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2013 AAFP Conference  
Feline Dentistry,  
Pain Management and Nutrition



**September 26-29, 2013**

The Sheraton Dallas  
Dallas, Texas



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## Pre-conference Day Sessions

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013**

**Pre-conference Day** Separate registration required

**1:00 – 5:30 pm**

### ABVP/AAFP Seminar & Social - Austin Ballroom

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**1:00 – 2:00 pm**

#### The Role of Stress in Feline Medicine

*Dr. Susan Little*

**2:00 – 3:00 pm**

#### Supporting Senior Cats with Cancer

*Dr. Susan Little*

**3:00 – 3:30 pm**

### Seminar & Social Refreshment Break

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**3:30 – 4:30 pm**

#### When Good Bladders Go Bad: Feline Idiopathic Cystitis

*Dr. Susan Little*

**4:30 – 5:30 pm**

#### De-frustrating Kitten Diarrhea

*Dr. Susan Little*

**5:30 – 7:00 pm**

### WELCOME RECEPTION

All attendees invited

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## Track Descriptions

**Advanced Track** - This track is designed for the advanced feline practitioner. Track speakers will discuss cutting-edge research and deliver the newest information in feline medicine.

**Generalist Track** - This track is designed for newer feline practitioners, recent graduates, those looking to expand the feline portion of their practice, or those in the entry level stages of starting their own feline only practice.

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



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## Dentistry Tracks

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013**

**ADVANCED TRACK**  
*Dallas Ballroom C*

**GENERALIST TRACK**  
*Dallas Ballroom B*

**General Session BREAKFAST Presentation - Ballroom A**

Included in your registration

**New Feline Findings & Solutions to Increase Cat Visits**

*Dr. Elizabeth Colleran & Dr. Jim Thomas*

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**7:15 – 8:30 am**

*This presentation will start at 7:30 am. Please arrive early to obtain breakfast and find a seat before the presentation starts.*

**AAFP President's Remarks & Sponsor Recognition**

*Dr. Roy Smith*

**8:30 – 8:35 am**

**Pandora Syndrome: It's More than Just the Bladder**

*Dr. Dennis Chew*

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**8:35 – 9:35 am**

**Feline Gingivostomatitis: What We Know & How We Treat It**

*Dr. Cindy Charlier*

**Skyrocket Your Feline Dental Practice**

*Dr. Jan Bellows*

**9:40 – 10:30 am**

**NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK with Snack in Exhibit Hall**

Included in your registration

**10:30 – 11:15 am**

**My Cat Can't Close Its Mouth! How to Close the Case**

*Dr. Cindy Charlier*

**Solid Dental Concepts to Guide Your Feline Dental Practice**

*Dr. Jan Bellows*

**11:15 – 12:05 pm**

**Oral Tumors: Diagnosis & Treatment**

*Dr. Cindy Charlier*

**Red Gums: It's Not All Stomatitis**

*Dr. Jan Bellows*

**12:10 – 1:00 pm**

**LUNCH in Exhibit Hall**

Included in your registration

**1:00 – 2:30 pm**

**1:00 – 2:10 pm Feline Product Panel Luncheon - Dallas Ballroom D**

Separate registration required

**Interpreting Intraoral Radiographs**

*Dr. Jan Bellows*

**Review of Skull & Tooth Anatomy**

*Dr. Cindy Charlier*

**2:30 – 3:20 pm**

**Feline Tooth Resorption**

*Dr. Jan Bellows*

**Diagnostic Full Mouth Dental Radiographs: How Do I Do That?**

*Dr. Cindy Charlier*

**3:25 – 4:15 pm**

**NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK in Exhibit Hall**

Included in your registration

**4:15 – 4:45 pm**

**Feline Dental Brain Teasers**

*Dr. Jan Bellows*

**Oral Surgery to Extract Teeth: Tips & Techniques to Avoid Complications**

*Dr. Cindy Charlier*

**4:45 – 5:35 pm**

**EXHIBITORS' HAPPY HOUR RECEPTION in Exhibit Hall**

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**5:35 – 6:45 pm**

## Pain Management Tracks

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

TRACKS	<b>ADVANCED</b> <i>Dallas Ballroom C</i>	<b>GENERALIST</b> <i>Dallas Ballroom B</i>	<b>PARA-PROFESSIONAL</b> <i>Dallas Ballroom A</i>
<b>7:30 – 8:30 am</b>	<b>BREAKFAST in Exhibit Hall</b> Included in your registration		
<b>8:30 – 9:20 am</b>	<b>Building an Acute Pain Management Pyramid</b> <i>Dr. Robin Downing</i>	<b>Pediatric Anesthesia &amp; Analgesia: Why Kittens are Different</b> <i>Dr. Sheilah Robertson</i>	<b>Developing Patient Nursing Care Plans</b> <i>Mr. Harold Davis</i>
<b>9:25 – 10:15 am</b>	<b>Building a Chronic Pain Management Pyramid</b> <i>Dr. Robin Downing</i>	<b>Meouch! Assessing Acute Pain</b> <i>Dr. Sheilah Robertson</i>	<b>Critical Care Nursing Techniques</b> <i>Mr. Harold Davis</i>
<b>10:15 – 10:45 am</b>	<b>NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK in Exhibit Hall</b> Included in your registration		
<b>10:45 – 11:35 am</b>	<b>Drug Infusions: Roller Coaster or Smooth Ride</b> <i>Dr. Sheilah Robertson</i>	<b>Chronic Pain &amp; Cats: Understanding "The Gift That Keeps on Giving"</b> <i>Dr. Robin Downing</i>	<b>The Ins &amp; Outs of Fluid Therapy</b> <i>Mr. Harold Davis</i>
<b>11:40 – 12:30 pm</b>	<b>NSAIDS: Short &amp; Long Term Use</b> <i>Dr. Sheilah Robertson</i>	<b>Chronic Pain &amp; Cats: Pharmacological &amp; Non-pharmacological Pain Management Tools</b> <i>Dr. Robin Downing</i>	<b>An Update on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation</b> <i>Mr. Harold Davis</i>
<b>12:30 – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH in Exhibit Hall</b> Included in your registration		
	<b>12:30 – 1:40 pm Lunch &amp; Learn - Dallas Ballroom D</b> Separate registration required  <b>1:20 – 1:50 pm ABVP: Is It For Me? - Dallas Ballroom C</b> Open to all attendees		
<b>2:00 – 2:50 pm</b>	<b>Comfort, Safety &amp; Hygiene for Felines at the End of Life</b> <i>Dr. Robin Downing</i>	<b>Meeting the Needs of the Pet Cat</b> <i>Dr. Ilona Rodan</i>	
<b>2:55 – 3:45 pm</b>	<b>Palliative Care &amp; Hospice for Cats</b> <i>Dr. Robin Downing</i>	<b>Recognizing &amp; Preventing Pain in the Practice &amp; at Home</b> <i>Dr. Ilona Rodan</i>	
<b>3:45 – 6:30 pm</b>	<b>FUN RUN / FREE TIME</b>		
<b>6:30 – 10:30 pm</b>	<b>Best of the West Offsite Event</b> Separate registration required		

