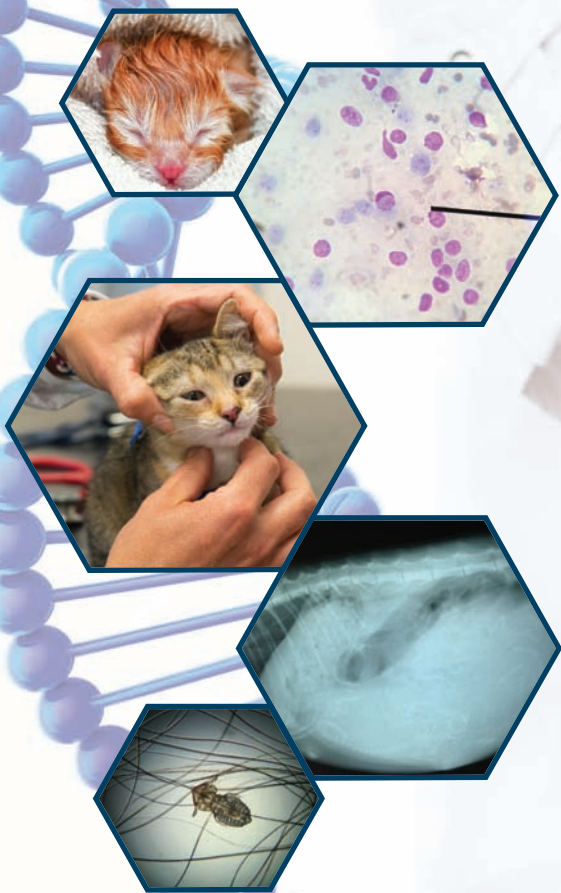


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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

Pre-conference Day Sessions

PRE-CONFERENCE DAY

Separate registration required

8:00 – 10:00 am	<p>Partner  Feline-Friendly Handling Lab, Dr. Ilona Rodan – Room 14 Separate registration required</p>	<p>Sponsor  Sponsor </p>
10:00 – 11:15 am	<p>Healthy People, Healthy Practices: Wellness & Compassion Satisfaction, <i>Dr. Laurie Fonken</i> – Plaza Ballroom D - F Included in pre-conference registration</p>	
11:20 – 12:45 pm	<p>Food for Thought Luncheon – Plaza Ballroom A - C Included in pre-conference registration</p>	<p>Sponsor </p>
11:45 – 12:45 pm	<p>Feline Fitness, Fatness, & Feeding: Maximizing Comfort & Mobility <i>Dr. Robin Downing</i></p>	
1:00 – 5:30 pm	<p> ABVP/AAFP Seminar & Social – Plaza Ballroom D - F Included in pre-conference registration</p>	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<p>Pain Physiology & Feline Neuropathic Pain Conditions <i>Dr. Mark Epstein</i></p>	
2:00 – 3:00 pm	<p>Update on NSAIDs & Opioids in Feline Pain Management <i>Dr. Mark Epstein</i></p>	
3:00 – 3:30 pm	<p>Seminar & Social Refreshment Break – Plaza Ballroom A - C Included in pre-conference registration</p>	
3:30 – 4:30 pm	<p>Updates on Adjunctive Pain Modifying Drugs in Cats <i>Dr. Mark Epstein</i></p>	
4:30 – 5:30 pm	<p>Local Anesthesia & Loco-regional Techniques in Cats <i>Dr. Mark Epstein</i></p>	
5:30 – 7:00 pm	<p>WELCOME RECEPTION – South Convention Lobby - 2nd Floor All attendees invited</p>	
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Track Descriptions

Tracks A & B - This conference offers two concurrent veterinary 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.

**Sessions and speakers are subject to change.*

COMBINED TRACK

Plaza Ballroom A - F

Rise & Shine: It's Zumba Time! – Room 15
Separate registration required

6:00 – 7:00 am

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – Governor's Square & Plaza Ballroom Foyer
Included in your registration

7:15 – 8:00 am

President's Address
Dr. Lauren Demos

8:00 – 8:15 am

Risk Factors Affecting the Incidence of FIP in Dense Multi-cat Environments
Dr. Niels Pedersen

8:15 – 9:10 am



Use of Novel Anti-viral Drugs to Treat Cats with Naturally Occurring FIP
Dr. Niels Pedersen

9:10 – 10:00 am

NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK – Exhibit Hall
Included in your registration

10:00 – 11:00 am

Feline Zoonosis
Dr. Michael Lappin



11:00 – 12:15 pm

LUNCH – Exhibit Hall
Included in your registration

12:30 - 1:30 pm **Lunch & Learn #1:**
Feline Emergency Room Procedures You Must Know, *Dr. Justine Lee*
Room 14, Overflow Room 11



12:15 – 1:45 pm

12:30 - 1:30 pm **Lunch & Learn #2:**
Managing Appetite in Feline CKD, *Dr. Jessica Quimby*
Room 15, Overflow Room 10



Separate registration required for Lunch & Learns

TRACK A

Plaza Ballroom A - C

Feline Flea & Tick Associated Illnesses: Part 1
Dr. Michael Lappin



Feline Flea & Tick Associated Illnesses: Part 2
Dr. Michael Lappin

TRACK B

Plaza Ballroom D - F

Otitis Media: It's Not All Polyps
Dr. Karen Moriello

1:45 – 2:35 pm

Bacterial & Yeast Overgrowth: An Under-recognized Cause of the 'Unkempt Look'
Dr. Karen Moriello

