Welcome

Continuing in the tradition of providing the most up-to-date information on feline health issues, this year’s 22nd Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium draws on the knowledge of recognized experts in feline medicine. Speakers from The Ohio State University and Washington State University, plus faculty members from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, will offer participants in-depth learning opportunities in feline medicine. Topics include urology, cardiology, critical care, dermatology and feline anesthesiology.

The symposium will be held in the Veterinary Education Center on Cornell University’s Ithaca campus, and is presented by the Cornell Feline Health Center, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, and our corporate sponsors. This symposium has been submitted (but not yet approved) for 17 hours of continuing education credit 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. Call Amanda Mott at 607.253.3200 for further information.

This year’s symposium features the James R. Richards Memorial Feline Lecture presented by renowned veterinary urologist/nephrologist, Dr. Dennis Chew. This will be the latest in a lecture series established to honor the late Dr. Richards, and to remember his efforts to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere.

The Finger Lakes region of upstate New York is beautiful in the summertime. We look forward to seeing you at the Feline Symposium, the annual Friday evening picnic and, new this year, the Saturday evening Wine and Cheese Reception.

The Feline Continuing Education Committee
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Friday, July 23

7:30–8:00 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by Fallon Wellness Pharmacy

8:00–8:15 a.m.  Welcome

8:15–9:15 a.m.  Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) - Staging Renal Disease and Updates on Treatment
We will briefly discuss the IRIS staging system based on creatinine, blood pressure, and urinary protein levels. Methods to make the diagnosis of CKD at early stages will be considered. The reasons that renal diseases progressively worsen will be reviewed, as this information is necessary to prescribe rational therapy. Dennis Chew

9:15–9:30 a.m.  Break

9:30–10:30 a.m.  Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) - Staging Renal Disease and Updates on Treatment (continued)
This session will emphasize treatment strategies that include dietary intervention with emphasis on phosphorus restriction. The use of intestinal phosphorous binders will be featured along with methods to best control renal secondary hyperparathyroidism and blunt RAAS system activity that are beneficial for preserving renal function and extending the expected life span of the cat. Dennis Chew

10:30–10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45–11:45 a.m.  James R. Richards, Jr. Memorial Feline Lecture
Feline Idiopathic Hypercalcemia
Updates on the diagnosis and treatment strategies for IHC will be detailed. We will discuss relatively new information on the use of bisphosphonates for treatment. Theories on the possible causes of this enigmatic syndrome will be presented. Dennis Chew

11:45–1:00 p.m.  Lunch

1:00–2:00 p.m.  Hot Topics in Feline Cardiology
Updates on biomarkers, identification of CHF, echocardiography, and Feline Heartworm Disease will be presented. Mark Rishniw

2:00–2:15 p.m.  Break

2:15–3:15 p.m.  Clinical Use of Genetic Testing for Feline Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
In this session we will discuss the inherited aspects of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy emphasizing the use of the available genetic tests for Maine Coon and Ragdoll cats and how to use the information to provide guidance to cat breeders. We will also discuss what is known about inherited hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in other breeds of cats as well. Kathryn Meurs

3:15–3:30 p.m.  Break

3:30–4:30 p.m.  Feline Cardiomyopathy-Clinical Diagnosis and Management
We will discuss controversies in the diagnosis of feline cardiomyopathy including use of BNP and assessment of diastolic parameters. Medical management including when and how to treat will also be discussed. Kathryn Meurs

4:30–5:30 p.m.  Feline Clinical Cardiology Rounds
Sponsored by Paris Hill Animal Hospital
An interactive discussion of feline cardiology cases outlining principles of physiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis, and therapy. Bruce Kornreich

6:30–9 p.m.  Annual Picnic—Six Mile Creek Winery

Speakers

Dennis Chew, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM (Internal Medicine), The Ohio State University
Daniel Fletcher, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVECC, Cornell University
Bruce Kornreich, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology), Cornell University
John Ludders, DVM, Diplomate ACVA, Cornell University
Kathryn Meurs, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology), Washington State University
Mark Rishniw, BVSc, MS, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology & Internal Medicine), Cornell University
Catherine Rogers, DVM, Diplomate ACVECC, Cornell University
Gretchen L. Schoeffler, DVM, Diplomate ACVECC, Cornell University
Danny Scott, DVM, Diplomate ACVD, Cornell University
Saturday, July 24

7:30–8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by Fallon Wellness Pharmacy

8:00–9:00 a.m. Feline Idiopathic/Interstitial Cystitis (FIC)
Updates on diagnosis and our proposed theories for the pathophysiology of FIC. Dennis Chew

9:00–9:15 a.m. Break

9:15–10:15 a.m. Feline Idiopathic/Interstitial Cystitis (FIC) (continued)
Treatment strategies for management of FIC emphasizing implementation of environmental enrichment (MEMO). Drug therapy will be mentioned, but this will be not be emphasized since MEMO works well without drugs. Dennis Chew

10:15–10:30 a.m. Break

10:30–11:30 a.m. Urethral Obstruction in Cats - Standard and Novel Approaches
The causes for urethral obstruction in male cats will be reviewed. Rescue from the metabolic ravages secondary to urethral obstruction will be addressed. Standard methods to relieve urethral obstruction will be presented and a novel approach that does not use instrumentation of the urinary tract will be introduced. Dennis Chew

