As the new Director of the Feline Health Center and Baker Institute, it is my pleasure to invite you to join us for the 23rd Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium at Cornell University between July 29th and 31st, 2011.

The Feline Continuing Education Committee has created a strong program with presentations by experts in feline medicine, including speakers from Michigan State University, Auburn University, faculty members from Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine, and veterinary specialists from across New York State. The weekend’s events will offer participants in-depth learning opportunities in feline medicine, including sessions focused on oncology, and others on gingivostomatitis, infectious diseases, and behavioural issues.

Dr. Barbara Kitchell, Director of the Center for Comparative Oncology at Michigan State, will present the James R. Richards Memorial Feline Lecture. As our keynote speaker in a lecture series established to honor the late Dr. James Richards and his efforts to improve the health and well being of cats everywhere, Dr. Kitchell will focus on the most important differences between cats and dogs with cancer.

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.

I hope you will be able to join us for this Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium, as well as the annual Friday evening picnic and Saturday evening cocktail reception. I look forward to seeing you in Ithaca very soon.

Best regards,

Colin R. Parrish, PhD
Director, Feline Health Center
Baker Institute for Animal Health
John M. Olin Professor of Virology
Friday, July 29

7:30–8:00 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00–8:15 a.m.  Welcome

8:15–9:05 a.m.  Feline Mast Cell Disease
This lecture will outline the clinical presentation of feline cutaneous and visceral mastocytosis, the difficulties in diagnosis, and strategies for successful treatment. Use of the new receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors will be discussed. –Barbara Kitchell

9:05–9:20 a.m.  Break

9:20–10:10 a.m.  Advances in Feline Lymphosarcoma Care
Cats are vulnerable to a variety of forms of lymphosarcoma, which have different biologic behaviors and differing responses to therapy. Strategies to optimize care for cats with lymphoma will be discussed. –Barbara Kitchell

10:10–10:25 a.m.  Break

10:25–11:15 a.m.  James R. Richards, Jr. Memorial Feline Lecture
The Difference Between Dogs and Cats with Cancer
This lecture presents differences in biology of tumors between dogs and cats, as well as differences in the responses to cancer therapies including surgery, radiotherapy, and chemotherapy. New information provided by the canine and feline genomics initiatives should help us to move the field forward. –Barbara Kitchell

11:15–11:30 a.m.  Break

11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.  Multi-modal Therapy for Cancer: Fundamental principles and practice
The management of neoplastic diseases is dependent on several factors including diagnosis, stage, tumor volume, specific location, health reserves of the patient and owner factors. This lecture will emphasize the interactive nature of surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, immunotherapy and alternative medicine. It will be introductory to intermediate level with the intent of providing practical advances for your practice. –Ralph Henderson

12:20–1:30 p.m.  Lunch
Lunch with Dr. Barbara Kitchell (pre-registration is required)

1:30–2:20 p.m.  Surgical Management of Specific Feline Neoplasms
Confident in the adage that “Cats are not small dogs,” it becomes important to address elements of feline surgical therapy as it is different from the dog. This lecture will address fundamental differences in feline wound healing, maxillofacial surgery, injection-site fibrosarcomas, and interesting problems regarding feline surgery. This is intermediate to advanced level and will be addressed from a critical thinking perspective. –Ralph Henderson

2:20–2:35 p.m.  Break

2:35–3:25 p.m.  People-directed Aggression: Making the Diagnosis
This lecture will cover how to navigate the ins and outs of each diagnosis on the differential. –Michelle Bamberger

3:25–3:40 p.m.  Break

3:40–4:30 p.m.  Elimination Behavior Problems
This lecture will compare and contrast the diagnosis and treatment of feline house soiling and marking behavior. –Pamela Perry

4:40–5:30 p.m.  Inter-cat Aggression and Miscellaneous Behavior Problems
The etiology and treatment of inter-cat aggression will be discussed. Other miscellaneous behavior problems (e.g., pica, wool-chewing, and geriatric issues) also will be addressed. –Pamela Perry

6:30–9:00 p.m.  Annual Picnic—Celebrations

Speakers

Cheryl Balkman, MS, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

Michelle Bamberger, MS, DVM, owner and practitioner, Vet Behavior Consults, Ithaca, NY

Dwight Bowman, MS, PhD, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

Ralph A. Henderson, DVM, MS, Lowder Professor of Surgery and Oncology, Auburn University

Barbara E. Kitchell, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM, Professor of Oncology and Director, Center for Comparative Oncology, Michigan State University

Andrea Looney, DVM, Diplomate ACVA, Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner, Upstate Veterinary Specialists, Albany, NY

Pamela Perry, DVM, visiting lecturer, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

Jennifer Rawlinson, DVM, Diplomate AVDC, Chief, Section of Dentistry and Oral Surgery, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
**Saturday, July 30**

7:30–8:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

8:00–8:50 a.m.  **Injection Site Sarcomas Where Do We Stand in 2011?**  
Vaccine-induced sarcomas of cats were originally identified in the 1980’s. Changes in vaccination strategies and available products have altered the incidence of the disease. This lecture will provide an overview of our current understanding of the molecular biology and treatment of these lesions.  
–Barbara Kitchell