2:40 – 3:30 pm

NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK – Exhibit Hall
Included in your registration

3:30 – 4:10 pm

Dermatophytosis: Evidence-Based Medicine for Treatment & Debunking Ringworm Folklore
Dr. Karen Moriello

4:10 – 5:00 pm

EXHIBITORS' HAPPY HOUR RECEPTION – Exhibit Hall
Included in your registration



5:00 – 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

COMBINED TRACK Plaza Ballroom A - F

6:15 – 7:15 am

Rise & Shine: It's Zumba Time! – Room 15
Separate registration required

7:30 – 8:30 am

BREAKFAST – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration

8:30 – 9:20 am

Starting on the Right Paw: Preventive Healthcare for Kittens
Dr. Susan Little

TRACK A Plaza Ballroom A - C

TRACK B Plaza Ballroom D - F

PARA-PROFESSIONAL Room 12

9:25 – 10:15 am

Anesthesia & Analgesia for Elective Surgical Procedures in Kittens
Dr. Tammy Grubb

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Kitten Kindy Classes
Dr. Kersti Seksel

Sponsor


10:15 – 10:45 am

NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK – Exhibit Hall
Included in your registration

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10:20 – 10:45 am AAFP Membership Meeting – Room 12

10:45 – 11:35 am

Anesthesia & Analgesia for Urgent/Emergency Surgical Procedures in Kittens
Dr. Tammy Grubb

Sponsor


Important Stages in Feline Development: Why They Matter
Dr. Kersti Seksel

Sponsor


Taming the Cantankerous Cat
Ms. Ellen Carozza

11:40 – 12:30 pm

What's New with Old Viruses? Feline Retrovirus Update
Dr. Susan Little

Sponsor


Problem Intervention: When & Why During Kitten Development
Dr. Kersti Seksel

Troubleshooting Fading Kitten Syndrome
Ms. Ellen Carozza

LUNCH – Exhibit Hall Included in your registration

12:30 – 2:00 pm

12:45 - 1:45 pm Lunch & Learn #1:
Improving the Diagnosis & Management of Kidney Disease in Hyperthyroid Cats,
Dr. Jane Robertson Room 14, Overflow Room 11

Sponsor


12:45 - 1:45 pm Lunch & Learn #2:
Fifty Years of Advances in Feline Medicine, *Dr. Margie Scherk*
Room 15, Overflow Room 10

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Separate registration required for Lunch & Learns

1:15 - 1:45 pm ABVP: Is It For Me? – Plaza Ballroom A - C
Included in your registration

2:00 – 2:50 pm

How to Treat the Small & the Sick: Part 1
Dr. Susan Little

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Feline Socialization
Dr. Kersti Seksel

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The Secret to Increasing Pet Health Insurance in Cats
Mr. John Volk

Partner


2:55 – 3:45 pm

How to Treat the Small & the Sick: Part 2
Dr. Susan Little

Feline Vaccinology: Science to Inform Protocols
Dr. Annette Litster

New AVTCP Feline Specialty: Criteria & Qualifications of the Feline Technician
Ms. Ellen Carozza

3:45 – 6:30 pm

FREE TIME

3:50 – 4:40 pm

Cat Friendly Practice®: Where to Start & How to Keep it Going
Plaza Ballroom A - C



3:50 – 4:50 pm

Making a Clear Recommendation, *Dr. David Gosche*
Room 14 Separate registration required

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6:30 – 10:30 pm

Offsite Event: Colorful Colorado Gala
Separate registration required Boarding begins at 6:00 pm

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COMBINED TRACK

Plaza Ballroom A - F

Rise & Shine: It's Zumba Time! – Room 15
Separate registration required

6:15 – 7:15 am

BREAKFAST – Exhibit Hall
Included in your registration
ABVP Breakfast for Diplomates – Room 16

7:30 – 8:30 am

Infectious Diarrhea in Kittens & Cats: Diagnosis
Dr. Craig Webb

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8:30 – 9:20 am

Infectious Diarrhea in Kittens & Cats: Treatment
Dr. Craig Webb

9:20 – 10:10 am

NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK – Exhibit Hall
Included in your registration

10:10 – 10:45 am

TRACK A

Plaza Ballroom A - C

**Upper Respiratory Infections:
Prevention & Diagnostics**
Dr. Michael Lappin

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**Update on Infectious Disease
Diagnostic Tests**
Dr. Michael Lappin

TRACK B

Plaza Ballroom D - F

**What's New with the Old: Panleukopenia,
Heartworm & Sinonasal Aspergillosis**
Dr. Annette Litster

Partner

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10:45 – 11:35 am

**Treatment of Infectious Upper
Respiratory Tract Disease:
An Evidence-Based Approach**
Dr. Annette Litster

11:40 – 12:30 pm

LUNCH – Exhibit Hall
Included in your registration

12:40 - 1:40 pm Lunch & Learn
Obesity Management in Cats: Incorporating Behavior & Feeding Practices,
Dr. Maryanne Murphy Room 14, Overflow Room 11
Separate registration required

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ROYAL CANIN.

