from the hotel; 20 minutes

Transportation: Estimated Taxi Fare: \$30 one way

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Website: www.flyreagan.com

Airport: Washington Dulles International Airport

Distance: 29 miles from the hotel; 40 minutes

Transportation: Estimated Taxi Fare: \$60 one way

Metro bus to Metro rail System: To travel from the airport to the hotel, you will have to catch the Metro bus (\$7 per person). Take the 5A towards L'Enfant Plaza Station and get off at Rosslyn Station. At Rosslyn Metro Station, pick up the Silver Line towards Largo Town Center and get off at Metro Center Metro Station. From there, pick up the Red Line towards Shady Grove and get off at Woodley Park Zoo Metro Station. The hotel is directly across the street from the metro station. This will take you approximately 90 minutes and costs between \$5.20 - \$9.95. For more information visit the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority website.

Website: www.flydulles.com

Train: Union Station

Distance: 4 miles from the hotel; 25 minutes

Transportation: Estimated Taxi Fare: \$30 one way

Metro rail System: Public transit is available to and from the Union Station train station as well as all locations in Washington, DC using the city's Metro rail System. To travel from the train station to the hotel, pick up the Red Line towards Shady Grove and get off at Woodley Park Zoo Metro Station. The hotel is directly across the street from the metro station. This takes approximately 12 minutes and costs between \$1.15 - \$2.85. For more information visit the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority website.

Website: www.unionstationdc.com

Marriott Wardman Park (AAFP Discounted Rates) \$25 Self-Parking; \$35 Daily Valet

***If you are a hotel guest you will receive an automatic discount on your hotel bill by using your hotel key to go in and out of the parking garage.*

If you are staying at a different hotel or driving in for the day, please come to the AAFP Registration Desk where you can receive your discount parking pass. You will need a new pass each day to get this discount.

Street Parking

Street parking is available around the area of the hotel, but may be limited. Depending on the area it ranges from \$.75- \$2 per hour. Street parking is free on Sundays. There are also parking garages in the area that range from \$10-17 for 10-24 hours. For more information on parking, visit www.dcparking.org.

Included in Your Registration Fee:

Meals

Your conference registration includes full breakfast and lunch all three days. A large variety of hot and cold items are served, including vegetarian and other healthy alternatives. Coffee breaks and desserts are also provided.

Conference Proceedings

Proceedings Notes are provided to each attendee. Below are the three options for obtaining the proceedings notes. Since we know that you cannot be in two places at one time, the proceedings notes for ALL sessions will be included in the conference proceedings so you will not miss out on any valuable information.



- 1. Online Proceedings:** Each registered attendee will receive an email approximately 3 weeks prior to the event with complimentary online access to the conference proceedings on the AAFP website. **You MUST print out these notes if you want the proceeding notes onsite (unless you have pre-purchased a printed book).**
- 2. USB Flash Drive:** Boehringer Ingelheim will graciously provide all attendees with a USB Flash Drive, which will contain the proceedings for the conference. You may pick up your Flash Drive at the Boehringer Ingelheim exhibit booth during the conference using a ticket which will be included in your registration materials onsite.
- 3. Printed Book:** You may pre-purchase a Printed Proceedings Book for \$55.00. If you purchase a Proceedings Book but do not attend the conference, there will be a \$15 Shipping and Handling Fee.

Meet & Greet Reception

All attendees are invited to this welcome reception hosted by Boehringer Ingelheim on Thursday, November 3rd. Refreshments will be provided as you have the opportunity to network and socialize with friends and meet new colleagues.



Exhibitors' Happy Hour Reception

All attendees are invited to this reception hosted by Bayer HealthCare on Friday, November 4th. Refreshments will be provided as you have the opportunity to visit at length with exhibitors. We encourage all conference attendees to make the most of this time to ask questions, test equipment, create relationships, and learn about new products.



