



2026 CONFERENCE

Whiskers and Wisdom:
Senior Care, Endocrinology,
Infectious Diseases,
& Latest Feline Innovations



ATTENDEE REGISTRATION PLANNING PACKET



Everything you need to plan your trip to Fort Lauderdale



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WELCOME!

Welcome to your official registration planning packet for the Feline Veterinary Medical Association (FelineVMA) Annual Conference! This guide contains all the vital logistical, travel, and local information you need to plan your trip to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from September 24–27, 2026.

Whether this is your first FelineVMA Conference or you're a returning attendee, we hope this guide helps you prepare for a productive, enjoyable, and memorable experience.

We can't wait to see you in Fort Lauderdale!



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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 FelineVMA Annual Conference centers on the theme “Whiskers and Wisdom: Senior Care, Endocrinology, Infectious Disease, & Latest Feline Innovations.” Attendees can earn up to **33 RACE-approved continuing education (CE) credits** through world-class clinical sessions, interactive networking events, and practical business tracks.



FELINE-FOCUSED VETERINARY SESSIONS:

Sessions focused on Senior Care, Endocrinology, Infectious Disease, & Latest Feline Innovations over a 3-day period.



3-DAY DEDICATED TECHNICIAN TRACK:

A fully specialized program focusing on unique feline nursing challenges, senior cat enrichment, behavioral de-escalation, and progressive sedation strategies.



FELINE VETERINARIAN BOOTCAMP:

An expanded, full-day experience designed specifically to equip new graduates with real-world case skills in feline medicine.



ORTHOPEDIC & ULTRASOUND WORKSHOPS:

Expert-guided, practical training on identifying subtle mobility changes and executing Cat Friendly osteoarthritis exams.



DENTAL WET LAB:

Small-group, highly interactive clinical session designed for immediate, practical application back at your practice.



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TIME OFF REQUEST TEMPLATE

To ensure a smooth transition away from your clinic, use this template to formalize your time-off request with your practice manager or owner.



Subject: Time-Off Request: 2026 FelineVMA Annual Conference

Dear [Manager/Owner Name],

I'd like to request some time off to attend the 2026 FelineVMA Annual Conference in Fort Lauderdale, FL. This Conference is an opportunity for me to enhance my skills in feline medicine, immerse myself in educational experiences, connect and network with like-minded colleagues and engage with outstanding speakers. I'm looking forward to learning all about feline Senior Care, Endocrinology, Infectious Disease, and the Latest Feline Innovations and bringing what I learn back to the practice.

The Conference runs from Thursday, September 24 through Sunday, September 27, 2026. To make sure I can attend all of the conference sessions, including those on Sunday, I'd like to request travel days on Wednesday, September 23 and Monday, September 28.

I'm keeping up with my current responsibilities and will make sure any patient files, treatments, and duties are caught up or covered before I leave. I'm also happy to help coordinate coverage in advance so everything runs smoothly while I'm away.

Thanks for your support of my continuing education!



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CONVENTION CENTER INFORMATION

The 2026 FelineVMA Annual Conference will be held entirely at the newly renovated Broward County Convention Center in beautiful Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



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1950 Eisenhower Blvd,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316



PRIME WATERFRONT LOCATION

Situated in the heart of Fort Lauderdale, the Convention Center offers a vibrant, walkable setting with beautiful views and easy access to the best the city has to offer.



MODERN, RENOVATED FACILITY

Recently expanded and reimagined, the Broward County Convention Center features state-of-the-art meeting spaces designed for a premier conference experience.



THE PERFECT SETTING

With its fresh, modern design and welcoming atmosphere, the Convention Center provides an ideal backdrop for an inspiring and memorable FelineVMA conference.



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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Omni Fort Lauderdale - Conference Headquarters Hotel

The Omni Fort Lauderdale is the official headquarters hotel and is connected to the Broward County Convention Center, ensuring you stay close to your peers and the Conference.

- **Address:** 1850 SE 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
- **Room Rates:** \$234.00/night (Run of House) or \$269.00/night (Upgraded View)
- **Perks Included:** Free guest room Wi-Fi, full access to the fitness center.
- **Booking Deadline:** Book via the FelineVMA Hotel Reservation Link before August 28, 2026 to secure these contracted group rates.



Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina

- **Address:** 1881 SE 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
- **Room Rates:** \$209.00/night Single/Double
- **Perks Included:** Free guest room Wi-Fi, full access to the fitness center.
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TRAVEL INFORMATION

FLYING TO THE CONFERENCE

- **Primary Airport:** Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) is the closest hub, located just minutes from the Omni, Hilton, and Convention Center.
- **Alternative Airport:** Miami International Airport (MIA) is located roughly 30 miles south and offers an alternative for international or direct cross-country flights.



FORT LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (FLL)

The closest hub, located just minutes from the Omni, Hilton, and Convention Center.



MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MIA)

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AIRLINE DISCOUNTS

The FelineVMA has arranged for airfare discounts through United and Delta. The FelineVMA does not endorse utilizing these platforms or businesses, nor does it have any relationship with these airlines. At the time of the meeting, these were the only airlines that offered discounts, and as a courtesy to our attendees, the FelineVMA has arranged for a discount code. The discount will vary based on itinerary, location, operator, and fare. Please note that not all fares allow a discount.