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## Nutrition Tracks

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2013**

**ADVANCED TRACK**  
*Dallas Ballroom C*

**GENERALIST TRACK**  
*Dallas Ballroom B*

**BREAKFAST in Exhibit Hall**  
Included in your registration  
**ABVP Breakfast for Diplomates - Dallas Ballroom D**

**7:30 – 8:20 am**

**Does Your Clinic have an Infectious Disease Prevention Strategy?**  
*Dr. LeMac' Morris*



**8:20 – 9:20 am**

**Cats & Carbohydrates: What Is the Impact?**  
*Dr. Claudia Kirk*

**Feeding Cats: Healthy Nutrition from Kittenhood to Geri's - Part One**  
*Dr. Deb Zoran*

**9:25 – 10:15 am**

**NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK in Exhibit Hall**  
Included in your registration

**10:15 – 10:45 am**

**10:30 am Fun Run Awards Presented - Exhibit Hall**

**Feline Hepatic Lipidosis**  
*Dr. Claudia Kirk*

**Feeding Cats: Healthy Nutrition from Kittenhood to Geri's - Part Two**  
*Dr. Deb Zoran*

**10:45 – 11:35 am**

**Adverse Food Reaction in the Cat: Food as a Pathogen & a Cure**  
*Dr. Claudia Kirk*

**Kitten Diarrhea: Diagnosis & Therapy with Special Focus on Diet Issues**  
*Dr. Deb Zoran*

**11:40 – 12:30 pm**

**LUNCH in Exhibit Hall**

Included in your registration

**12:30 – 1:30 pm**

**1:00 pm AAFP Annual Business Meeting - Dallas Ballroom A**  
Open to all attendees

**The Feline Pancreas: Understanding Pancreatitis & Insufficiency in the Cat**  
*Dr. Deb Zoran*

**Management of Feline Obesity**  
*Dr. Claudia Kirk*

**1:30 – 2:20 pm**

**Grab & Go REFRESHMENT BREAK**

Included in your registration

**2:20 – 2:30 pm**

**The Long Term Diabetic: Managing the Ups & Downs**  
*Dr. Deb Zoran*

**Nutrition for Hospitalized Cats: Tools & Techniques**  
*Dr. Claudia Kirk*

**2:30 – 3:20 pm**

**Feline Colon Diseases: Understanding the Role of Diet & Drugs in the Management of Colitis & Constipation**  
*Dr. Deb Zoran*

**Top Nutraceuticals in Pet Foods & Practice**  
*Dr. Claudia Kirk*

**3:25 – 4:15 pm**

**Conclusion of Conference**

**4:15 pm**

## Distinguished Speakers:

### Jan Bellows, DVM, DABVP, DAVDC

All Pets Dental, Weston, FL

Dr. Jan Bellows has devoted his veterinary career to help animals and veterinarians through dental education. Dr. Bellows received his undergraduate training at the University of Florida and Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University. After completing a small animal internship at The Animal Medical Center in New York City, he returned to south Florida where he still practices companion animal medicine, surgery, and dentistry at All Pets Dental. He is doubly certified by the Board of Veterinary Practitioners (canine and feline) since 1986 and the College of Veterinary Dentistry in 1990. Dr. Jan Bellows' veterinary dentistry interests include being an author of three dental texts: *The Practice of Veterinary Dentistry... A Team Effort* (1999), *Small Animal Dental Equipment, Materials, and Techniques* (2005) and *Feline Dentistry* (2010). He also is a frequent contributor to DVM Newsmagazine. Dr. Bellows is a charter consultant of Veterinary Information Network's (VIN) dental board and has retained that role for the past twenty years. He was also chosen as one of the dental experts to formulate AAHA's Small Animal Dental Guidelines published in 2005 and updated in 2013.

### Cindy Charlier, DVM, FAVD, DAVDC

Fox Valley Veterinary Dentistry and Surgery, Chicago, IL

Dr. Cindy Charlier brings 29 years of small animal practice and ownership experience to dentistry continuing education. After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1984, she spent the first 19 years of her practice career as a partner in a 22 doctor, 3 hospital, AAHA small animal practice in the suburbs of Chicago. Since 2003 she has owned Fox Valley Veterinary Dentistry and Surgery, a dental and oral surgery referral practice, with offices in Chicago and St. Charles, Illinois. She is a Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College, a Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry and member of the American Veterinary Dental Society. She has been recognized by her peers as a recipient of the Peter Emily Outstanding Resident Award and the Fellow of the Year award. Dr. Charlier established VMENT seminars (Veterinary Dental Education Networking and Teaching) in 2004 and presents dentistry continuing education seminars several times during the year in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. In addition, Dr. Charlier provides in-hospital consulting which customizes dentistry programs to fit the needs of an individual hospital and lectures across the country about veterinary dentistry. Dr. Charlier believes that veterinary dentistry is the most untapped source of patient care and practice revenue in most small animal practices. It is her vision to teach the veterinary healthcare team about dental health and its potential impact on your patients, your clients and your practice in an interactive, fun learning environment that encourages networking, the exchange of ideas, experiences and practice tips.

### Dennis Chew, DVM, DACVIM

Emeritus Faculty, College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University

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Dr. Chew is a 1972 graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. He did a one-year internship at South Weymouth Veterinary Associates and a two-year residency in internal medicine and nephrology at the Animal Medical Center. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 1977. Dr. Chew was an attending veterinarian at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital for 36 years and is now Professor Emeritus. Most of his work in clinics, research and publications involves urology/nephrology in small animals. He has special interest in disorders of calcium metabolism, treatment of renal secondary hyperparathyroidism, and idiopathic/interstitial cystitis of cats. He pioneered many of the diagnostic procedures for urinary endoscopy in dogs and cats and authored the *Manual of Nephrology and Urology in Small Animals*.

### Elizabeth Colleran, DVM, DABVP (Feline)

Cat Friendly Practice Spokesperson, AAFP

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Dr. Colleran is a Past President of AAFP and is now the spokesperson for the AAFP initiative, Cat Friendly Practice. This program provides education, assessment and marketing tools to small animal practices to improve their ability to serve cat patients and clients. She is the owner of two feline exclusive practices: one in Portland, OR founded in 2003 and the second in Chico, CA founded in 1998. She received a Masters in Animals and Public Policy in 1996 from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.



