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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Intercat Tension: Prevention, Recognition & Management, *Dr. Ilona Rodan*

Intercat tension occurs in over half of households with two or more cats, impairing feline health and welfare. As signs are subtle, intercat tension is often unrecognized until distress results in behavior concerns or stress-associated disease. This presentation shares information based on the 2024 AAEP intercat Tension Guidelines to support non-behaviorist veterinary professionals to recognize, prevent, and even manage less difficult cases of intercat tension.

Cat Friendly Veterinary Interactions and Handling, *Dr. Ilona Rodan*

Cat Friendly veterinary interactions and handling techniques reduces feline distress, increasing the safety of caregivers and veterinary team members. The outcome is improved feline healthcare, with more frequent veterinary visits and enhanced client loyalty. Since the veterinary visit experience for cats and caregivers starts at home, implementing carrier training and other cooperative care strategies plays a crucial role in promoting positive veterinary experiences and feline welfare. These practices not only facilitate smoother veterinary appointments but also contribute to increased satisfaction, efficiency, and safety for the entire veterinary team.

Workshop: Cat Friendly Veterinary Interactions, *Dr. Ilona Rodan*

This workshop teaches techniques to minimize feline distress and enhance veterinary team safety. The workshop will cover techniques to increase feline coping ability during examination, sample collection and treatment, as well as how to interact with cats demonstrating self-protective emotions and behaviors.

What is Cat Friendly Practice and Why Should You Do It?, *Dr. Lacie Lee*

Management and Prevention of Feline Upper Respiratory Infections in Animal Shelters, *Dr. Staci Cannon*

Feline upper respiratory infections (URI) are arguably the most common infectious disease faced by animal shelters in the United States. Animal shelters are stressful environments for cats, and stress is known to reactivate latent feline herpesvirus infections, one of the major causes of feline URI. Development of disease often occurs without actual pathogen transmission, so a holistic approach involving stress reduction is required to minimize and prevent disease. This session will review major pathogens, transmission, risk factors for infection, diagnostics, treatment, and most importantly, prevention of feline URI in animal shelter populations.

Updates on Feline Guidelines, *Dr. Autumn Vetter*

In this presentation, Dr. Vetter will provide an overview of the currently available feline guidelines and how best to utilize them in your practice.

Anesthesia of Feline Patients, *Dr. Rachel Reed*

In this presentation, Dr. Reed will review the challenges of anesthetizing feline patients and discuss tips and tricks to provide the best anesthetic care catered to the needs of this species.



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The Mysterious Feline Infectious Peritonitis: diagnosis, treatment, management of complicated cases, relapses, and comorbidities in cats with FIP, Dr. Petra Černà

This lecture will cover diagnosis of FIP and the complexities in FIP diagnosis. This lecture will focus on managing complicated cases of FIP, what to do if cats are not responding to FIP, relapses of FIP as well as cats that develop comorbidities such as IMHA, sepsis, pneumonia etc. We will also address questions about treating cats with FIV/FeLV. We will discuss relapses of FIP as these are not so common and making sure we do not overdiagnose FIP relapse and avoid both unnecessary antiviral treatments as well as provide appropriate therapy.

Learning objectives:

1. Understand the diagnosis of FIP
2. Identify comorbidities and complications that can occur in FIP and how to manage them
3. Understand how to diagnose and manage FIP relapses

Uncovering the Mystery of Feline Fever, Dr. Petra Černà

Identifying the cause of fever in cats is a diagnostic challenge with infection being the most common cause of fever of unknown origin (FUO) in cats. This lecture will focus on different causes of fever in cats and will address the potential diagnostic tests and treatment of FUO in cats.

Learning objectives:

1. Helping to narrow down differential diagnosis in cats presenting with fever
2. Becoming more comfortable with diagnostic tests for investigation of FUO in cats
3. Understanding possible treatments of cats with FUO

Getting Started and Monitoring Cats on SGLT2 Inhibitors, Dr. Cindy Ward

There are new and exciting treatments available for feline diabetes mellitus. This talk will focus on how to use the new sodium glucose co-transport protein 2 (SGLT-2) inhibitors (SGLT-2i) in your practice. A brief overview of how the medications work will be presented followed by information on appropriate patient selection and screening protocols for diabetic cats. Initial dosing and monitoring of SGLT2i will be discussed. Information for caregivers about potential adverse events will be highlighted. Specific case examples may be presented.

Learning objectives

1. The practitioner will learn how to screen cats to identify the appropriate ones for SGLT2i therapy
2. The practitioner will learn how to begin SGLT2i therapy in a diabetic cat
3. The practitioner will learn appropriate monitoring tools for diabetic cats being treated with SGLT2i