



2024 FELINE HEALTH SEMINAR

proudly offered by Sydney Fancy Felines (SFF) All Breed Cat Club
(Affiliated with the NSW Cat Fanciers' Association Inc.)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 28th OCTOBER 2024

- WHEN** Sunday 10th November 2024. Registration commencing at 9.00am
- WHERE** Wests Ashfield Leagues Club, 115 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield NSW 2131
- COST** \$60.00 (non-members); \$55.00 Members, Including Conference Presentations on CD/Thumb Drive, Morning and Afternoon Teas.
Note: Lunch, Snacks and Beverages can be purchased from the Café, Restaurant or the Bar
- CONTACT** For further information and/or Registration Forms please email evakrynda@gmail.com or see the SFF All Breed Cat Club FB page <https://www.facebook.com/SFFAllBreedsCatClub/>
- PAYMENT** Payment may be made through direct transfer or by cheque. Please see the Registration Form for details

OUR PROGRAMME

0915– 0930 WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

0930– 1015

Professor Jacqueline Norris BVSc, MVSt, PhD, FASM, MASID, Grad Cert Higher Ed. RCVS Specialist (Veterinary Microbiology)

Jacqueline is the Head of School and Dean of the Sydney School of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney

Feline infectious peritonitis – new research in genetic studies and treatments? This presentation provides a review of the range of clinical presentations and advances in the diagnosis of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) and discussion of the developments in FIP treatment. Using recent experiences in the clinical trials for treatment of FIP in Australia with mefloquine, remdesivir or GS-441524 and recent published report on new treatment, Jacqui will discuss the outcomes of including the current and future challenges in FIP management.

1015 – 1045 MORNING TEA

1045 – 1130

Dr Rory Nevard BVSc MVStud MANZCVS (Reproduction)

Rory is currently employed as a reproduction veterinarian at the University of Sydney in Camden.

Periparturient disorders in the Queen. This presentation will provide an overview of the main disorders affecting queens immediately prior, during, and post-parturition. This will also include a brief discussion on neonatal care in the immediate post-partum period.

1130 – 1215

Dr Cicilia Muller BSc BVSc MANZCVS (Feline Medicine)

Cicilia graduated from The University of Pretoria in South Africa in 2009 and, in 2019, she joined the Primary Care team at the Sydney University Veterinary Teaching Hospital where she is involved in teaching veterinary students.

Feline Vaccinations WSAVA (World Small Animal Vaccination Guidelines) Guidelines and Feline Friendly Practice Principles. This presentation focuses on the newly released 2024 WSAVA (World Small Animal Veterinary Associations) Vaccination guidelines. Cicilia will also talk about the ISFM Feline Friendly Practice Principles and how this is important to cat carers.

1215 – 1315 LUNCH

1315 – 1400

Sara Ravicini DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVIM (SAIM), Specialist in Small Animal Medicine, Senior Lecturer in Small Animal Medicine

Sara is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and currently works as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Sydney, spending most of her time as an active clinician in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Chronic kidney disease (CKD)

CKD is the most commonly recognized form of kidney disease in older cats. CKD can cause several clinical signs and lab-work abnormalities aside from azotemia. This disease is progressive and irreversible, there is no treatment to recover kidney function. However, supportive and symptomatic therapy can be used to slow down the progression and improve quality of life. In this lecture we will go through the currently available options to help these cats.

Hyperthyroidism

Hyperthyroidism is commonly seen in middle-aged to older cats. The most common cause in cats is a functional thyroid adenoma producing excessive quantities of thyroid hormones, in particular total tetraiodothyroxine (T4). This leads to an array of clinical signs. In cats, there are several approaches to treating hyperthyroidism and many factors can play a role into choosing one treatment versus another. This presentation will assess the different options and possible outcomes.

1400 – 1445

Andrea Harvey BVSc PhD DSAM(Feline) DipECVIM-CA MRCVS MANZCVS (Animal Welfare), Associate Professor in Small Animal Medicine, Registered Specialist & RCVS Recognised Specialist in Feline Medicine

Andrea has lectured and published widely in feline medicine and instigated the now globally recognised 'ISFM Cat Friendly Clinic accreditation scheme'. She lives on a farm in the Southern Tablelands spending her 'spare' time caring for many rescue animals, including a very cheeky tabby cat called Hiram, and a cuddly tortie called Toffee.

Management of gastrointestinal disorders including vomiting and digestive sensitivity in older cats

Gastrointestinal disorders causing a range of presenting problems such as vomiting, diarrhoea, inappetance and weight loss are very common in cats. With the causes of these disorders ranging from benign causes such as dietary issues, to more sinister causes such as cancer, veterinarians and owners often need to be quite the detective to get the bottom of these disorders to enable effective management. Andrea will be discussing these disorders and how with appropriate diagnostics and directed treatment, even seemingly worrying diagnoses in older cats can often be effectively managed.

1445 – 1530

Dr Christine Hawke BVSc (Hons) BSC(Vet) PhD MANCVS (Veterinary Dentistry), Director Sydney Pet Dentistry

Following the completion of her PhD studies in immunogenetics, Christine worked at the University of Sydney, teaching general practice and professional practice skills to undergraduate veterinary students, where she became addicted to small animal dentistry and oral surgery. She founded Sydney Pet Dentistry in 2007 and opened Australia's first dental-only veterinary hospital in Artarmon in November 2023.

Tooth saving techniques (things you can do at home and things we can do clinically in certain diseases)

There is a lot of information and misinformation about ways of trying to save teeth in cats. Pet stores, social media and the internet boast all sorts of products that claim to help keep their teeth and gums happy and healthy. But what really works? This talk will discuss the main dental issues that cats get and what really causes them. By understanding this, we can demystify the best ways to save teeth, both through homecare and in the veterinary clinic.

1530 – 1600 Q&A AND CLOSING REMARKS