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### Harold Davis, Jr., BA, RVT, VTS (ECC)

William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, UC Davis

Mr. Davis is a graduate of the California State University Sacramento, receiving a BA degree in biology. Currently, he is Manager of the Emergency and Critical Care Service at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at UC, Davis. He has extensive experience in the field of emergency and critical care medicine, both in private and university practice. As co-founder of the Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians, Mr. Davis was instrumental in obtaining from North American Veterinary Technicians Association provisional recognition for technicians as specialists. This is the first organization to receive this acceptance. Among his many honors, Mr. Davis received the Merck AgVet Award for Creativity in Teaching and the California Veterinary Medical Association Outstanding Animal Health Technician Award. He was the inaugural speaker for the Jack L. Mara Memorial lecture at the 2004 NAVC. Mr. Davis was the 2005 Robert M. Cello Distinguished Lecturer for the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine Fall Symposium and was recognized as the 2009 and 2012 Speaker of the Year for Veterinary Technicians at the NAVC. In 1985 he was appointed by California Governor George Deukmejian to serve on the Registered Veterinary Technician Examining Committee, a subcommittee of the Veterinary Medical Board and served a record fifteen years on that committee. He is the immediate past president of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society and is the first non-veterinarian elected to this position of this 4000 plus member organization. In addition, Mr. Davis has published several book chapters, peer reviewed journal articles, and co-edited a new book that was recently released entitled *Advanced Monitoring and Procedures for Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care*. He was also on the panel for the 2013 AAHA/AAFP Fluid Therapy Guidelines.

### Robin Downing, DVM, CCVP, CCRP, DAAPM

The Downing Center for Pain Management, Windsor, CO

Dr. Downing is Hospital Director of The Downing Center for Animal Pain Management, LLC. She is the recipient of many regional, national, and international awards. Dr. Downing is a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner, a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist, a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner, a Tui Na practitioner (Chi Institute), and is certified in canine medical massage (CSU) and animal chiropractic (IVCA). She was the third veterinarian to earn the Diplomate credential in the American Academy of Pain Management, and the first veterinarian to earn the designation Certified Pain Educator from the American Society of Pain Educators, a second human pain management credential.

### Sonya G. Gordon, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM (Cardiology)

Texas A&M University

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Dr. Gordon is an Associate Professor of Cardiology at Texas A&M University. She graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada in 1994 and earned her DVSc in Veterinary Cardiology from the same university in 1998. Dr. Gordon became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology) in 1999. She is a Charter Fellow of the Michael E. DeBakey Institute for Comparative Cardiovascular Sciences and Biomedical Devices at TAMU. Dr. Gordon received the Richard H. Davis Teaching Award at TAMU in 2004 for excellence in teaching.

### Claudia Kirk, DVM, PhD, DACVN, DACVIM

Professor & Head of the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, University of Tennessee

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Dr. Kirk received her DVM from the University of California at Davis. She completed an internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York and an Internal Medical Residency and PhD in Nutrition at UC Davis. Dr. Kirk was a senior scientist for 9 years at Hill's Science and Technology Center. She has served as teaching faculty for the Mark Morris Institute for the past 17 years. She is currently a Professor of Medicine and Nutrition and Head of the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences at the University of Tennessee - College of Veterinary Medicine in Knoxville, Tennessee where she has resided since 2003. Dr. Kirk is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition and Diplomate of American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. She has published over 100 scientific articles and abstracts and holds several patents concerning nutritional management of disease. Her areas of research concerns nutritional interaction with disease with special interests in obesity, feline diabetes, and feline lower urinary tract disease.



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## Distinguished Speakers:

### **Susan Little, DVM, DABVP (Feline)**

Bytown Cat Hospital, Ottawa, Canada

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Dr. Susan Little received her DVM in 1988 from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. She has been in feline practice since 1990, achieving Board certification in Feline Practice in 1997, and re-certifying in 2006. In addition to being part owner of two feline specialty practices in Ottawa, Dr. Little serves on the board of the Winn Feline Foundation and the American Association of Feline Practitioners, and is a feline medicine consultant for the Veterinary Information Network (VIN). Dr. Little's other activities include committee work for the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the Pet Nutrition Alliance and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. She is also a peer reviewer for the Canadian Veterinary Journal and the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery. The 2010 recipient of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's Small Animal Practitioner Award, Dr. Little is the editor and co-author of a new textbook, *The Cat – Clinical Medicine and Management*, published by Elsevier in 2012.

### **LeMac' Morris, DVM, MPH, Dipl ACVPM**

Shelter Technical Veterinarian, Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. (BIVI)

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Dr. LeMac' Morris received his DVM in 1980 from Oklahoma State College of Veterinary Medicine. He worked as a practice owner in a predominately companion animal practice for over 20 years, before accepting a position at Iowa State University as an adjunct instructor for the Center for Food Security and Public Health (CFSPH). While working at the CFSPH he received his Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Iowa. Dr. Morris is a Technical Manager for BIVI, consulting with animal shelters and other animal facilities across the United States. He assists in developing practical disease control protocols to minimize infectious diseases in companion animal populations. He is a member of the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, and a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. His interests lie in infectious disease control, where he has been involved with field investigations of companion animal disease outbreaks, isolated from the field companion animal pathogens for use in research, and championed a field study investigating ways to improve a companion animal biologic.

### **Sheilah Robertson, BVMS (Hons), PhD, DACVAA, DECVAA, MRCVS, DECAWBM (WSEL), DACAW**

American Veterinary Medical Association, Schaumburg, IL

Dr. Robertson received her veterinary training at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. She spent time in mixed animal practice and as a surgery resident at Bristol University before pursuing her PhD and specialization in anesthesia. She is board certified in anesthesia and in animal welfare by the respective American and European colleges. She holds a certificate in small animal acupuncture. Her research interests include assessment of pain in cats, the use of opioids in cats and the development of anesthetic protocols for large scale spay and neuter programs with a special interest in pediatric patients and feral cats. She has authored many research manuscripts, clinical papers and book chapters on anesthesia and analgesia for companion animals. She is a member of the American Association of Feline Practitioner's (AAFP) Welfare Committee and was a co-author of the AAFP/ AAHA Pain Management Guidelines.

### **Ilona Rodan, DVM, DABVP, ABVP (Feline)**

Cat Care Clinic, Madison, WI

Dr. Ilona Rodan is the medical director and owner of the Cat Care Clinic in Madison, WI. She also lectures internationally and consults at other veterinary practices to help veterinary teams better understand the feline patient and pet, respectful handling of cats to prevent fear and pain, and making the hospital environment more cat friendly. Dr. Rodan is also a passionate volunteer, a past-president and current board member of the American Association of Feline Practitioners. She has co-chaired a number of AAFP and joint guidelines, including the AAFP Feline Behavior Guidelines, AAHA/AAFP Pain Management Guidelines, AAFP/AAHA Feline Life Stage Guidelines, AAFP/ISFM Feline Handling and AAFP/ISFM Feline Environmental Needs Guidelines. In 2005, she was awarded the AVMA Animal Welfare Award for her leadership and contributions to advancing feline welfare.

### **Deb Zoran, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM**

Associate Professor & Chief of Small Animal Internal Medicine, Texas A&M University

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Dr. Deb Zoran is an Associate Professor and Chief of Small Animal Internal Medicine in the Department of Veterinary Small Animal Clinical Sciences at Texas A&M University. She is a 1984 graduate of Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Following graduation, she entered private clinical practice in the Phoenix, Arizona area until returning in 1987 to Iowa State University for her small animal internal medicine residency. She completed a Master's degree and became a Diplomate of the ACVIM – Small Animal Internal Medicine during her time there. In 1992, she moved to Texas A&M University and completed a PhD in Nutrition in the laboratory of Dr. Joanne Lupton. Since 1996, Dr. Zoran has been a member of the faculty in the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at Texas A&M University where she is actively involved with clinical, teaching, and research activities in small animal nutrition, disaster preparedness, gastroenterology and feline medicine. She is currently the President-elect of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and the medical operations chief of the TAMU Veterinary Emergency Team.



### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 – SEMINAR & SOCIAL

- 1:00 – 2:00 pm** **The Role of Stress in Feline Medicine, Dr. Susan Little**  
The feline species is particularly prone to physiologic changes and disease states associated with stress. This presentation will review the current body of knowledge and focus on how to recognize the role of stress in sick cats and tools to mitigate the impact.
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm** **Supporting Senior Cats with Cancer, Dr. Susan Little**  
Cancer is a common concern in senior cat care, and with advances in veterinary oncology, more feline cancer patients are under long term care. This presentation will review the issues surrounding providing effective supportive care for feline cancer patients and understanding owner attitudes.
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm** **When Good Bladders Go Bad: Feline Idiopathic Cystitis, Dr. Susan Little**  
Idiopathic cystitis is the most common diagnosis for young cats with signs of lower urinary tract disease. Our concepts of disease pathophysiology and the role of stress are evolving and changing our approaches to management of these sometimes frustrating cases. This presentation will focus on the current state of knowledge and practical tips for case management.
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm** **De-frustrating Kitten Diarrhea, Dr. Susan Little**  
Diarrhea is a common health problem of kittens in pet homes and shelters. This presentation will focus on the most effective diagnostic strategies for infectious causes of diarrhea, as well as appropriate treatment and prevention.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 – DENTISTRY TRACKS

- 7:30 – 8:30 am** **C General Session: New Feline Findings & Solutions to Increase Cat Visits, Dr. Elizabeth Colleran**  
This session will provide attendees with information on the new feline research from the Bayer Veterinary Care Usage Study III: Feline Findings. Pet owner and veterinarian study results will be presented, as well as discussion on the opportunities that veterinary practices have to reach underserved cats. Detailed solutions that can be adopted into your veterinary practice will be provided.
- 8:35 – 9:35 am** **C Pandora Syndrome: It's More than Just the Bladder, Dr. Dennis Chew**  
Pandora Syndrome is the name recently developed to focus attention on cats that have a systemic disease but exhibit local organ system manifestations. Frequently the systemic nature is not recognized. Feline interstitial cystitis (FIC) is a lower urinary tract predominant form of Pandora Syndrome. The pivotal role of the nervous system in FIC will be detailed as will new developments in use of blood testing to identify unique changes in cats with FIC. The importance of stress reduction in environmental modification and enrichment will be the featured component in our discussions of treatment.
- 9:40 – 10:30 am** **A Feline Gingivostomatitis: What We Know & How We Treat It, Dr. Cindy Charlier**  
Gingivostomatitis is one of the most frustrating diseases to treat in our feline patients. We will review the definitions for inflammation in the oral cavity, the causes of gingivostomatitis, and the treatment considerations.
- G Skyrocket Your Feline Dental Practice, Dr. Jan Bellows**  
A high quality dental practice for your feline patients just usually doesn't happen. Getting from where you are to where you want to be is the subject of this seminar. Adjusting age-old paradigms to reflect on what your feline patients and your practice needs will open your eyes to your future dental practice.
- 11:15 – 12:05 pm** **A My Cat Can't Close Its Mouth! How to Close the Case, Dr. Cindy Charlier**  
Cats may present to your hospital frantic and unable to close their mouth. A systematic and complete oral examination will allow you to rule in or rule out the potential causes during your initial physical exam. We will review TMJ luxation, caudal mandibular fractures, TMJ joint fractures, neoplasia, foreign bodies, periodontal disease, and neurologic conditions as causes for cats unable to close their mouth.
- G Solid Dental Concepts to Guide Your Feline Dental Practice, Dr. Jan Bellows**  
Feline dental syndromes show their ugly heads in many ways including periodontal diseases, endodontics, oral medicine, radiology, and orthodontic abnormalities. Creating a logical treatment plan based on solid dental concepts will help guide you to dental success.
- 12:10 – 1:00 pm** **A Oral Tumors: Diagnosis & Treatment, Dr. Cindy Charlier**  
All cat oral tumors aren't squamous cell carcinomas! During an interactive case based discussion we will review the proper diagnosis and treatment of oral tumors including squamous cell carcinomas, fibrosarcomas, malignant melanomas, odontogenic tumors, and other types of benign oral tumors.
- G Red Gums: It's Not All Stomatitis, Dr. Jan Bellows**  
At one time all feline oral inflammation was referred to as stomatitis, but now there are thirteen identified feline oropharyngeal inflammation conditions approved for use by the American Veterinary Dental College. Each of these conditions will be identified with specific case examples and treatment options.
- 1:00 – 2:10 pm** **Feline Product Panel Luncheon**  
The AAFP will hold its first luncheon panel where industry partners can discuss their feline friendly products. This newly established luncheon is designed to highlight innovation in products, technology, and services that are feline friendly for cats, owners, and practice staff. The presentation will focus on the educational and scientific information on these products and space is limited to the first 100 registrants. The companies that will be showcasing their feline friendly products are Bayer HealthCare, Boehringer Ingelheim, and Zoetis.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 continued

- 2:30 – 3:20 pm**
- A** **Interpreting Intraoral Radiographs**, *Dr. Jan Bellows*  
Sixty percent of feline teeth are located subgingivally. The importance of intraoral radiology in dental practice is a given. This seminar will help you interpret the exposed images you take daily. Normal and abnormal findings in periodontal, endodontic, neoplastic, and tooth resorption diseases will be featured.
  - G** **Review of Skull & Tooth Anatomy**, *Dr. Cindy Charlier*  
Mesial? Distal? Lamina Dura? Pulp Chamber? 404? Class 2 malocclusion? This session will review the anatomy of the feline skull and tooth, focusing on terms that all feline practitioners should know. In addition, we will review tooth development, the triadan system, and proper occlusion for your feline patients.
- 3:25 – 4:15 pm**
- A** **Feline Tooth Resorption**, *Dr. Jan Bellows*  
Statistically greater than half of our feline patients older than three years have resorbing teeth. What do we know and what don't we know about tooth resorption in cats? What is the best treatment? Alternatives? How to best extract teeth from equipment to technique will be featured.
  - G** **Diagnostic Full Mouth Dental Radiographs: How Do I Do That?** *Dr. Cindy Charlier*  
Full mouth radiographs are indicated for all feline patients in your practice. We will review proper positioning to obtain diagnostic full mouth dental radiographs, including a brief review of normal radiographic anatomy.
- 4:45 – 5:35 pm**
- A** **Feline Dental Brain Teasers**, *Dr. Jan Bellows*  
This audience participation presentation in the format of "if this is your dental patient what would you do next if you see this?" Advanced dental cases of oropharyngeal inflammation, endodontic, orthodontic, and neoplastic disease will be featured.
  - G** **Oral Surgery to Extract Teeth: Tips & Techniques to Avoid Complications**, *Dr. Cindy Charlier*  
How do I decide...extraction of the entire tooth, including all root structure or crown amputation with intentional root retention? We will discuss the appropriate indications for each method of extraction based on clinical appearance and radiographs. In addition, we will discuss alternate methods for sectioning teeth, complications of extractions, and methods to retrieve fractured root tips.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013 – PAIN MANAGEMENT & PARA-PROFESSIONAL TRACKS