12:30 – 1:45 pm

Clinical Brief - Clinical Uses of Probiotics
Dr. Michael Lappin

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**Emerging Feline Pathogens Summary:
The Weird & Wonderful**
Dr. Michael Lappin

**Clinical Brief - Fecal Transplantation:
What's Coming Down the Pipeline**
Dr. Craig Webb

1:45 – 2:10 pm

**Contaminated Wounds: Infectious Reasons
Healing is Delayed**
Dr. Catriona MacPhail

2:15 – 3:05 pm

Conclusion of Conference

3:05 pm

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)
Zoetis

Partner 

Dr. Litster graduated as a veterinarian in 1982 from The University of Queensland in Australia. She is a boarded feline internist (FANZCVS) 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

Sydney Animal Behaviour Service

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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

Brakke Consulting, Inc., Chicago, IL

Partner  naphia
NORTH AMERICAN PET HEALTH INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

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

Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO

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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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017 – PRE-CONFERENCE DAY

- 8:00 – 10:00 am** **L Feline-Friendly Handling Lab**, *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.
- 10:00 – 11:15 am** **Healthy People, Healthy Practices: Wellness & Compassion Satisfaction**, *Dr. Laurie Fonken*
In this interactive session, through a combination of didactic presentation and experiential activities, attendees will gain knowledge useful in recognizing early signs and contributing factors to distress and begin to identify challenges to mental and physical health. In addition, participants will learn and practice skills and strategies to manage and promote wellbeing both personally and professionally.
- 11:45 – 12:45 pm** **Feline Fitness, Fatness, & Feeding: Maximizing Comfort & Mobility**, *Dr. Robin Downing*
Obesity and arthritis are common problems that can affect quality of life in our feline patients. This lecture will explore how to optimize patient comfort and mobility by leveraging nutritional tools.
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm** **Pain Physiology & Feline Neuropathic Pain Conditions**, *Dr. Mark Epstein*
This session will review normal pain pathways, receptors, and processing, with an emphasis on targets of pain modification. Further discussion will be aberrant, maladaptive pain processing, and concluding with a discussion of suspected neuropathic and/or neurogenic pain syndromes encountered in cats.
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm** **Update on NSAIDs & Opioids in Feline Pain Management**, *Dr. Mark Epstein*
This session will review contemporary and emerging concepts of NSAID and opioid neuropharmacology, and discuss highly used and wisest use of these drug classes in cats.
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm** **Updates on Adjunctive Pain Modifying Drugs in Cats**, *Dr. Mark Epstein*
The session will discuss neuropharmacology and current evidence of alpha-2 agonists, subanesthetic ketamine CRI, tramadol, gabapentin, amitriptyline, and other non-opioid, non-NSAID drugs in cats.
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm** **Local Anesthesia & Loco-regional Techniques in Cats**, *Dr. Mark Epstein*
As the recent AAHA-AAFP Pain Management Guidelines suggest local anesthetics (LA) should be utilized with every surgical procedure, this session will review common LA medications and their utility, with an emphasis on common techniques within the scope of any clinician (or technician!) to master.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017

- 8:15 – 9:10 am** **C Risk Factors Affecting the Incidence of FIP in Dense Multi-cat Environments**, *Dr. Niels Pedersen*
This session will include review of feline coronavirus, biotypes of feline enteric coronavirus (FECV), and feline infectious peritonitis virus (FIPV), as well as environmental factors that increase FIP incidence.
- 9:10 – 10:00 am** **C Use of Novel Anti-viral Drugs to Treat Cats with Naturally Occurring FIP**, *Dr. Niels Pedersen*
This session will include clinical forms of FIP and how they are influenced by host immunity, as well as prevention and treatment of FIP.
- 11:00 – 12:15 pm** **C Feline Zoonosis**, *Dr. Michael Lappin*
In this session, an overview of the upcoming AAFP Zoonoses Guidelines will be presented. Emphasis will be placed on “What you can catch at work.” We will discuss the zoonotic diseases associated with gastrointestinal disease, respiratory disease, skin disease, urinary disease, and the vector borne diseases with an emphasis on the importance of controlling fleas and ticks.
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm** **Lunch & Learn #1: Feline Emergency Room Procedures You Must Know**, *Dr. Justine Lee*
In this lecture, Dr. Lee will review the top 5 most common emergency procedures that you must know for your feline patients. In this video-based lecture, Dr. Lee will review how to treat the poisoned feline patient (including how to induce emesis and administer activated charcoal easily), how to treat feline urethral obstruction, how to perform a coccygeal block, how to perform a life-saving thoracocentesis, and more!
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm** **Lunch & Learn #2: Managing Appetite in Feline CKD**, *Dr. Jessica Quimby*
Poor appetite is a major quality of life concern for cats with CKD. This presentation will discuss possible pathophysiologic mechanisms of inappetence in CKD as well as new research exploring the pathology associated with feline CKD. Recent research on management of nausea and inappetence in CKD cats will also be reviewed.
- 1:45 – 2:35 pm** **A Feline Flea & Tick Associated Illnesses: Part 1**, *Dr. Michael Lappin*
In these two lectures, the infectious disease agents associated with fleas and ticks will be discussed. It is now known that the agents associated with illness in dogs also occur in cats. Emphasis will be placed on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of these agents. Updates on *Anaplasma* spp., *Bartonella* spp., *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Cytauxzoon felis*, *Ehrlichia* spp., the hemoplasmas, and more will be provided.
- B Otitis Media: It's Not All Polyps**, *Dr. Karen Moriello*
Not all cats with signs of otitis media have polyps. Not all cats with otitis media have otitis externa. This presentation will discuss the diagnostic approach to cats with suspected otitis media with a focus on the ‘non-polyp’ causes. Specific recommendations for myringotomy and middle ear irrigation will be discussed.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017 continued