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Making Errors: The Fundamentals
As the Institute of Medicine made clear in its publication, To Err Is Human: Building a Safer Health System (2000), highly trained and well intentioned professionals make errors. Why and how do we make errors? This presentation presents some of the basic concepts underlying error generation and sets the stage for the second presentation. John Ludders

12:30–1:30 p.m. Lunch
Sponsored by Intervet Schering-Plough Animal Health

1:30–2:30 p.m. Feline Dermatology: Moving Pictures
These lectures will capture snapshots of selected topics in feline dermatology: serological allergy testing, cetirizine, histopathologic findings in allergic skin diseases, Malassezia, and a cool unknown. Danny Scott

2:30–2:45 p.m. Break

2:45–3:45 p.m. Feline Dermatology: Moving Pictures (continued)
Danny Scott

3:45–4 p.m. Break

4:00–5:00 p.m. Errors: Treasures of Practice (case examples)
Using the basic concepts presented in the first presentation, the case examples of this presentation demonstrate how and why errors occur, specifically during anesthesia, and how we can turn these unimaginable errors into educational gems. John Ludders

5:00–6:00 p.m. Wine and cheese reception
Sponsored by Merial

Hotels and Lodging

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.

*Room blocks are being held until June 22, 2010

*Best Western University Inn
East Hill Plaza, 607.272.6100

Comfort Inn Ithaca
356 Elmira Road (Rt. 13S), 607.272.0100

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Sunday, July 25

8:00–8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast

8:30–10:00 a.m. The Emergency Clinician’s Approach to the Feline Respiratory Distress Patient
As an emergency clinician it is imperative to be able to rapidly differentiate upper and lower airway disease from parenchymal and pleural space disease in cats with respiratory distress. Real world cases will be used to illustrate how to best determine the underlying etiology of these extremely fragile patients in an effort to better optimize treatment and outcome. Gretchen L. Schoeffler

10:00–10:15 a.m. Break

10:15–11:45 a.m. Practicing Feline CPR–An Interactive, Case-Based Simulation with Audience Participation
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is an important technique to put into practice when our patients suffer unexpected cardiac arrest. Simulation based training is gaining more recognition in human healthcare as a method of training that combines adult learning theory with real-time clinical situations. Debriefing and group discussion will allow the audience an opportunity to reinforce critical thinking and problem solving skills while enhancing collaboration and communication in the CPR scenario. Gretchen L. Schoeffler, Catherine Rogers, and Daniel Fletcher

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Feline Health Center Professional Membership
Veterinarians registering by June 24, 2010 will receive a one-year complimentary Cornell Feline Health Center membership. Veterinarians who are already members of the center will have their membership extended for another year at no additional charge.

Friday

Friday Lunch Tour—Register to take a 30-minute tour of the Cornell University Hospital for Animals during lunch hour on Friday (space is limited).

Friday lunch with Dr. Dennis Chew
$20—Join a small group of seven others for an informal lunch with a speaker (space is limited).

Annual Picnic
Join us on Friday evening for our annual symposium picnic at the Six Mile Creek Winery. This year we will enjoy chicken, ribs, grilled veggies and lasagna from Tucker’s Catering; and music by Jorge Cuevas & The Caribe Jazz Allstars. The picnic price is included in the symposium registration fee but you must pre-register. Guests are also welcome for a fee.

Saturday

Saturday lunch with Dr. Kathryn Meurs
$20—Join a small group of seven others for an informal lunch with a speaker (space is limited).

Wine and Cheese Reception
The Wine and Cheese Reception is new this year and will provide a chance to relax and socialize with others following Saturday’s lectures. A shuttle service will be provided to the Ithaca Commons after the Reception, giving conference attendees an opportunity to explore the shops and restaurants downtown. Sponsored by Merial.

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Register online at www.vet.cornell.edu/education/ConEd.htm

Full Name (for name badge) DVM, VMD, Other (please specify)

Practice Name

Type of Practice

Mailing Address  Home  Office

City  State  Zip

Telephone (weekday)

Email

College Attended  Year of Graduation

Special Needs: Please advise us of any dietary, mobility, or other special needs you may have. ________________________________________________

Registration received on or before June 24, 2010 $400
Registration received after June 24, 2010 $450

I would like to:

- lunch with Dr. Dennis Chew on Friday @ $20 (space is limited)
- lunch with Dr. Kathryn Meurs on Saturday @ $20 (space is limited)
- tour Cornell University Hospital for Animals during lunch on ___ Friday (space is limited)
- I will  will not attend the Friday evening picnic
  (included in registration fee)
  _____ Number of guests coming to the Friday evening picnic
  @ $40 each
  Guest name(s) ___________________________________________________

- I am driving and will need a parking permit (necessary on Friday only)
- I am unable to attend the symposium, but would like to have a copy of the symposium proceedings mailed to me at $60 each. Your order must reach us before June 24, 2010. Proceedings will not be available for sale after June 24. The fee includes shipping and handling.
Registration deadline: **July 2, 2010**

You may register online at [www.vet.cornell.edu/education/ConEd.htm](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/education/ConEd.htm) or by completing this conference registration form and submitting by:

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