- 8:30 – 9:20 am**
- A** **Building an Acute Pain Management Pyramid**, *Dr. Robin Downing*  
Acute pain in cats may arise from many causes. It is important to consider the cause, nature, and predicted severity of the pain when creating an appropriate comprehensive pain management strategy. The image of a pyramid communicates that we get our best outcomes by utilizing a multi-modal approach in which each piece builds upon the last and all the tools complement one another. The focus of this session will be acute operative pain management — before, during, and after surgical procedures.
  - G** **Pediatric Anesthesia & Analgesia: Why Kittens are Different**, *Dr. Sheilah Robertson*  
The size of pediatric kittens can increase the risks associated with anesthesia. This may be related to hypothermia and hypoglycemia and these must be prevented for a successful outcome. The size of these patients makes monitoring of vital signs a challenge, but non-invasive techniques can be used and equipment can be adapted for this special population. It is well documented in many species that the neonatal nervous system is "plastic," and exposure to noxious stimuli can lead to long-term changes in how pain is processed and perceived later in life. Therefore using robust analgesic protocols in this vulnerable population is important.
  - P** **Developing Patient Nursing Care Plans**, *Mr. Harold Davis*  
Developing nursing care plans helps to enhance the delivery of patient care. Nursing care plans are developed to meet patient care needs based upon the disease process. There are a variety of ways to approach developing nursing care plans. This discussion will use the Nursing Process as the foundation for planning patient care.
- 9:25 – 10:15 am**
- A** **Building a Chronic Pain Management Pyramid**, *Dr. Robin Downing*  
We know that the vast majority of older cats suffer from osteoarthritis and the chronic pain of that condition. And, by and large, they suffer in silence. A multi-modal approach to chronic pain management provides the best outcomes. Think of building a pyramid where each "layer" of pain protection builds upon the last, and the tools complement one another. The focus of this session will be getting chronic pain under control and keeping it that way!
  - G** **Meouch! Assessing Acute Pain**, *Dr. Sheilah Robertson*  
Veterinary professionals who work with cats "know what pain looks like," but it can be hard to quantify. Some pain scales used in the past show great inter-observer variability. Validated pain scales are needed to direct intervention, conduct good multicenter pain studies, and evaluate new analgesic drugs and modalities. Composite measures pain scales that rely heavily on observing behavior have been developed and are being validated for acute pain in cats. This presentation will use videos to illustrate these pain behaviors.
  - P** **Critical Care Nursing Techniques**, *Mr. Harold Davis*  
This lecture covers nursing care techniques for the critically ill patient. Techniques include but not limited to catheter management (IV, urinary, chest tube and feeding tube), determining energy requirements, enteral feeding and administration of blood products.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013 continued

- 10:45 – 11:35 am**
- A** **Drug Infusions: Roller Coaster or Smooth Ride,** *Dr. Sheilah Robertson*  
 Several anesthetic, analgesic and sedative agents such as propofol, ketamine, dexmedetomidine and opioids can be used as a single bolus or as an infusion to provide continuous rather than intermittent actions. To do this successfully, species specific pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamics data is required. This session will discuss which drugs are suitable for infusion in cats, explain the difference between continuous rate infusions and target controlled infusions, loading doses, how to calculate infusion rates and which patient parameters may influence what rates we choose.
  - G** **Chronic Pain & Cats: Understanding “The Gift That Keeps on Giving,”** *Dr. Robin Downing*  
 Pain occurs on a spectrum from adaptive pain to maladaptive pain — from “good pain” to “bad pain.” Acute pain, poorly managed, will evolve over time to a maladaptive pain state. This session will focus on the implications of maladaptive pain in cats and the importance of recognizing when it is present.
  - P** **The Ins & Outs of Fluid Therapy,** *Mr. Harold Davis*  
 Administration of intravenous fluids can be an important life saving measure in the management of the emergent or critically ill patient. This discussion will review the principles of intravenous catheter placement and the development and administration of a fluid therapy plan.
- 11:40 – 12:30 pm**
- A** **NSAIDs: Short & Long Term Use,** *Dr. Sheilah Robertson*  
 NSAIDs can be used to alleviate acute and long-term pain and as antineoplastic agents. The features of the different NSAIDs including the newer coxib class will be discussed. Based on the current evidence, the efficacy and safety of this class of drug for both short and long term use will be discussed and the issue of on label and off label use will be addressed. The “pros and cons” of this class of drug will be discussed including their use in the face of concomitant disease.
  - G** **Chronic Pain & Cats: Pharmacological & Non-pharmacological Pain Management Tools,** *Dr. Robin Downing*  
 Chronic pain in cats presents unique challenges from how to identify it to how to treat and manage it. This session will focus on assessing/identifying chronic pain in cats, and will outline both pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic strategies for managing that pain to restore comfort, mobility, and quality of life.
  - P** **An Update on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation,** *Mr. Harold Davis*  
 Veterinary technicians are important members of the CPR team. A collaborative or team approach is mandatory for optimal care of the cardiopulmonary arrest patient. Recently veterinary guidelines have been established for the management of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It is important that all CPR team members be aware of current recommendations. This discussion will review the principles of CPR along with the new recommendations.
- 12:30 – 1:40 pm**
- Lunch & Learn - So I Heard a Murmur in this Cat ....Now What?** *Dr. Sonya Gordon*  
 This session will focus on cost effective, clinically useful guidelines for the busy veterinarian who is faced with the challenge of what to do or recommend for apparently healthy cats with heart murmurs, gallop sounds or arrhythmias. Included will be a discussion of the strengths and limitations of commonly used tests available to diagnose and assess the severity of heart disease in cats. Case examples will be used to emphasize key points.
- 2:00 – 2:50 pm**
- C** **Comfort, Safety & Hygiene for Felines at the End of Life,** *Dr. Robin Downing*  
 Cats that are approaching the end of life have their own special set of needs. This session will focus on maximizing their comfort by modifying their environment and activities of daily living. Simple lifestyle modifications can make a big difference in these kitties.
  - P** **Meeting the Needs of the Pet Cat,** *Dr. Ilona Rodan*  
 Despite our love and compassion for cats, the lack of understanding of this species and its needs results in cats being kept in environments where they cannot express their natural behaviors. This often leads to stress and boredom that impacts feline health and welfare. Resulting problems include stress-associated disease, obesity, and behavior problems. Fortunately, most of the problems can be prevented or addressed if we understand the beloved cats we live with – and allow cats to be cats!
- 2:55 – 3:45 pm**
- G** **Palliative Care & Hospice for Cats,** *Dr. Robin Downing*  
 There is a space between withdrawing treatment of disease and the time for euthanasia, and that is the space where palliative care and hospice fit. Palliative care is also referred to as “comfort care.” This session will focus on the many strategies for assisting clients in their work to keep their cats comfortable in the time leading up to death, as well as providing tools for evaluating a cat’s quality of life.
  - P** **Recognizing & Preventing Pain in the Practice & at Home,** *Dr. Ilona Rodan*  
 Cats are masters at hiding their pain, which makes identification and subsequent treatment challenging. Many apparently healthy cats are painful, with painful dental disease, arthritis, or other common conditions. If we recognize the subtle changes in behavior seen with pain, we can provide needed analgesia. The team approach, including the well-educated client, is critical to recognizing pain. Respectful handling in a calm practice environment helps prevent pain.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2013 – NUTRITION TRACKS

