



The Ins and Outs of Feline Nutrition and Gastroenterology

7th WORLD FELINE VETERINARY CONFERENCE

October 12 – 15, 2023 Renasant Convention Center, Memphis, TN & Virtual

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

Pre-conference Day*

Schedule is in Central Daylight Time

TIME	SESSION TITLE		SPEAKER	ROOM	SPONSOR/ PARTNER
7:45 - 11:45 am	Hands-on Feline Orthopedic Evaluation Workshop**	IPO	Drs. Duncan Lascelles & Margaret Gruen	110 & 111	zoetis
PRE-CONFERENCE DAY*					
10:00 - 11:45 am	Early Morning Learning Sessions				
10:00 - 10:50 am	The Allergic Patient: New Insights in Skin Barrier Science	LS	Dr. Melissa Hall	Ballroom B	
10:55 - 11:45 am	Serenity Now! A Deeper Dive into the Peaceful Practice	LS	Dr. Natalie Marks	Ballroom B	
11:45 - 1:15 pm	Food for Thought Luncheon				
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Nutritional Counselor Program: Get Inspired to Run your Own Nutritional Consultations	LS	Vicky Ograin	Ballroom B	
1:30 - 5:30 pm	Seminar & Social				
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Diabetes Masterclass: Oral Hypoglycemics - An Overview	LS	Dr. Audrey Cook	Ballroom B	
2:00 - 3:15 pm	Diabetes Masterclass: SGLT-2 Inhibitors - Safety & Efficacy Data	LS	Drs. Ellen Behrend & Patty Lathan	Ballroom B	
3:15 - 3:45 pm	Refreshment Break				
3:45 - 4:10 pm	Diabetes Masterclass: Getting Started & Monitoring	LS	Dr. Cynthia Ward	Ballroom B	
4:10 - 5:00 pm	Diabetes Masterclass: Troubleshooting & Complications	LS	Drs. Thomas Schermerhorn & Catharine Scott-Moncrieff	Ballroom B	
5:00 - 5:30 pm	Diabetes Masterclass: Panel Discussion		Diabetes Masterclass Speakers	Ballroom B	
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception <i>All attendees invited</i>			Riverview Lobby	

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Sessions and speakers are subject to change.

*In-person attendees need to register for Pre-conference Day if they would like to attend. Additional fees apply.

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6:00 - 7:00 am	Early Riser Yoga Class*	IPO		Sheraton Hotel - Heritage Ballroom	
7:15 - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast			Ballroom Foyer	TRIVIUM VET
8:00 - 8:15 am	President's Address	LS	Dr. Kira Ramdas	Ballroom A & B	
8:15 - 9:30 am	Critical Nutritional Foundations for Every Cat	LS	Dr. Valerie Parker	Ballroom A & B	Hills <small>Transforming Lives</small>
9:30 - 11:00 am	Networking Refreshment Break			Exhibit Hall	Boehringer Ingelheim
11:00 - 11:50 am	Nutritional Management of the Comorbid CKD Patient	LS	Dr. Valerie Parker	Ballroom A	ROYAL CANIN
	Nutritional Idiosyncrasies & the Role in Obesity, Diabetes Mellitus, & Hepatic Lipidosis	LS	Dr. Adronie Verbrugghe	Ballroom B	EveryCAT <small>HEALTH FOUNDATION</small>
11:55 - 12:45 pm	Use of Assisted Enteral Nutrition	LS	Dr. Valerie Parker	Ballroom A	Hills <small>Transforming Lives</small>
	Do Nutrients & Ingredients Matter for Weight Loss? How to Select a Diet	LS	Dr. Adronie Verbrugghe	Ballroom B	EveryCAT <small>HEALTH FOUNDATION</small>
12:45 - 2:10 pm	Lunch			Exhibit Hall	
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch & Learn #1:</i> * Velagliflozin: An Oral Solution for the Diabetic Cat	IPO	Diabetes Masterclass Speakers	102 - 104	Boehringer Ingelheim
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch & Learn #2:</i> * Evolving the Feline MDB: Purrfect Balance for Your Patient Assessment	IPO	Drs. Elizabeth Schooley & Kelly St. Denis	105 - 107	IDEXX
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch & Learn #3:</i> * Calming Cats: The Impact of Transport & Anxiety on Our Cats, Cat Caregivers, & Practices	IPO	Dr. Tracey Deiss	113 - 115	zoetis
2:10 - 3:00 pm	Nutritional Management of Chronic Enteropathies	LS	Dr. Valerie Parker	Ballroom A	PRO PLAN <small>VETERINARY DIETS</small>
	Feeding Comorbidities: Obese Cats with Other Diseases	LS	Dr. Adronie Verbrugghe	Ballroom B	
3:05 - 3:55 pm	Harnessing the Power of Fiber to Manage GI Disease	LS	Dr. Valerie Parker	Ballroom A	ROYAL CANIN
	Navigating Alternative Cat Foods: Intersection Between Cat Needs & Client Preferences	LS	Dr. Adronie Verbrugghe	Ballroom B	
3:55 - 4:40 pm	Networking Refreshment Break			Exhibit Hall	Boehringer Ingelheim
3:55 - 4:40 pm	Student Social <i>*All Students Invited to Attend</i>			Memphis Board Room	
4:40 - 5:30 pm	Nutritional Management of Hypercalcemia	LS	Dr. Valerie Parker	Ballroom A	Dechra
	Feeding the Allergic Cat	LS	Dr. Sara Ramos	Ballroom B	Hills <small>Transforming Lives</small>
5:30 - 6:45 pm	Happy Hour Reception			Exhibit Hall	Elanco