Giveaways

Attendees will receive a plethora of exciting giveaways with your registration materials. Raffle prizes will also be awarded, so be sure to visit the exhibit hall to stamp your Exhibit Passport for the chance to win!

Local Washington, DC Discounts

Attendees will receive exclusive discounts from local restaurants & attractions. Visit the conference webpage at www.catvets.com/education/ for details on these exclusive discounts.

Internet Access

We understand that everyone needs to stay connected while you are away, so you will have internet and computer access with the VIN cybercafé lounge throughout the entire conference.



Exhibit Hall

Each registered attendee has full access to the Exhibit Hall. We have invited a large variety of companies to exhibit at our conference. The Exhibit Hall will be open during breakfast, coffee breaks, lunch, and the Exhibitors' Reception. Please note: AAFP does not endorse the products or services of the companies that exhibit.

Rise & Shine - It's Zumba Time!

The Zumba classes are free for all conference attendees. Read more information on page 18 and sign-up for this event on the Registration Form. A Waiver must be submitted for every participant.

Exhibit Hall Hours:

Friday, November 4, 2016	Exhibits open 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 5, 2016	Exhibits open 7:30 am to 2:00 pm
Sunday, November 6, 2016	Exhibits open 7:30 am to 1:45 pm

Exhibitors (as of June 9, 2016) - An updated list and company abstracts can be found at www.catvets.com/education/.

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American Board of Veterinary Practitioners	International WIN, Ltd.	Sound
Art for Cats' Sake	Jorgensen Laboratories	Southwest Medical Books
Bayer	Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery	Specialty Veterinary Pharmacy
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Special Events:

Pre-conference Day – Ticketed Events

Want to earn additional CE? Come to the Pre-conference Day sessions on Thursday, November 3rd!

Food for Thought Luncheon

The Pre-conference Day begins with an engaging Food for Thought Luncheon. Attendees will be provided with lunch as they listen to Dr. Susan Little present on Chronic Kidney Diseases in cats.



ABVP/AAFP Seminar & Social

Dr. Alice Wolf will present four hours of CE throughout the day on topics such as Systemic Mycotic Diseases, Chronic Nasal Discharge, and more. These presentations will offer you four additional CE Hours and a refreshment break will offer ample opportunity for discussion and interaction with other attendees. This seminar is intended for any attendee desiring additional high level, engaging CE. You won't want to miss it! For a more detailed description of the sessions please see the abstract on page 9.



Pre-conference Day Registration Fees (includes Food for Thought Luncheon and Seminar & Social):

AAFP Member/ISFM Member	By October 10th: \$125	After October 10th: \$150
Non-Member	By October 10th: \$175	After October 10th: \$200
Student	By October 10th: \$ 40	After October 10th: \$ 55

Separate registration is required for Pre-Conference Day and you do not have to be registered for the entire conference to attend.

Lunch & Learn – Ticketed Events

Friday Lunch & Learn

Zoetis will be sponsoring the Lunch and Learn session on Friday, November 4th entitled, *Feline Pain: Don't Let Acute Become Chronic!*, presented by Dr. Robin Downing. For a detailed description see page 9.



Saturday Lunch & Learn

IDEXX Laboratories will be sponsoring the Lunch and Learn session on Saturday, November 5th entitled, *The Skinny Cat*, presented by Dr. Peter Kintzer. For a detailed description see page 11.



Sunday Lunch & Learn

Royal Canin will be sponsoring the Lunch and Learn session on Sunday, November 6th entitled, *Update on Feline Adverse Food Reactions*, presented by Dr. Klaus Loft. For a detailed description see page 12.



Separate registration is required in order to attend these events and space is limited in each session to the first 140 participants. Make sure you return your registration early in order to participate in these Lunch and Learns. We ask that you please limit your registration to two Lunch & Learn sessions so others have the opportunity to attend. Wait lists will be available for these sessions by emailing info@catvets.com. Attendance is on a first come, first served basis and conference registration is required. These sessions will be submitted for continuing education credits in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB RACE approval.