- 8:20 – 9:20 am** **C** **Does Your Clinic have an Infectious Disease Prevention Strategy?** *Dr. LeMac' Morris*  
Your clinic may not be as protected as you think. Science tells us there are specific actions that increase the risk of contracting an infectious disease. Identifying those actions to minimize the risk of infectious disease transmissions is the goal of an effective infectious disease control plan. This session will provide several easy and practical tips to minimize infectious disease at your clinic.
- 9:25 – 10:15 am** **A** **Cats & Carbohydrates: What Is the Impact?** *Dr. Claudia Kirk*  
Carbohydrate feeding to cats remains controversial. This discussion will review the current evidence regarding low carbohydrate diets in cats and any benefits. The discussion will include which populations of cats may benefit from low carbohydrate feeding and debunk popular myths. A limited discussion will review metabolic biology of the cat and how that relates to carbohydrate use. The participant should leave with an evidence based approach to carbohydrate feeding in the domestic field.
- G** **Feeding Cats: Healthy Nutrition from Kittenhood to Geri's - Part One,** *Dr. Deb Zoran*  
This talk will review important things to remember about feline feeding behavior; the key issues of concern in selecting feline diets, the importance of proper counseling about how to feed cats to prevent obesity (the most important nutritional disease of cats), and key nutritional needs in feeding obese cats to achieve weight loss. Finally, we will explore the role of diet in the other epidemic which is feline sarcopenia and muscle wasting in older cats.
- 10:45 – 11:35 am** **A** **Feline Hepatic Lipidosis,** *Dr. Claudia Kirk*  
This discussion will review current understanding of idiopathic feline hepatic lipidosis and evidence for best practice of nutritional management and prevention. An overview of supportive feeding strategies and supplements for hepatic protection and repair will be discussed.
- G** **Feeding Cats: Healthy Nutrition from Kittenhood to Geri's - Part Two,** *Dr. Deb Zoran*  
See Abstract Above
- 11:40 – 12:30 pm** **A** **Adverse Food Reaction in the Cat: Food as a Pathogen and a Cure,** *Dr. Claudia Kirk*  
Recent advances in the understanding of oral tolerance to food, effects of food processing and the role of the micro biome in the development of adverse food reactions will be discussed. Attendees will review strategies thought to reduce the risk of adverse food reactions and understand the role of food in disorders such as IBD.
- G** **Kitten Diarrhea: Diagnosis & Therapy with Special Focus on Diet Issues,** *Dr. Deb Zoran*  
Review of common (but often overlooked) causes of kitten diarrhea and proper diagnostic and treatment plans. Discussion will also cover the key role of diet in both cause and resolution of feline diarrhea.
- 1:30 – 2:20 pm** **A** **The Feline Pancreas: Understanding Pancreatitis & Insufficiency in the Cat,** *Dr. Deb Zoran*  
This session will review the current understanding of feline pancreatitis, diagnostic challenges and treatment options, and will discuss one major complication of chronic feline pancreatic disease which is insufficiency (clinical appearance, diagnosis, and key features of therapy).
- G** **Management of Feline Obesity,** *Dr. Claudia Kirk*  
This discussion provides a review of feline obesity in the US population of cats, disease risks, and nutritional strategies for safe weight loss. Review of current diets and weight loss strategies will occur with plenty of time for audience discussion of their favorite feline weight loss tip.
- 2:30 – 3:20 pm** **A** **The Long Term Diabetic: Managing the Ups & Downs,** *Dr. Deb Zoran*  
This session will review the treatment of challenging cases of diabetes in cats such as insulin, diet, monitoring and other diseases will be discussed.
- G** **Nutrition for Hospitalized Cats: Tools & Techniques,** *Dr. Claudia Kirk*  
This topic will cover best feeding practices for hospitalized cats needing nutritional support. From when to consider parenteral nutrition to the best feeding tubes for long term support, the focus will be on providing advanced nutrition in the general practice setting.
- 3:25 – 4:15 pm** **A** **Feline Colon Diseases: Understanding the Role of Diet & Drugs in the Management of Colitis & Constipation,** *Dr. Deb Zoran*  
This talk will focus on understanding feline colon disease and the role of diet in therapy. Particular focus will be on the key role of fiber in both development of and treatment of colon disease and understanding how to assess proper response.
- G** **Top Nutraceuticals in Pet Foods & Practice,** *Dr. Claudia Kirk*  
This lecture will discuss the use of common nutraceuticals for cats and the available evidence (and anecdotes) for their use. From Omega-3 fatty acids to probiotics, the choice and use of the more mainstream supplements will be considered.

# General Conference Information

## Why Should I Attend?

Join us in Dallas and network with colleagues from around the world as you increase your feline knowledge by attending presentations led by experts in the fields of feline dentistry, pain management and nutrition. 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 26 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](mailto:info@catvets.com). Once obtained, the program approval number will be listed on the conference website at [www.catvets/2013conference](http://www.catvets/2013conference).

<b>Seminar &amp; Social -</b>	Thursday, September 26, 2013	Up to 4 CE Hours
<b>General Conference -</b>	Friday, September 27, 2013	Up to 8 CE Hours
	Saturday, September 28, 2013	Up to 7 CE Hours
	Sunday, September 29, 2013	Up to 7 CE Hours

## Registration

Below are the costs for attending this conference. Please note that you will be able to move throughout the Advanced, Generalist and Para-professional Tracks during the conference in order to customize the sessions that you wish to attend.

	BY 9/6/13	AFTER 9/6/13
<b>Seminar &amp; Social (4 CE Hours)</b>		
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$100	\$125
Non-Member	\$150	\$175
Student	\$ 25	\$ 40
<b>Full Three Day General Conference (up to 22 CE Hours)</b>		
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$485	\$560
Non-Member	\$585	\$660
Para-professional Member*	\$200	\$250
Para-professional Non-Member*	\$250	\$300
Students	\$ 80	\$100
<b>One Day General Conference Pass (6-8 CE Hours)</b>		
Members and Non-Members	\$220	\$260
Para-professional Track* (9/28/13)	\$100	\$125

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

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellation must be received in writing either via fax to (908) 292-1188 or email to [info@catvets.com](mailto:info@catvets.com). Cancellations received by **Friday, September 6, 2013** will receive a refund minus a \$50.00 administrative fee. Cancellations received after **Friday, September 6, 2013** will not be eligible for refunds. Please note that 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, videotapes, electronic reproductions and audiotapes of such events and activities.