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6:45 - 8:00 am	Breakfast			Ballroom Foyer	
7:00 - 7:50 am	Breakfast Symposium: Controlling OA Pain in Cats: Where Do I Start?	LS	Drs. Joyce Login & Michelle Meyer	Ballroom B	zoetis
8:00 - 8:50 am	Nutritional Management of Diabetes Mellitus	LS	Dr. Audrey Cook	Ballroom A	Boehringer Ingelheim
	The Feline Philosophy Behind Diagnosing GI Disease	LS	Dr. Craig Webb	Ballroom B	IDEXX
	Technician: Sippin' Through Straws: Taking the Stress Out of Feline Neonate Tube Feeding	LS	Ellen Carozza	Ballroom C	sleepypod safe travels
8:55 - 9:45 am	Nuanced Nutrition: Calcium Oxalate Urolithiasis	LS	Dr. Audrey Cook	Ballroom A	Dechra
	The Feline Pyramid of Poop	LS	Dr. Craig Webb	Ballroom B	endoscopy support services, inc.
	Technician: Chew With Your Mouth Closed! Preventing Food Phobias & Fighting at the Dinner Table in the Multi-cat Household	LS	Ellen Carozza	Ballroom C	sleepypod safe travels
9:45 - 11:00 am	Networking Refreshment Break			Exhibit Hall	Boehringer Ingelheim
9:50 - 10:15 am	AAFP Membership Meeting	LS		Ballroom C	
10:20 - 10:50 am	ABVP: Is it for Me?	LS		Ballroom C	ABVP
11:00 - 11:25 am	Cobalamin: Diagnostic & Therapeutic Implications	LS	Dr. Audrey Cook	Ballroom A	Dechra
11:00 - 12:15 pm	No Way Out! Constipation, Obstipation, Megacolon: Panel Discussion	LS	Drs. Adam Rudinsky, Betsy Swanson, & Craig Webb	Ballroom B	ROYAL CANIN
	Technician: RECOVER CPR Guideline Updates: Feline Focus	LS	Ken Yagi	Ballroom C	NAVTA
11:25 - 12:15 pm	Modifying the Microbiome: The Role of Probiotics in Feline Practice	LS	Dr. Audrey Cook	Ballroom A	visbiome vet.
12:15 - 1:40 pm	Lunch			Exhibit Hall	
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch & Learn #1:* Feline GI Immunity's Inextricable Links to Dietary & Microbiome Components	IPO	Dr. Alison Manchester	102 - 104	PRO PLAN VETERINARY DIETS
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch & Learn #2:* Why is This Kitty Skinny? What Should I Do About It?	IPO	Dr. Jessica Pritchard	105 - 107	Dechra
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch & Learn #3:* Let's Get Digital: How Smart Pet Tech Can Make a Big Impact on Cat Care	IPO	Dr. Sheryl Gamble	113 - 115	MERCK Animal Health
1:40 - 2:30 pm	Management of Liver Disease	LS	Dr. Adam Rudinsky	Ballroom A	wedgewood PHARMACY
	Diagnostic Testing in Feline Chronic Enteropathy Demonstrates Evolution from Inflammatory Bowel Disease to Intestinal Lymphoma	LS	Dr. Anne Avery	Ballroom B	PRO PLAN VETERINARY DIETS
	Technician: Nursing & Nutrition for the Critical Feline Patient Who Just Won't Eat!	LS	Dr. Ashlie Saffire	Ballroom C	ROYAL CANIN
2:30 - 3:15 pm	Networking Refreshment Break			Exhibit Hall	Boehringer Ingelheim
3:15 - 4:05 pm	Liver & Biliary System: Peri-Operative Care, Surgical Evaluation, & Diagnostic Sampling	LS	Dr. Betsy Swanson	Ballroom A	
	The Role of Microbiome: Supporting, Immune Modulating, & Stress Lessening Probiotics in GI Diseases	LS	Dr. Michael Lappin	Ballroom B	PRO PLAN VETERINARY DIETS
	Technician: Discussing Diabetes Mellitus: Empowering Technicians	LS	Ken Yagi	Ballroom C	Boehringer Ingelheim
4:10 - 5:00 pm	Interpreting Liver Biopsies	LS	Dr. Adam Rudinsky	Ballroom A	IDEXX
	Update on the Diagnosis & Management of Infectious GI Diseases	LS	Dr. Michael Lappin	Ballroom B	PRO PLAN VETERINARY DIETS
	Technician: Practical Application of Feline Emergency Transfusions	LS	Ken Yagi	Ballroom C	NAVTA
5:00 - 5:30 pm	Cat Friendly Practice®: Because You're Worth It	LS	Dr. Kelly St. Denis	Ballroom C	Cat Friendly FORTICE