8:50–9:05 a.m.  Break

9:05–9:55 a.m.  **Feline Carcinoma Management**  
Cats are subject to malignant transformation of a variety of epithelial tissues, including those of the skin, oral cavity, gastrointestinal tract, and mammary tissue. Local disease management may be straightforward, but how do we best approach cats with metastatic disease? Strategies for treatment of metastatic carcinoma will be overviewed.  
–Barbara Kitchell

9:55–10:10 a.m.  Break

10:10–11:00 a.m.  **Feline Cutaneous Oncology**  
Feline oncology is a special discipline, and cats are unique creatures with a different spectrum of cutaneous malignancies than are seen in dogs. In this hour, we will discuss feline cutaneous tumors, including actinic and bowenoid squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell tumors, mast cell disease, melanomas, and apocrine gland tumors. Diagnosis and management of feline skin tumors will be presented.  
–Barbara Kitchell

11:00–11:15 a.m.  Break

11:15 a.m.–12:05 p.m.  **Supportive Care for the Feline Patient With Cancer**  
Advances in veterinary oncology allow us to treat a variety of cancers in our feline patients. This lecture will address ancillary care that may be needed to allow patients to be better candidates for therapy. Some options for minimizing therapy related side-effects and palliative care will be also be included.  
–Cheryl Balkman

12:05–1:10 p.m.  Lunch – Sponsored by Intervet Schering-Plough Animal Health  
Lunch with Dr. Ralph Henderson (pre-registration is required)

1:10–2:00 p.m.  **Feline Juvenile Gingivostomatitis – An Overlooked Disease**  
Gingivostomatitis (GS) in cats is a frustrating and devastating disease that affects mostly adult cats over the age of three. Though seen commonly in private practice a juvenile form of this disease has been minimally discussed and published in the literature. This lecture will focus on differentiating the adult from the juvenile form of GS, and the treatment paths for both.  
–Jennifer Rawlinson

2:00–2:15 p.m.  Break

2:15–3:05 p.m.  **Parasites of the Feline Lung**  
This lecture will discuss heartworm and its effects on the lungs of cats, and will examine medial hypertrophy of the pulmonary vessels as associated with Toxocara cati, Toxocara canis, and Aelurostrongylus vasorum.  
–Dwight Bowman

3:05–3:20 p.m.  Break

3:20–4:10 p.m.  **The Intestinal Conundrum Protozoal Package**  
Disease, treatment and zoonotic potential will be discussed for Giardia, Cryptosporidium, and Cystoisospora of cats and kittens. We will also examine disease due to Tritrichomonas of cats, large bowel diarrhea, its diagnosis, control, and treatment.  
–Dwight Bowman

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**Hotels and Lodging**

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.

*Room blocks are being held until June 28, 2011

**Best Western University Inn**
East Hill Plaza
607.272.6100

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1 Sheraton Drive
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366 Elmira Road (Rt. 13S)
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**Holiday Inn Ithaca**
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607.272.1000

**Homewood Suites**
36 Cinema Drive
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**Ramada Inn**
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**Super 8 Motel**
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Two cat killers: *Cuterebra* and *Cytauxzoon*

In the northeastern United States, cats die every year of neurological disease due to the migrations of *Cuterebra* maggots. In the southeastern US, cats die after tick bites due to *Cytauxzoon felis*, and it is moving further north every year.

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Wine and cheese cocktail hour
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**Sunday, July 31**

8:00–8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

8:30–9:50 a.m.  Feline Pain
Cats do hurt: come find out what's new in assessment and treatment of feline pain. –Andrea Looney

9:50–10:10 a.m.  Break

10:10–11:30 a.m.  Vet Oncology Assessment and Treatment
Much has changed in the area of veterinary oncology...including pain management. Join us to discuss ideas on types of pain for cats with cancer and some new ideas on treatment. –Andrea Looney

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**Feline Health Center Professional Membership**

Veterinarians registering by June 24, 2011 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.

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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.
## Registration Form

Early registration deadline: **June 24, 2011**
Register online at [www.vet.cornell.edu/events/](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/events/)
Seating is limited. Register early to reserve your seat in the lecture hall.

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**I would like to:**

- lunch with Dr. Barbara Kitchell on Friday @ $20 (space is limited; pre-registration is required)
- lunch with Dr. Ralph Henderson on Saturday @ $20 (space is limited; pre-registration is required)
- tour Cornell University Hospital for Animals during lunch on ____ Friday (pre-registration is required)
- I will ❑ will not ❑ attend the Friday evening picnic (included in registration fee but you must pre-register)
  - _____ Number of guests attending the Friday evening picnic
    - @ $40 each
  - Guest name(s) for picnic ________________________________

- ❑ 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, 2011. Proceedings will not be available for sale after June 24. The fee includes shipping and handling.
Early registration deadline: June 24, 2011

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