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New *AAHA/AAFP Fluid Therapy Guidelines for Dogs and Cats* set the bar for standards in veterinary medicine

Fluid therapy is important for many medical conditions in dogs and cats. To provide guidance for veterinary practitioners, the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) and American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) have released the *AAHA/AAFP Fluid Therapy Guidelines for Dogs and Cats* for use by veterinary professionals. [Click here to access the guidelines.](#)

The *Fluid Therapy Guidelines for Dogs and Cats* ensure that pets get the best possible care. Released May 1, the guidelines provide practitioners with much needed information on best practice in the administration of fluids during specific situations.

The guidelines contribute greatly by providing practical recommendations for choosing and administering fluids. Fluid therapy can positively impact patient outcome in a number of different scenarios, is easy to implement and does not require significant capital investment.

“Our hope is that we have removed the barriers for veterinarians who currently are not embracing fluid therapy to do so now,” said Tracey Jensen, DVM, DABVP, contributing author of the new guidelines.

“There are many conditions and situations where the patient can benefit from fluid support. We see this as a win-win-win: A win for the patient by receiving better medical care, a win for the client with quicker resolution of illness, decreased anesthesia risk and overall decreased veterinary expense, and a win for the practitioner with increased positive case outcome.”

Fluids are essential for life and support vital organs for longevity. Many medical conditions can be more thoroughly and quickly treated with appropriate fluid therapy, saving the client money and adding years to their pet's life.

There will be offering a free web conference covering the new guidelines. It will be available July 1 – 14, 2013. Interested participants can visit aahanet.org/webconf for registration information.