Ticket Prices: FREE (Limited to 140 Registrants each)

NEW!

Feline-Friendly Handling Labs – Ticketed Event



This hands-on lab will begin with a short summary presentation on unique feline behaviors. Dr. Rodan will then demonstrate feline handling techniques, followed by attendees having an opportunity to break out into small groups to apply those techniques utilizing live cats. Techniques will include removing a fear-aggressive cat from the carrier, minimal and secure handling techniques, and towel wrapping methods for various veterinary visit scenarios. Registrants are strongly encouraged to prepare for the lab prior to the conference and will be emailed about attending a free webinar and reviewing recommended reading (estimated 2-3 hours). It is recommended that you wear closed-toed shoes and scrubs or a doctor's jacket are optional.

Separate registration is required in order to attend these events and space is limited to the first 24 participants in each session. The first session will take place on Thursday, November 3rd from 8:30 - 10:30 am and the second session will take place on Sunday, November 6th from 3:45 - 5:45 pm. Make sure you return your registration form early in order to participate in the labs. Attendance is on a first come, first served basis and conference registration is required. These sessions will be submitted for continuing education credits in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB RACE approval.

Ticket Prices: By October 10th: \$175 After October 10th: \$200 (Limited to 24 Registrants for each session)

NEW!

Shelter Track



Sheltering cats presents unique challenges to ensuring health, welfare, and safety. By their very nature, animal shelters are stressful environments, filled with an assortment of new and novel stimuli including noises, odors, and many other stressors. Cats entering shelters possess a variety of lifestyles, ranging from that of well-socialized lap cats to completely unsocialized, feral cats that do not accept handling. The negative impacts of stress compromise both animal health and staff safety, thus a proactive approach to behavioral care is crucial. In this 6-hour track, we will explore the importance of feline emotional healthcare in the shelter setting. Attendees will learn simple, practical protocols for enhancing the health, welfare, and safety of both shelter cats and staff.

One Day Saturday – Shelter Track Registration: By October 10th: \$100 After October 10th: \$125

Gala on Pennsylvania Avenue – Ticketed Event



This year's offsite event will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building, located on Pennsylvania Avenue in the heart of Washington, DC. The night will start with a guided bus tour on the way to the venue. The evening will continue with a cocktail hour followed by a sit-down dinner, dancing, and other entertainment. We invite you to break out your fancy attire as you spend an evening with friends and colleagues (no jeans or sneakers please). These tickets are discounted thanks to the sponsorship by Elanco Animal Health. Transportation will be provided to and from the hotel.

Ticket Prices: By October 10th: \$50 After October 10th: \$60
Onsite Purchase (Limited Available): \$70

Rise & Shine - It's Zumba Time! – Pre-registration is Required

The AAFP will be hosting a Zumba class, a healthy morning activity, to provide you with the tools to stay motivated and jumpstart your day. The Zumba class is a dance fitness program that is easy to follow, for all ages, and anyone from beginners to advanced workout enthusiasts are welcome. There will be three Zumba classes provided – Friday, November 4th from 6:00 am – 7:00 am; Saturday, November 5th from 6:30 am – 7:30 am; and Sunday, November 6th from 6:30 am – 7:30 am. Why not meet up with your colleagues and get your heart pumping before a full day of CE?

Participants must pre-register for this event and must complete a waiver to participate, which can be found at www.catvets.com/education and the bottom of this page.

Ticket Prices: FREE (waiver required)

Zumba Class Waiver and Release

VIDA Fitness Waiver

I agree and acknowledge that I am participating in **one, two or three of the AAFP/VIDA Fitness Zumba Classes** (“the Event”), being held on Friday, November 4; Saturday, November 5; and Sunday, November 6, 2016 on my own accord and that I am bound by this waiver and release.

