

FELINE VETERINARIAN BOOTCAMP FOR NEW GRADUATES

Purrls of Practice

- There is no negative exploratory – biopsy for disease!!
- The cheapest diagnostic test is the test that gets you the CORRECT DIAGNOSIS!
- Common things occur commonly; uncommon manifestations of common diseases occur more commonly than common manifestations of uncommon diseases (i.e., cat with ventroflexion of neck most likely hypokalemia versus thiamine deficiency).
- Cats really don't get unilateral ear infections!!! Sedate and look deeper!
- Remember it's INSECT control not FLEA control!
- You can give any cat a heart murmur.
- Steroids are not the enemy – they just come with some caveats that you have to inform the caregiver about (even the long-acting ones).
- See your own rechecks, can be at no charge.
- If you see the same thing over and over and don't see results, that is the definition of insanity. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT.
- Zebras are rare.
- Don't use subcutaneous sutures or tissue glue.
- Incisions heal side to side not end to end.
- Cats DO get string under the tongue!
- Fluid overload is more common than you think in a cat.
- Weigh hospitalized cats 2x daily.
- General rule: Heart cats vomit and respiratory cats cough.
- When a cat is in respiratory disease, breathe like your patient to help LOCALIZE.
- All respiratory distress cats should get Butorphanol IM and Oxygen before you touch them.
- A compounding pharmacy will make anything transdermal – doesn't mean the medication absorbs and works transdermal.
- DO NOT USE METRONIDAZOLE TO TREAT DIARRHEA.
- Microbiome takes 1 year to develop *microbiome is life.
- Zorbium is the best. But makes them zombiums. Just warn the clients. They will be pain-free for 4 days!