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### DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

#### **Dr. Ilona Rodan, DVM, DABVP (Feline Practice)**

Dr. Ilona Rodan is ABVP certified in feline medicine and completed her ISFM Advanced Certificate in Feline Behaviour with Distinction. She is an active volunteer of the American Association of Feline Practitioners, a past-president, former chair of the AAFP Cat Friendly Practice program, and current Feline Veterinary Medical Association chair.

Rodan co-chaired the 2024 Intercat Tension Guidelines, the 2022 AAFP/ISFM Cat Friendly Interactions Guidelines, other guidelines, and welfare position statements. She presents internationally on feline medicine and behavior and leads workshops on cat-friendly interactions and handling. In her spare time, she loves spending time outdoors in nature, kayaking, hiking, snorkeling, and spending time with her human and feline family.

#### **Dr. Lacie Lee, DVM (Feline Practice)**

Dr. Lacie B. Lee, DVM, was born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana. She has always had a special love for animals, especially cats, and realized at a very young age she would pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

Graduating from Louisiana State University Veterinary School, Dr. Lacie has achieved over 20 years of companion animal private practice experience. She is the sole owner of Cat Care Center of Baton Rouge, a feline only veterinary hospital with various advanced diagnostic capabilities. Dr. Lacie holds multiple certificates in feline medicine, surgery, and behavior.

Dr. Lacie Lee was recognized as a Rising Leader by the Feline Veterinary Medical Association (Feline VMA). She actively participates in the organization as Chair of the Feline VMA Student Engagement Committee, and an appointed member of the Feline VMA Guidelines Committee. Dr. Lacie also now serves on the Feline VMA Board of Directors. She is a dedicated member of various other professional associations, actively hosts and instructs LSU Veterinary Students in various feline topics and wet labs and leads Cat Care Center as an investigator in various feline clinical trials.

Beyond her professional commitments, Dr. Lacie volunteers and participates in community activities, has a passion for dancing in various styles of partner dancing, and spending time with her family.

#### **Dr. Staci Cannon, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, DABVP (Shelter Medicine Practice)**

Dr. Staci Cannon received her DVM from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine in 2010 and completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at VCA South Shore Animal Hospital in Weymouth, Massachusetts. She worked for several shelter organizations and private practices in Massachusetts prior to completing the Maddie's Shelter Medicine Residency at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine in 2015. Dr. Cannon also completed her Master of Public Health degree at the University of Florida and is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. Dr. Cannon is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners specializing in Shelter Medicine Practice. Dr. Cannon served as the medical director at



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Metro Animal Care and Control in Nashville, Tennessee, for seven years before joining the faculty at the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine in 2022 as the first Clinical Assistant Professor of Shelter Medicine, where she currently serves. She enjoys working with veterinary students, shelter staff and volunteers to advance the medical and emotional wellbeing of shelter animals. Dr. Cannon previously served two terms on the Board of Directors for the Association of Shelter Veterinarians (ASV) and the Animal Care and Control Association of Tennessee. Most recently, she served on the ASV Task Force to publish the 2nd Edition of the ASV's Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters (2022).

### **Dr. Autumn Vetter, DVM (Feline-focused General Practice)**

Dr. Vetter is a Clinical Assistant Professor for the University of Georgia's Pet Health Center which functions as the general practice for UGA's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Vetter initially graduated from the University of Georgia in 2006 with an undergraduate degree in Journalism. After working in this field for several years, her love of cats drew her to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. In this pursuit, she completed a postbaccalaureate in biology at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, GA, and received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine in 2019. She then completed a one-year rotating internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at Bluepearl Veterinary Partners in Tampa, Florida.

Following her internship, Dr. Vetter began serving the cats of Tampa Bay while working as a general practitioner at The Cat Doctors of South Tampa. Driven by her love of teaching and research, she was able to return to the "classic city" of Athens, GA, in 2021, to join the UGA CVM faculty.

Dr. Vetter currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Feline Veterinary Medicine Association (FelineVMA; formerly American Association of Feline Practitioners), is the student chapter advisor for the UGA FelineVMA, and is currently in pursuit of board certification in Feline Practice through the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP). Her research and teaching interests include low-stress feline handling, renal disease in cats and dogs, feline oral and gastrointestinal diseases, and improvement of feline veterinary education.

### **Dr. Rachel Reed, DVM, DACVAA**

Dr. Rachel Reed attended North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine graduating in 2011 and later completed residency in Anesthesia and Analgesia at the University of Tennessee. In 2016, Dr. Reed joined the faculty at the University of Georgia and is currently serving as an Associate Professor for the Anesthesia Service.



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**Dr. Petra Černá PhD, DACVIM (SAIM), MANZCVS (Medicine of Cats), CertAVP (SAM-F), MRCVS, AFHEA AdvCertFB**



Dr. Černá is an ACVIM diplomate in small animal internal medicine. She graduated from the University of Veterinary Sciences in the Czech Republic in 2018 where she also obtained her PhD in 2023. After completing two internships in the UK, she completed Small Animal Internal Medicine Residency at Colorado State University, USA in 2023. Dr. Černá was awarded the RCVS Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice in Feline Medicine and also gained the **Membership of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in the Medicine of Cats**. She was also awarded the ISFM Advanced Certificate in Feline Behaviour with Distinction. Dr. Černá has particular interest in feline medicine and is currently doing a PhD degree at Colorado State University in Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) which is funded by the

Center for Companion Animal Studies from generous donations from multiple sources including Merck Animal Health.

**Dr. Cindy Ward, VMD, PhD, DACVIM**

Dr. Cynthia Ward received her VMD and PhD degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. She completed residency training at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania in small animal internal medicine and a reproductive endocrinology fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She was on faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Georgia and is currently Professor Emerita at the University of Georgia. Dr. Ward is the founder of the UGA Veterinary Diabetes Clinic. She has authored numerous journal articles, book chapters, and research abstracts. Dr. Ward is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (small animal internal medicine).