- 2:40 – 3:30 pm** **A** **Feline Flea & Tick Associated Illnesses: Part 2, Dr. Michael Lappin**
 See Part 1 Abstract on previous page
- B** **Bacterial & Yeast Overgrowth: An Under-recognized Cause of the ‘Unkempt Look,’ Dr. Karen Moriello**
 Cats DO get superficial pyoderma and yeast overgrowth skin disease that can contribute to many skin problems including, but not limited to, failed flea control, the chronically itchy cat, the ‘scaly cat,’ the ‘rough hair coat cat,’ and the ‘excessive shedder.’ This presentation will highlight useful diagnostics and appropriate treatment with an emphasis on good antimicrobial stewardship.
- 4:10 – 5:00 pm** **C** **Dermatophytosis: Evidence-Based Medicine for Treatment & Debunking Ringworm Folklore, Dr. Karen Moriello**
 This presentation will focus on what science has to say about popular myths associated with the diagnosis and treatment of feline dermatophytosis. Leave with the most current information on the diagnosis, treatment, monitoring, and cleaning recommendations and evidence-based facts to stomp out the folklore and ringworm treatment worries.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

- 8:30 – 9:20 am** **C** **Starting on the Right Paw: Preventive Healthcare for Kittens, Dr. Susan Little**
 Kittens and young cats make up a significant proportion of the patient population in small animal practices. The need for frequent visits during the first months of life is an opportunity to lay the foundation for a long and healthy relationship between the pet owner and hospital staff. This presentation will focus on how to design a successful preventive healthcare program in the first year of life.
- 9:25 – 10:15 am** **C** **Anesthesia & Analgesia for Elective Surgical Procedures in Kittens, Dr. Tammy Grubb**
 When compared to adults, pediatric patients have numerous physiologic differences that impact anesthesia choices and techniques. The focus for the anesthetist should be not only drug selection but also monitoring and support. This discussion will focus on anesthesia and analgesia for healthy pediatric patients.
- P** **Kitten Kindy Classes, Dr. Kersti Seksel**
 The early socialization of kittens and the education of their owners are important in helping prevent issues with a kitten’s behavior and decreasing the chances of future relinquishment. Having owners have realistic expectations of their new kitten and its behavior is one of the key aspects of the classes. Although fewer people run kitten socialization classes than puppy classes, they are just as valuable for kittens and their owners. Additionally, the classes are a great public relations tool for the practice. This session will provide you with a step by step guide to help you run successful classes.
- 10:45 – 11:35 am** **A** **Anesthesia & Analgesia for Urgent/Emergency Surgical Procedures in Kittens, Dr. Tammy Grubb**
 In addition to physiologic changes caused by age, patients admitted for urgent/emergency procedures often have pathologic changes caused by trauma or disease, both of which can have a major impact on anesthesia choices and techniques. This discussion will focus on anesthesia and analgesia for compromised pediatric patients.
- B** **Important Stages in Feline Development: Why They Matter, Dr. Kersti Seksel**
 There are several periods of development that have been documented in cats. The prenatal, neonatal, transitional, socialization, juvenile, adult, and senior periods have been recognized and each period has an influence on the behavior of cats. Most focus has been on the socialization period as this is when kittens are weaned, often go to their new owners and may be neutered so there are many stresses on the kitten. So is early age spay/neuter a potential problem as that may occur in the one of the sensitive periods of development?
- P** **Taming the Cantankerous Cat, Ms. Ellen Carozza**
 Learn some tricks of the trade by an all-feline technician! We will discuss how to handle difficult cats at the office, and how you can utilize towels and carriers to your advantage WITHOUT the need for gloves, muzzles, and masks. Safe sedation is an important aspect of a proper exam for many cats, and this lecture will help you be more confident in understanding the reasons why we need to stop stressing our patients out and utilizing sedatives to your advantage for higher quality care at your clinic.
- 11:40 – 12:30 pm** **A** **What’s New with Old Viruses? Feline Retrovirus Update, Dr. Susan Little**
 Retrovirus infections are common in cats worldwide. Veterinary practices should adopt thoughtful and practical protocols for testing and management based on guidelines published by expert panels. This presentation will cover recent information on prevalence of these infections, disease associations, diagnostic testing, and approaches to management of infected cats.
- B** **Problem Intervention: When & Why During Kitten Development, Dr. Kersti Seksel**
 Recognizing the difference between normal behaviors that are unacceptable to the owner but appropriate for the cat, and behaviors that are abnormal for the cat as well as unacceptable for the owner, is one of the key challenges for veterinarians. However, explaining the difference to owners and giving advice on when it is best to intervene is often the most difficult as owners often feel that the kitten “will grow out of it.” This session will help guide you through these challenges.
- P** **Troubleshooting Fading Kitten Syndrome, Ms. Ellen Carozza**
 Fading kitten syndrome can be one of the most frustrating problems in the neonate patient for the rescuer, especially when we feel we do not have the resources to help. We will go over symptoms, prevention, treatment, the use of blood products, and much more! Caring for the complicated neonate does not have to be complicated or expensive when you are set up for success!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 continued