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6:45 - 8:00 am	Breakfast			Ballroom Foyer	
7:00 - 7:50 am	Breakfast Symposium: Feline Constipation: Updates on Acute & Chronic Treatment Modalities	LS	Dr. Ashlie Saffire	Ballroom B	ROYAL CANIN
7:30 - 10:00 am	Cat Friendly Interactions & Handling Workshop**	IPO	Dr. Ilona Rodan	110 & 111	CEVA, ROYAL CANIN, sleepypod, TICA
8:00 - 8:50 am	Approach to the Vomiting Cat: Causes, Treatment, & Management	LS	Dr. Adam Rudinsky	Ballroom A	ROYAL CANIN
	Stem Cells in Feline GI Disease	LS	Dr. Craig Webb	Ballroom B	VetStem EveryCAT
8:55 - 9:45 am	Approach to Diarrhea in Kittens	LS	Dr. Adam Rudinsky	Ballroom A	ROYAL CANIN
	Diagnostic Dilemmas: The History, Mystery, & Bemoaning of Feline Triaditis	LS	Dr. Craig Webb	Ballroom B	IDEXX
9:45 - 10:45 am	Networking Refreshment Break			Exhibit Hall	Boehringer Ingelheim
10:45 - 11:35 am	Feline Pancreatic Disease: Familiar Friends & Missed Connections	LS	Dr. Adam Rudinsky	Ballroom A	IDEXX
	Feline Chronic Enteropathy	LS	Dr. Craig Webb	Ballroom B	ROYAL CANIN
11:40 - 12:30 pm	Approach to the Yellow Cat	LS	Dr. Adam Rudinsky	Ballroom A	IDEXX
	FMT: What's Coming Down the Pipeline	LS	Dr. Craig Webb	Ballroom B	VetStem
12:30 - 1:45 pm	Lunch			Exhibit Hall	
12:40 - 1:40 pm	Lunch & Learn #1: *Elevate Your Practice's Feline Wellness at Every Life Stage	IPO	Dr. Matt McGlasson	102 - 104	basepaws VETERINARY
12:40 - 1:40 pm	Lunch & Learn #2: *Cats Don't Read Textbooks: The Conundrums of Diagnosing Feline Hyperthyroidism	IPO	Dr. Kelly St. Denis	105 - 107	ZOMEDICA
12:40 - 1:40 pm	Lunch & Learn #3: *Don't Sugar Coat It: Treatment Options for the Diabetic Cat	IPO	Dr. Cynthia Ward	113 - 115	Elanco
1:45 - 2:35 pm	Emerging or Just Ignored: Ductal Plate Malformations	LS	Dr. Adam Rudinsky	Ballroom A	NATURAL Veterinary Diets
	The Vomiting Cat: Probing for Answers in the Older Cat	LS	Dr. Jennifer Babineaux	Ballroom B	
2:40 - 3:30 pm	Feline Gastrointestinal Eosinophilic Sclerosing Fibroplasia	LS	Dr. Petra Cerna	Ballroom A	
	The Vomiting Cat: Probing for Answers in the Younger Cat	LS	Dr. Jennifer Babineaux	Ballroom B	
3:30 pm	Conclusion of Conference				