I freely and knowingly represent and warrant that I am physically and mentally fit and able to participate in the Event, and I do hereby assume responsibility for my own well-being. I am fully aware that physical injury might occur to me as a result of participation in the Event, and I hereby assume the full risk, including risk which is not specifically foreseeable, of any injuries, including death, damages or other loss, regardless of severity, which I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities associated with the Event.

In consideration of the right to participate in the Event, I hereby waive any and all rights or claims I may have as a result of participation in the Event against the American Association of Feline Practitioners, the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, VIDA Fitness, all sponsors of the Event, and their respective directors, officers, employees, members, staff, and all individuals assisting in organizing and conducting the Event (“the Released Parties”), and I hereby fully release and discharge the Released Parties from any and all claims which may accrue to me or my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in the Event. I further agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all claims arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in the Event.

As a condition to, and in consideration of, my participation in a VIDA Fitness program, I agree as follows:

- I understand that while in the class, using the equipment or participating without equipment, that there is a possibility of accidental or other physical injury or loss or damage to my personal property. I agree to assume all risk of such physical injury or loss of damage to my personal property.
- I am using any equipment and participating in any class at my own pace and at my own risk.
- I grant permission for first aid and/or CPR to be given to me in an emergency, as determined at the sole discretion of the wellness activity leader, and I agree that I will be solely responsible for any medical consequences, including financial cost.

Print Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fax or mail this waiver with your Conference Registration Form.

If you register online you still must submit the Waiver & Release.

Fax to: 908-292-1188

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First-time Attendee Dietary Restrictions/Food Allergy: _____ ADA Accommodation: _____ ISFM Member #: _____

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

	By 10/10/16	After 10/10/16	Total Cost
Pre-conference Day (Luncheon/ABVP Seminar & Social)			
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$125	\$150	_____
Non-Member	\$175	\$200	_____
Student	\$ 40	\$ 55	_____
Full Three Day General Conference			
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$490	\$565	_____
Non-Member	\$590	\$670	_____
Para-professional Member*	\$200	\$250	_____
Para-professional Non-Member*	\$250	\$300	_____
Students	\$ 80	\$100	_____
One Day Registration			
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, Nov. 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Nov. 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Nov. 6	\$220	\$260	_____
One Day Saturday - Shelter Track**	\$100	\$125	_____
One Day Sunday - Para-professional Track**	\$100	\$125	_____
Additional Items & Events			
Lunch & Learn (limited to two sessions per person)			
Friday (Pain Management) – Limited to 140	FREE	FREE	_____
Saturday (Skinny Cat) – Limited to 140	FREE	FREE	_____
Sunday (Food Reactions) – Limited to 140	FREE	FREE	_____
Zumba Classes: – <input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat <input type="checkbox"/> Sun – Waiver Must be Submitted	FREE	FREE	_____
Handling Lab			
Thursday morning – Limited to 24	\$175	\$200	_____
Sunday afternoon – Limited to 24	\$175	\$200	_____
Offsite Event - Gala on Pennsylvania Avenue			
Dinner Choices: <input type="checkbox"/> Beef/Fish Duo <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	\$ 50	\$ 60	_____
Tickets purchased onsite are \$70 and limited.			
Printed Proceedings Book	\$ 55	\$ 55	_____
Printed Proceedings Book Shipping & Handling – Non-attendees Only	\$ 15	\$ 15	_____
Guest Registration (includes meals, exhibit hall, & onsite receptions) Guests must be affiliated with a registered practitioner/para-professional.	\$225	\$275	_____
Guest Ticket – Exhibitors' Reception ONLY	\$ 20	\$ 20	_____

* Para-professional denotes technicians, practice managers, and other hospital staff who consult with clients.
 **Registration for the Full Three Day Conference includes the Shelter and/or Para-professional Tracks.

PAYMENT INFORMATION AAFP Federal Tax ID 43-1397996

REGISTRATION TOTAL: \$ _____

Check will be mailed Credit Card: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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