- 12:45 – 1:45 pm** **Lunch & Learn #1: Improving the Diagnosis & Management of Kidney Disease in Hyperthyroid Cats**, *Dr. Jane Robertson*
 The clinical findings and diagnostic tools available to more reliably diagnose kidney disease in hyperthyroid cats will be reviewed. Treatment options and management goals for cats with concurrent chronic kidney disease (CKD) and hyperthyroidism will be emphasized. A clinical case will illustrate how SDMA guided diagnosis and management of the hyperthyroid patient with concurrent CKD.
- 12:45 – 1:45 pm** **Lunch & Learn #2: Fifty Years of Advances in Feline Medicine**, *Dr. Margie Scherk*
 Fifty years ago, an idea was born. The Winn Feline Foundation was created: an idea with meaningful, long-lasting, and far-reaching consequences. This not-for-profit organization has provided the means for research and education to improve the health of cats. This presentation will provide a brief history and overview of some of these advances, both the discoveries as well as the innovative ideas and techniques they sourced.
- 2:00 – 2:50 pm** **A** **How to Treat the Small & the Sick: Part 1**, *Dr. Susan Little*
 The time from birth to weaning is only a few weeks, but it is a time of critical adjustments and development. Neonatal and pediatric physiology differs from the adult animal in critical ways that influence the physical examination, diagnostics, and treatment approaches. This lecture will concentrate on assessment and management of the feline pediatric patient, starting with identifying and managing clinical problems during labour and delivery as well as diagnosing and treating common pediatric problems such as hypothermia, hypoglycemia, hypoxia, sepsis, and dehydration.
- B** **Feline Socialization**, *Dr. Kersti Seksel*
 The socialization period is thought to last from approximately three to about seven weeks of age, although some authors suggest it could be as late at nine weeks of age. It's considered to be one of the most sensitive periods in a cat's development. It has been suggested that the timing of this period may vary according to the individual, the breed, and experiential factors. It's during this period the kitten becomes more independent and this is usually the time that a kitten might go to its new home. So the stressors for the kitten during this stage of development are great. What is the veterinarians role in minimizing the stress?
- P** **The Secret to Increasing Pet Health Insurance in Cats**, *Mr. John Volk*
 Research shows that the majority of veterinarians wish all their clients used pet health insurance. Research also shows that clients with insured cats spend 81% more annually on veterinary medical care. This session outlines the 10 "best practices" that you can use to successfully increase the number of insured pets.
- 2:55 – 3:45 pm** **A** **How to Treat the Small & the Sick: Part 2**, *Dr. Susan Little*
 See Part 1 Abstract Above
- B** **Feline Vaccinology: Science to Inform Protocols**, *Dr. Annette Litster*
 This talk will present a review of the published peer-reviewed literature on the immune response to vaccination in cats. Additionally, information on possible causes of vaccine failure, adverse reactions to vaccines, injection site sarcoma, and antibody titer testing will be presented. There will be an emphasis on practical evidence-based information from recently published studies.
- P** **New AVTCP Feline Specialty: Criteria & Qualifications of the Feline Technician**, *Ms. Ellen Carozza*
 Thinking about obtaining your VTS in Feline Technology? What makes the Feline VTS different from the current Canine/Feline VTS? Is it the right path for you? Are you ready to jump in with both feet and just do it? We will go over our core values, eligibility, and where to start to help you become the best feline advocate you can be in practice.
- 3:50 – 4:40 pm** **Cat Friendly Practice: Where to Start & How to Keep it Going**
 Whether you are considering becoming a Cat Friendly Practice (CFP) and want to learn more, or you are a CFP and are interested in learning ways to continually integrate cat-friendly strategies, this interactive session is for you. Join us and you will receive some practical advice from Cat Friendly Practices who have already gone through the designation process, implemented tactics to keep excitement and standards high, and can answer your questions.
- 3:50 – 4:50 pm** **Making a Clear Recommendation**, *Dr. David Gosche*
 This seminar will help the attendee develop clear, concise language for some of the most common recommendations that are made in the veterinary office. With a goal of increasing client compliance, we will discuss keys to successful medical recommendations, and address how to deal with some of most common objections from our pet owners. The sessions will also include videos of veterinarian and client interactions for audience review. Feedback and audience interaction is appreciated but not required.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