UNITED

- **United:** Make a flight reservation using the applied discount code (**ZRXV925197**). You may also call the United Meeting Reservation Desk at (800) 426-1122, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm CT. Telephone booking fees are waived for meeting reservations. Please note that the dates of travel must be between **Monday, September 21, 2026, and Wednesday, September 30, 2026**, to receive the discount.



DELTA

- **Delta:** Book your flight with Delta. You may also call Conferences and Events at (800) 328-1111, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (ET) and refer to Meeting Event Code **NY4EX**. There is no service fee for reservations booked and ticketed via the reservation 800 number. Please note that the dates of travel must be between **Saturday, September 19, 2026, and Friday, October 2, 2026**, to receive the discount.



By using these codes, you agree: Your agreement upon purchase of a ticket is by and between you and the airline and not with the FelineVMA. In no event shall the FelineVMA be liable for any punitive, exemplary, or other special damages, or for any indirect, incidental, or consequential damages.



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GROUND TRANSPORTATION & PARKING



1. RIDESHARE & TAXIS:

Uber and Lyft operate heavily throughout the FLL airport and convention center zones.

- Other Options of ground & airport transportation below:
- Courtesy Shuttles
- Hotel Shuttles
- Limousines/Sedans/Van
- Public Transportation (BCT and Tri-Rail)
- Rental Cars
- Ride-sharing Companies
- Taxi Cabs
- Brightline Intercity Rail



2. TRAVELERS WITH DISABILITIES:

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport provides transportation, parking, and terminal services that address the special needs of travelers with disabilities.

3. FELINEVMA ATTENDEE PARKING RATES:



OMNI PARKING

- Valet Only – \$42 daily
- Overnight – \$54



HILTON MARINA PARKING

- Self Service – \$44 daily
- Valet – \$50 daily



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- 0–1hrs: \$5
- 1–3hrs: \$10
- 3+hrs: \$20



4. WATER TAXI:

Fort Lauderdale features an iconic Water Taxi System that stops right along the 17th Street Cruise/Convention Center district, letting you commute via the scenic canals.



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A. ROUTE EXPERIENCE:

- **Traffic-Free Beach Access** – Skip road congestion completely by cruising directly to Fort Lauderdale Beach.
- **Flexible Day Planning** – Ideal choice for sightseeing, sunset rides, or casual day trips.



B. KEY STOPS, ACTIVITIES & WATERFRONT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Tarpon Feeding** – Stop at iconic waterfront locations to feed the giant local tarpon.
- **Las Olas Boulevard** – Steps away from prime upscale fashion boutiques, sidewalk bistros, local art galleries and premier shopping districts.
- **Shooters Waterfront**: A massive, lively dockside restaurant perfect for outdoor dining and cocktail hours.
- **15th Street Fisheries** – The iconic location to buy bait at the dock and feed giant tarpon right from the marina.
- **Las Olas Landing / Beach** – Direct pedestrian access straight to the world-famous shoreline of Fort Lauderdale Beach.
- **Riverside Hotel** – Located right downtown on the Riverwalk. Excellent starting point with nearby public parking structures.
- **Margaritaville Hollywood Beach**: The main express connection down to the historic Hollywood Broadwalk.



C. STANDARD TICKET PRICES:

Passes give you unlimited rides for the day and can be purchased on the Water Taxi Tickets Page or directly onboard.



Adult
All-Day Pass:

\$38



Evening Pass
(After 5 PM):

\$25



Child Pass
(Ages 5-11):

\$18
(Under 5 cruise free)



Multi-Day Pass
(30-Day Unlimited):

\$140



PURCHASE YOUR PASSES ONLINE OR ONBOARD!

Water Taxi Tickets Page: <https://www.watertaxi.com/plan-your-trip/water-taxi-tickets/>



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EXPLORE FORT LAUDERDALE *("The Venice of America")*

We know your Conference days will be jam-packed with CE sessions, exploring the exhibit hall, and catching up with colleagues, but in between the zigs and zags of the Conference, please carve out a bit of time to see what makes Fort Lauderdale fabulous! Visit the Fort Lauderdale Travel website, which is packed with information on events and festivals, restaurants, parks and natural wonders, beautiful beaches to explore, and other fun activities. Below are just a few things to highlight!



FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH

Unwind along miles of continuous public beachfront lined with paved pedestrian promenades, outdoor cafes, and palm trees.



EAST LAS OLAS BOULEVARD

Walk down this famous thoroughfare to explore local art galleries, fashion boutiques, and world-class dining. You can easily access this area by water taxi or car!



BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS

Take a short historic detour to tour a beautifully preserved 1920s beachfront estate surrounded by a lush native barrier island ecosystem.



EVERGLADES AIRBOAT TOURS

If you extend your stay by a day, head slightly inland to experience a classic Florida airboat tour through the Everglades wildlife ecosystem.



PLAN YOUR ADVENTURE!

For events, dining, attractions, and more, visit: <https://www.visitlauderdale.com/>



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Thank You!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU TO FORT LAUDERDALE!

We are so excited to have you join us for this year's Conference. Remember, we are at your assistance throughout your registration process—if you have any questions, just let us know.

Travel safely, and we will see you soon!



**WE APPRECIATE YOU BEING PART OF THE FELINEVMA COMMUNITY.
HERE'S TO A PAWSITIVELY WONDERFUL CONFERENCE!**



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