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

# General Conference Information

## Hotel Information

### The Sheraton Dallas

400 North Olive Street

Dallas, TX 75201

1-888-627-8191

Online Reservations: [www.catvets.com/2013conference](http://www.catvets.com/2013conference)



The Sheraton Downtown Dallas Hotel is a place where warm hospitality, an accommodating environment, and a vibrant location combine for an experience unlike any other in Dallas. Centrally located in downtown Dallas the hotel provides you with unparalleled access to Dallas's arts and culture.

The AAFP is pleased to offer special rates for this conference. The **group rate is only available until Friday, September 6, 2013**, subject to availability. Reservations made after September 6, 2013 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."

### Run of House Room Rates:

\$149.00 Single/Double Occupancy Rate

Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 15%) in effect at the time of check-out. Changes in taxes or fees applied after booking may affect the total rate for your stay.

Check-in time: 3:00 pm      Check-out time: 12:00 pm

### Additional AAFP Room Amenities:

- Complimentary Standard Internet access in guest rooms
- Complimentary use of the fitness center

## Traveling to the Conference

**Airport:** Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport

Phone: (972) 973-8888

Website: <http://www.dfairport.com>

Distance: 19 miles from hotel

**Transportation:** Estimated Taxi Fare: \$40-50 one way

DART Bus/Rail: Two-hour pass = \$2.50 / A local, one-day pass good for all day = \$5.00

Board the DART bus at the airport which takes you to the DART Rail. Use the Orange Line and take the Pearl/Art District Station or St. Paul Station, which are two blocks from the hotel. For more information, visit [www.dart.org](http://www.dart.org).

**Parking Fees:** Hotel Parking: \$21 Daily      Valet Parking: \$29 Daily

Local city parking garages and surface parking is available on a first come, first serve basis at various rates ranging from \$2-\$6 per hour.

Visit [www.catvets.com/2013conference](http://www.catvets.com/2013conference) for additional travel information.



# General Conference Information

## Included in Your Registration Fee:

### Meals

Your conference registration includes full breakfast and lunch all three days. The AAFP is proud to serve a large variety of hot and cold items 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 these notes out 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, September 26th. 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, September 27th. Refreshments and drinks 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 while at the conference! Raffle prizes will also be awarded, so be sure to visit the exhibit hall to stamp the Exhibit Passport you receive onsite for the chance to win!

### Local Dallas Discounts

Attendees will receive exclusive discounts from local restaurants & attractions. Visit the conference webpage at [www.catvets.com/2013conference](http://www.catvets.com/2013conference) for details on these exclusive AAFP attendee discounts.

### Internet Access

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



### Go Green

All attendees will be provided with re-usable drinkware sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition in an effort to reduce our use of paper, plastic, and Styrofoam waste.



### 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.

### Fun Run/Walk

The Fun Run/Walk is free for all conference attendees. Read more information on page 17 and sign up for this event on the Registration Form. A Fun Run/Walk Waiver must be submitted for every participant.

# General Conference Information

## New Opportunities for 2013 included in Your Registration:

### Conference Buddy Program

The AAFP is introducing an informal, fun new program this year called the Conference Buddy Program. This program is designed to extend a warm welcome to new members, international attendees or first time attendees by pairing them with experienced attendees or members of the association to help break some of the formal "ice" and demystify the meeting in both the social and professional realm.

The intent of the Conference Buddy Program is to offer a simple and informal means for established AAFP Members or Conference Attendees to welcome and briefly connect with those new to the association or conference – and to open a door or two for additional social and professional interaction.

The experienced buddy should be someone who has attended multiple conferences and is willing to interact with a new buddy. Some ways the experience buddy can assist include: being a friendly and supportive contact shortly before, during, and perhaps after the meeting; attending the Welcome Reception on Thursday night and making introductions to colleagues; answering questions about the conference or AAFP membership; visiting the exhibits together; attending CE sessions; connecting during a coffee break or sitting together during a breakfast/lunch.

Indicate your interest on the Registration Form and we will join buddies and provide contact information so the new buddy and experienced buddy can make plans to meet at the conference. If you indicate that you would like to become a new or experienced buddy, your email address will be given out in order to contact one another.

### Vendor Demonstrations

This year some of our exhibitors and sponsors will be holding 15 minute product or service demonstrations at their booth to give you an introduction and detailed information to their latest products or services. The list of demonstrations will be available to you at the conference.

### New Product Gallery

The AAFP will offer a New Product Gallery to provide a forum for the introduction of new products and services to attendees. Exhibitors and sponsors will have the opportunity to showcase their newest products or services on a full panel display for all conference attendees to view. Make sure you check out what the New Product Gallery has to offer.

## Exhibit Hall Hours:

**Friday, September 27, 2013** Exhibits open 10:15 am to 6:45 pm

**Saturday, September 28, 2013** Exhibits open 7:30 am to 2:00 pm

**Sunday, September 29, 2013** Exhibits open 7:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Exhibitors** (as of May 15, 2013) - An updated list and company abstracts can be found at [www.catvets.com/2013conference](http://www.catvets.com/2013conference).

Addison Biological Laboratory, Inc.	Elanco Animal Health	Nestle Purina
American Animal Hospital Association	Elsevier	Novartis Animal Health US, Inc.
Bayer Healthcare, LLC	Hill's Pet Nutrition	Nutramax Laboratories
Boehringer Ingelheim	Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association	Pet Health Pharmacy
Butler Schein	Iams Veterinary Formula	Precious Cat, Inc.
Cat Friendly Practice	IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	Rose Micro Solutions
Companion Therapy Laser by LiteCure	Mason Company	Royal Canin
CryoProbe	MDS Incorporated	Rx Vitamins
Dan Scott & Associates, Inc.	Meds for Vets Pharmacy	Sierra BioScience
Dechra Veterinary Products	Merck Animal Health	Trupanion
Dental Focus, LLC	Merial Ltd.	Veterinary Pharmacies of America
Diagnostic Imaging Systems, Inc.	MILA International, Inc.	VetriScience Laboratories
DocsInnovent Ltd.	MinXray, Inc.	Wedgewood Pharmacy
DVM Solutions	MWI Veterinary Supply	Winn Feline Foundation



### ABVP/AAFP Seminar & Social – Ticketed Event

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Want to earn additional CE? Come to the Pre-conference day sessions! Dr. Susan Little will present four topics on a variety of interesting and complex feline topics. These presentations will offer you four additional CE Hours and an extended refreshment break will offer ample opportunity for discussion and interaction with other attendees. This joint ABVP/AAFP seminar is intended for any attendee desiring additional high level, engaging CE. You won't want to miss it!