- 8:30 – 9:20 am** **C** **Infectious Diarrhea in Kittens & Cats: Diagnosis**, *Dr. Craig Webb*
 As a foundation, attendees will learn the critical role that Positive Predictive Value plays in their clinical practice; in both the choice of diagnostic tests and the interpretation of those results. Clinical cases will be used to demonstrate the appropriate placement and potential pitfalls of specific diagnostic tests in cases of feline diarrhea thought to have an infectious etiology. These principles will be especially highlighted in cases of kitten diarrhea where the prevalence of infectious causes of diarrhea make it particularly relevant.
- 9:20 – 10:10 am** **C** **Infectious Diarrhea in Kittens & Cats: Treatment**, *Dr. Craig Webb*
 The step from a positive diagnostic test result to a table of antibiotics with their doses seems simple enough, but this presentation will emphasize complexities that may impact that seemingly simple decision. Recent studies suggest that the dysbiosis (alterations in the fecal microbiome) created by antibiotic use in the young can have significant long-term consequences. The expanding list of treatment modalities beyond antibiotics that can be helpful in cases of feline infectious diarrhea will be discussed.
- 10:45 – 11:35 am** **A** **Upper Respiratory Infections: Prevention & Diagnostics**, *Dr. Michael Lappin*
 In this session, an update on the diagnosis of URI in cats will be presented followed by the new information on prevention of bacterial and viral causes of URI.
- B** **What's New with the Old: Panleukopenia, Heartworm and Sinonasal Aspergillosis**, *Dr. Annette Litster*
 This presentation will review the most recent information on feline panleukopenia virus, feline heartworm disease and feline sino-nasal/ sino-orbital aspergillosis. Data from recently published peer-reviewed journal articles will be the focus of this talk. There will be an emphasis on the relevance of published evidence to feline clinical practice.
- 11:40 – 12:30 pm** **A** **Update on Infectious Disease Diagnostic Tests**, *Dr. Michael Lappin*
 Optimal use of infectious disease diagnostic tests will be discussed. Emphasis will be placed on molecular diagnostics and how to best use these techniques for GI, respiratory, and blood borne infections.
- B** **Treatment of Infectious Upper Respiratory Tract Disease: An Evidence-Based Approach**, *Dr. Annette Litster*
 This presentation will review the available treatments for the most common viral and bacterial causes of feline upper respiratory tract disease. Information from published clinical trials and recently published peer-reviewed journal articles will be the focus of this talk. There will be an emphasis on the relevance of published evidence to feline clinical practice.
- 12:40 – 1:40 pm** **Lunch & Learn: Obesity Management in Cats: Incorporating Behavior & Feeding Practices**, *Dr. Maryanne Murphy*
 Obesity is commonly encountered in veterinary medicine and while effective weight-loss measures have been described, it has proven challenging to maintain that success long-term. Feeding plans need to be individualized not only for each cat, but must also take into account the needs of the cat's owners. Specific consideration of the environment and feeding practices to help encourage weight loss and successful healthy weight maintenance will be discussed.
- 1:45 – 2:10 pm** **A** **Clinical Brief - Clinical Uses of Probiotics**, *Dr. Michael Lappin*
 Recently, there have been several studies showing the clinical utility of probiotics in management of feline diseases. The use of probiotics or in the management of acute or chronic diarrhea in cats, in the management of antibiotic induced diarrhea, and as immune modulators will be discussed.
- B** **Clinical Brief - Fecal Transplantation: What's Coming Down the Pipeline**, *Dr. Craig Webb*
 Although fecal transplantation (FT) could be thought of as the ultimate probiotic, the use of this therapy in human medicine is quite narrow and specific. The established use of FT and the theory behind its expected impact will be briefly reviewed. The basic components of current FT protocols will be described. The very limited evidence-based use of FT in veterinary patients will be reviewed. Finally, areas of potential benefit for the use of FT in felines will be presented.
- 2:15 – 3:05 pm** **A** **Emerging Feline Pathogens Summary: The Weird & Wonderful**, *Dr. Michael Lappin*
 There have been a number of new feline pathogens studied in the recent past. The objective of this lecture is to present new information on a number of agents including gammaherpesvirus, feline foamy virus, Leptospire in cats, and more!
- B** **Contaminated Wounds: Infectious Reasons Healing is Delayed**, *Dr. Catriona MacPhail*
 In this session, the investigation of underlying causes of nonhealing wounds in cats will be discussed with particular attention being given to infectious causes. The diagnosis and management of fungal and atypical bacterial infections will be reviewed including discussion of advanced modalities of wound care, such as negative-pressure wound therapy, antimicrobial-impregnated beads, and stem cell therapy.

Why Should I Attend?

Come to scenic Denver, Colorado and join colleagues from around the world as you increase your feline knowledge by attending presentations lead by experts in the fields of feline infectious diseases and pediatrics. 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 30.5 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, October 19, 2017	Up to 8.5 CE Hours
General Conference -	Friday, October 20, 2017	Up to 7.5 CE Hours
	Saturday, October 21, 2017	Up to 8.0 CE Hours
	Sunday, October 22, 2017	Up to 6.5 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 Track.

	BY 9/25/17	AFTER 9/25/17
Pre-conference Day (up to 8.5 CE Hours)		
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$140	\$165
Non-Member	\$190	\$215
Student	\$ 45	\$ 60
Full Three Day General Conference (up to 22 CE Hours)		
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$545	\$620
Non-Member	\$655	\$735
Para-professional Member*	\$220	\$270
Para-professional Non-Member*	\$270	\$325
Students	\$ 85	\$110
One Day General Conference Pass		
Members and Non-Members	\$250	\$290
Para-professional Track* (10/21/17)	\$110	\$135

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

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation must be received in writing either via fax: (908) 292-1188 or email: info@catvets.com. Cancellations received **by Monday, September 25, 2017** will receive a refund minus a \$50.00 administrative fee. Cancellations received **after Monday, September 25, 2017** will not be eligible for refunds. Please note if you cancel your conference registration, it does not constitute cancellation of your hotel reservation.

Consent to Use Photographic Images

Registration and attendance at, or participation in, the AAFP Conference and other activities constitutes an agreement by the registrant to AAFP's use and distribution (both now and in the future) of the registrant or attendee's image or voice in photographs, video's, electronic reproductions, marketing efforts and materials, and audiotapes of such events and activities.

****Dressing in layers is recommended due to room temperature variations.***

*****Please note that children are not permitted in the educational session rooms. Nursing mothers can reach out to info@catvets.com for information.***

Conference Hotel Information

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

1550 Court Place
Denver, CO 80202
Online Reservations: www.catvets.com/education

The Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel is located in the heart of Denver's financial and business districts. It is perfectly located on a mile-long pedestrian promenade which includes outdoor bistros, microbreweries, shopping, and entertainment. With all of this entertainment and the Rocky Mountains as a backdrop, the Mile High City of Denver is a place you won't want leave. So make sure to join the AAFP and come early or stay late to explore all that Denver has to offer.