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The additional CE Sessions below will be available on-demand through the Virtual Platform. Both in-person and virtual attendees will have access to these CE Sessions.

Virtual-only Sessions

SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER	SPONSOR/PARTNER
Feline GI Pain: Underappreciated & Over-Represented	Dr. Jennifer Slovak	
Nutritional Support for Cats with Cancer	Dr. Catherine Ruggiero	
The Cat is Losing Weight: Is it GI or FHT, or Both?	Dr. Kelly St. Denis	
Using Ultrasound to Collect Fine Needle Aspirates	Dr. Jennifer Babineaux	

Virtual-only Session Abstracts

Feline GI Pain: Underappreciated & Over-Represented, *Dr. Jennifer Slovak*

Veterinary medicine has evolved in recent years regarding the recognition and appreciation of osteoarthritis and peri-surgical pain in our companion animals, especially cats. Unfortunately, there is a commonly under-appreciated aspect of feline discomfort—abdominal/GI pain. Generally, abdominal pain is felt below the ribs and extends to the pelvis, an area largely encompassing the gastrointestinal tract and its associated organs such as the pancreas and hepatobiliary system. Visceral nociceptors within the mesentery or serosal surfaces and within the mucosal walls of hollow organs respond to chemical or mechanical stimuli. Unfortunately, visceral pain can be diffuse and poorly localized due to sparse afferent innervation relative to somatic innervation, making GI pain challenging to detect in our feline patients. This is relevant in clinical medicine as many diseases involving the GI tract occur in cats such as: chronic enteropathies (inflammatory and lymphoma), cholangiohepatitis, constipation, and pancreatitis. With continued diligent patient assessment and evolution of pain scales and analgesia options, we can improve our patients' quality of life.

Nutritional Support for Cats with Cancer, *Dr. Catherine Ruggiero*

Neoplasia is prevalent in the feline population and can have a significant impact on nutritional status. There is risk of malnutrition from cancer, especially when the neoplastic process interferes with prehension, chewing, and/or swallowing. Additionally, some cancer therapies can contribute to malnutrition. To help mitigate this risk, certain food features should be prioritized when feeding cats with cancer, including taste. A new food, Hill's Prescription Diet ONC Care, can benefit feline patients with neoplasia.

The Cat is Losing Weight: Is it GI or FHT, or Both?, *Dr. Kelly St. Denis*

Unexplained weight loss can be a challenge in the aging feline species. A minimum database, including total T4 can be enlightening, but what if the results are equivocal? If the results seem clear, how do we rule out other contributing comorbidities? In this seminar we will review the ins and outs of diagnosis, management, and monitoring these two common feline health issues.

Using Ultrasound to Collect Fine Needle Aspirates, *Dr. Jennifer Babineaux*

Percutaneous ultrasound-guided aspiration is a safe procedure that improves medical diagnoses, is minimally invasive, and may help avoid more costly procedures such as laparoscopic or surgical biopsies. This lecture will discuss the approach to percutaneous ultrasound-guided fine needle aspirates (FNA) for the general practitioner, including risks and benefits, case selection, and how to perform the procedure safely.