**Registration Fees:**

<b>AAFP Member/ISFM Member</b>	<b>By September 6th: \$100</b>	<b>After September 6th: \$125</b>
<b>Non-Member</b>	<b>By September 6th: \$150</b>	<b>After September 6th: \$175</b>
<b>Student</b>	<b>By September 6th: \$ 25</b>	<b>After September 6th: \$ 40</b>

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

### Feline Product Panel Luncheon – Ticketed Event

The AAFP will hold its first luncheon panel where industry partners can discuss their feline products. This newly established luncheon is designed to highlight innovation in products, technology and services that are feline friendly for cats, owners and practice staff. The presentation will focus on the educational and scientific information on these products. Space is limited to the first 100 participants. The companies that will be showcasing their feline friendly products are Bayer HealthCare, Boehringer Ingelheim and Zoetis.



**Ticket Prices:** FREE (Limited to 100 Registrants)

### Lunch & Learn – Ticketed Event

IDEXX Laboratories will be sponsoring the Lunch and Learn session on September 28th entitled, *So I Heard a Murrur in this Cat ....Now What?*, and presented by Dr. Sonya Gordon. Separate registration is required in order to attend this event and space is limited to the first 100 participants. Make sure to turn your registration in early in order to participate in this Lunch and Learn. Attendance will be on a first come, first served basis and conference registration is required. This session will be submitted for continuing education credits in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB RACE approval.



**Ticket Prices:** FREE (Limited to 100 Registrants)

### AAFP's 6th Fun Run/Walk – Pre-registration is required

The AAFP will be hosting its sixth Fun Run/Walk at our conference. Please join other colleagues by enjoying a leisurely 5K walk or run on the Santa Fe Trail. This run or walk will be just what you need to relieve some stress, stretch your legs and get out of the hotel for some fresh air after sitting in sessions all day. Advanced sign up is requested and registration is free. Transportation will be provided to the park, which is approximately four miles from the hotel. For anyone interested in purchasing an AAFP Fun Run/Walk Shirt, advanced sign-up is required and shirts cannot be purchased onsite. Shirts are \$18 and will be short sleeve on a preshrunk cotton fabric. In order to participate, you MUST submit your Fun Run/Walk Waiver Form, which is located on the next page.

**Ticket Prices:** FREE      **T-shirt Prices:** \$18 (Must be pre-ordered)

### Best of the West Offsite – Ticketed Event



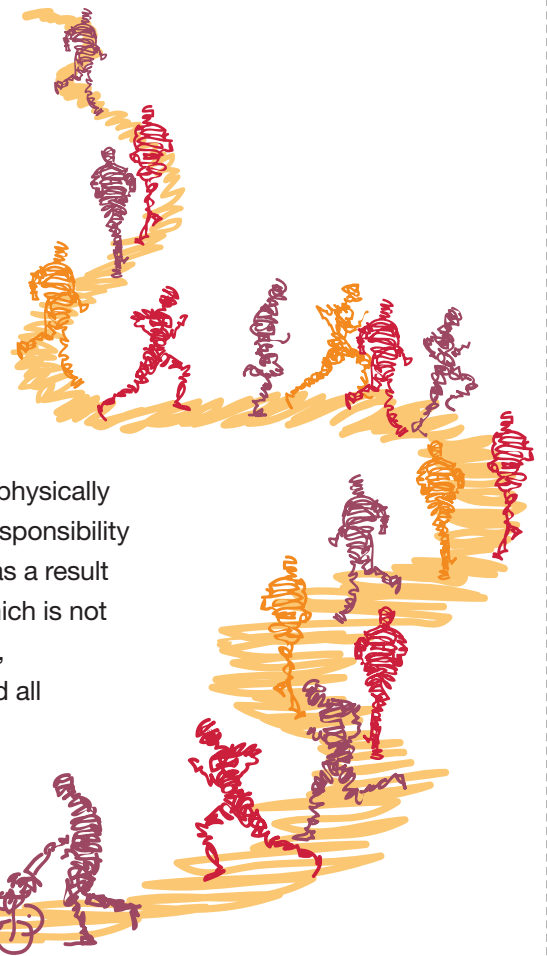
Experience the Southwest at Eddie Deen's Ranch in Downtown Dallas. This unique Town Hall space lets guest dine in their own country western town. Walls are adorned with facades of old west town buildings. This night will include creative menus prepared from scratch from the freshest ingredients and includes a variety of options to appeal to everyone's diverse taste. Guests will enjoy a variety of beverages starting with cocktail hour and interactive games to keep everyone entertained. After a huge Texas dinner, music and dancing will commence for the rest of the evening. The Kopy Kats, a well-known cover band in Texas, will be playing rock and pop hits from the 50's through today and will be sure to keep you on your feet with their exciting variety of songs. Be comfortable, dress casually and don't forget your cowboy hats and boots. These tickets are extremely discounted thanks to the sponsorship by Elanco Animal Health. Transportation will be provided to and from the hotel.

**Ticket Prices:** By September 6th: \$40      After September 6th: \$50      Onsite Purchase (Limited Available): \$60

Tickets include transportation, cocktail hour, buffet dinner, dancing, and entertainment. Reserve your ticket today to lock in savings!

## Waiver and Release

# Sixth AAFP Fun Run/Walk



I agree and acknowledge that I am participating in the **Sixth AAFP Fun Run/Walk** (“the Event”), a five kilometer event to be held in Dallas, Texas on September 28, 2013, 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 Dallas, Race Chip Timing, Santa Fe Trail, 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.

Estimate your time for 5K: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes \_\_\_\_\_ seconds

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate on the Registration Form if you wish to participate and your T-shirt size. Cost per T-shirt is \$18. You must be pre-registered for the event to attend and a waiver must be submitted.

**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

**Scan to:** info@catvets.com



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### EASY REGISTRATION:

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<b>ABVP/AAFP Seminar &amp; Social</b>			
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$100	\$125	_____
Non-Member	\$150	\$175	_____
Student	\$ 25	\$ 40	_____
<b>Full Three Day General Conference</b>			
AAFP Member/ISFM Member	\$485	\$560	_____
Non-Member	\$585	\$660	_____
Para-professional Member*	\$200	\$250	_____
Para-professional Non-Member*	\$250	\$300	_____
Students	\$ 80	\$100	_____
<b>One Day Pass</b>			
Friday, September 27, 2013 General Conference	\$220	\$260	_____
Saturday, September 28, 2013 General Conference	\$220	\$260	_____
Saturday, September 28, 2013 Para-professional Track*	\$100	\$125	_____
Sunday, September 29, 2013 General Conference	\$220	\$260	_____
<b>Additional Items &amp; Events</b>			
Feline Product Luncheon – Limited to 100	FREE	FREE	_____
Lunch & Learn – Limited to 100	FREE	FREE	_____
Fun Run/Walk – Waiver Must be Submitted	FREE	FREE	_____
Fun Run/Walk T-Shirt	\$ 18	\$ 18	_____
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Best of the West Offsite Event	\$ 40	\$ 50	_____
Tickets purchased onsite are \$60 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)	\$225	\$275	_____
Guests must be affiliated with a registered practitioner/para-professional.			
Guest Ticket – Exhibitors' Reception ONLY	\$ 20	\$ 20	_____

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

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