The AAFP is pleased to offer special rates for this conference. The **group rate is only available until Monday, September 25, 2017**, subject to availability. Reservations made after Monday, September 25, 2017 may not be guaranteed the group rate. If you call to make your reservation you must refer to the Group Code: "American Association of Feline Practitioners."

Run of House Room Rates: \$189.00 Single/Double Occupancy Rate

**Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes in affect at the time of the check-out.*

Room Rate Includes:

- Check-in time: 3:00 pm Check-out time: 12:00 pm
- Complimentary access to the fitness center and pool
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in guest rooms
- No early departure fees

Cancellation Policy: Cancel 24 hours prior to arrival.

Traveling to the Conference

Airport: Denver International Airport

Website: www.flydenver.com

Distance: 26 miles

- Transportation:
 - ◆ Estimated Taxi Fare: \$55-70 one way; 40 minutes
 - ◆ Commuter Rail: \$9; 50-55 minutes to the hotel (once on the train)
 - Denver International Airport (DEN) now has a direct rail connection from downtown to the airport. The Regional Transportation District's (RTD) University of Colorado A Line offers convenient access and reliable transportation to and from the airport and provides direct access to airline check-in, baggage check, and security screening at the airport.
 - Distance: 23 miles from DEN to downtown's Denver Union Station
 - Travel time: 37 minutes from DEN to Denver Union Station
 - Frequency: Trains run every 15 minutes during peak travel times, and every 30 minutes from 3:00 - 5:00 am and 6:30 pm to 1:00 am.
 - Fare: The airport fare is \$9 per day from any of the stations along the A Line and includes unlimited rides on the A Line as well as the entire RTD Light Rail system during a single business day.
 - Once you depart the rail at Union Station, walk to 16th Street Mall and Wynkoop Street. From there you can pick-up the free MALLRIDE bus. Get off at Court Place and the hotel will be on your right. This should take about 15 minutes.

For more detailed information, visit the AAFP website at www.catvets.com/education or the Parking/Transport section of the Denver Airport website. You can also visit the Regional Transportation District website for more transportation information.

AAFP Attendee Parking Rates:

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel Parking: \$37 Self-Parking; \$45 Daily Valet

Street Parking: The rates and time limits for metered parking vary by location, and are posted on the meter or kiosk. For more information on parking, visit the City and County of Denver website.

Included in Your Registration Fee

Meals

Your conference registration includes full breakfast and lunch all three days. Friday morning will be a continental breakfast. For other meals, 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 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.

Welcome Reception

All attendees are invited to this welcome reception hosted by Boehringer Ingelheim on Thursday, October 19th. 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, October 20th. 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 Denver 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.

Poster Sessions

Educational Posters will contain original research or case reports that have not been previously published. Posters will be located in the back of the exhibit hall. We encourage you to view the posters and engage with the authors on various feline topics.

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, October 20, 2017	Exhibits open 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, October 21, 2017	Exhibits open 7:30 am to 2:00 pm
Sunday, October 22, 2017	Exhibits open 7:30 am to 1:45 pm

Exhibitors (as of June 8, 2017) - An updated list and company abstracts can be found at www.catvets.com/education.

ACTT Allergy	Doctor Multimedia	Pet Health Pharmacy
Addison Biological Laboratory, Inc.	Eclipse Loupes and Products	Pioneer Pet Products
Alley Cat Allies	Elanco	Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets
American Board of Veterinary Practitioners	Ellman, A Cynosure Company	Radiocat
Art for Cats' Sake	Elsevier	Rose Micro Solutions
ASPCA Pet Health Insurance	Hills Pet Nutrition, Inc.	Royal Canin
Assisi Animal Health	Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association	Rx Vitamins, Inc.
AVMA LIFE	IDEXX Laboratories	Sedecal USA
Banfield Pet Hospital	Jorgensen Laboratories	Snyder Manufacturing Company
Bayer Animal Health	Jurox	Specialty Veterinary Pharmacy
BCP Veterinary Pharmacy	Kindred Biosciences, Inc.	Taylor's Pharmacy
Best Pet Rx	Lucy Pet Products	The International Cat Association, Inc.
Boehringer Ingelheim	Mason Company	Vet Innovations, Inc.
C. Specialties, Inc.	MDS, Inc.	Veterinary Books by Success Concepts
Cat Friendly Practice® (CFP)	Merck Animal Health	VetImmune
Ceva Animal Health	MILA International, Inc.	VetMatrix
Companion Animal Health by LiteCure	Monument Pharmacy, Inc.	Vetoquinol
Cornell Feline Health Center	Morris Animal Foundation	VetriScience Laboratories
Dechra Veterinary Products	MWI Animal Health	ViaGen Pets
Dental Focus, LLC	National Kitten Coalition	Wedgewood Pharmacy
Diagnostic Imaging Systems, Inc.	Nutramax Laboratories Veterinary Sciences, Inc.	Winn Feline Foundation
Diamondback Drugs		Zoetis

Special Events

Pre-conference Day – Ticketed Event

Want to earn additional CE? Come to the Pre-conference Day sessions on Thursday, October 19th.

Compassion Satisfaction and Food for Thought Luncheon

The Pre-conference Day begins with a session on personal and professional wellness and then an engaging Food for Thought Luncheon. Attendees will be provided with lunch as they listen to Dr. Robin Downing present on *Feline Fitness, Fatness, & Feeding: Maximizing Comfort & Mobility*.



ABVP/AAFP Seminar & Social

Dr. Mark Epstein will present on topics such as Pain Physiology & Feline Neuropathic Pain Conditions, NSAIDs & Opioids in Feline Pain Management, and more. These presentations will offer you four additional CE Hours and a refreshment break will offer opportunity for 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 abstracts on page 9.



Pre-conference Day Registration Fees:

AAFP Member/ISFM Member	By September 25th: \$140	After September 25th: \$165
Non-Member	By September 25th: \$190	After September 25th: \$215
Student	By September 25th: \$ 45	After September 25th: \$ 60

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 & Learns

Zoetis will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Friday, October 20th entitled, *Feline Emergency Room Procedures You Must Know*, presented by Dr. Justine Lee. For a detailed description, see page 9.



Kindred Biosciences will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Friday, October 20th entitled, *Managing Appetite in Feline CKD*, presented by Dr. Jessica Quimby. For a detailed description, see page 9.



Saturday Lunch & Learns

IDEXX Laboratories will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Saturday, October 21st entitled, *Improving the Diagnosis & Management of Kidney Disease in Hyperthyroid Cats*, presented by Dr. Jane Robertson. For a detailed description, see page 11.



Merck will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Saturday, October 21st entitled, *Fifty Years of Advances in Feline Medicine*, presented by Dr. Margie Scherk. For a detailed description, see page 11.



Sunday Lunch & Learn

Royal Canin will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session on Sunday, October 22nd entitled, *Obesity Management in Cats: Incorporating Behavior & Feeding Practices*, presented by Dr. Maryanne Murphy. 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 110 participants in the main room, and another 60 in an overflow room where attendees will be able to hear and view the presentation occurring in the other room on a screen. Make sure you return your registration early in order to participate in a Lunch and Learn. **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 - email info@catvets.com. Attendance is on a first come, first served basis and conference registration is required.

Ticket Prices: FREE Limited to 170 Registrants each (110 main room; 60 overflow room)

Feline-Friendly Handling Lab – 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 ways to reduce stress and fear, minimal and secure handling techniques, and other 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 this event and space is limited to the first 28 participants. The session will take place on Thursday, October 19th from 8:00 - 10:00 am. 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.

Ticket Prices: By September 25th: \$175 After September 25th: \$200 (Limited to 28 Registrants for each session)

Colorful Colorado Gala – Ticketed Event

Join the AAFP for this year's offsite event in colorful Denver, Colorado which will be held at the History Colorado Center. There will be a cocktail reception followed by an indoor sit-down dinner, where you will dine under the stars with a full view of the night sky above. Continue the night by dancing on the incredibly beautiful terrazzo tile floor decorated with views from across Colorado or enjoy the different exhibits the museum has to offer. Multiple exhibits will be open for most of the evening including *Destination Colorado, Denver A - Z, Colorado Stories* and *The Living West*. We invite you to break out your fancy attire as you spend an evening with friends and colleagues (no jeans or sneakers, please). The gala tickets are discounted thanks to the sponsorship by Elanco Animal Health. Transportation will be provided to and from the hotel.

Ticket Prices: By September 25th: \$60 After September 25th: \$70
Onsite Purchase (Limited Available): \$80



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, October 20th from 6:00 am – 7:00 am; Saturday, October 21st from 6:15 am - 7:15 am; and Sunday, October 22nd from 6:15 am - 7:15 am. Why not meet up with your colleagues and get your heart pumping before a full day of CE?

Attendees 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

Waiver

I agree and acknowledge that I am participating in **one, two or three of the AAFP/Amy Tunnell Zumba Classes** (“the Event”), being held on Friday, October 19; Saturday, October 21; and/or Sunday, October 22, 2017 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 Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Amy Tunnell, 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 an Amy Tunnell 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

Mail to: AAFP, 390 Amwell Road, Suite 402, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

	By 9/25/17	After 9/25/17	Total Cost
Pre-conference Day (Luncheon/ABVP Seminar & Social)			
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$140	\$165	_____
Non-Member	\$190	\$215	_____
Student	\$ 45	\$ 60	_____
Full Three Day General Conference			
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$545	\$620	_____
Non-Member	\$655	\$735	_____
Para-professional Member*	\$220	\$270	_____
Para-professional Non-Member*	\$270	\$325	_____
Students	\$ 85	\$110	_____
One Day Registration			
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, Oct. 20 <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Oct. 21 <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Oct. 22	\$250	\$290	_____
One Day Saturday - Para-professional Track**	\$110	\$135	_____
Additional Items & Events			
Handling Lab – Limited to 28	\$175	\$200	_____
Zumba Class: <input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat <input type="checkbox"/> Sun – Waiver Must be Submitted	FREE	FREE	_____
Lunch & Learn (limited to two sessions per person) All sessions are limited to 170 (110 main room; 60 overflow room)			
Friday #1 (Emergency Room)	FREE	FREE	_____
Friday #2 (CKD Appetite)	FREE	FREE	_____
Saturday #1 (Kidney Disease FHT)	FREE	FREE	_____
Saturday #2 (Advances in Feline Medicine)	FREE	FREE	_____
Sunday (Obesity/Weight Loss)	FREE	FREE	_____
Making a Clear Recommendation Limited seating	FREE	FREE	_____
Offsite Event - Colorful Colorado Gala	\$ 60	\$ 70	_____
Dinner Choices: <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Tickets purchased onsite are \$80 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	\$ 25	\$ 25	_____

* Para-professional denotes technicians, practice managers, and other hospital staff who consult with clients.

**Registration for the Full Three Day Conference includes the Para-professional Track.

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

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