



2026 FELINE HEALTH SEMINAR

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

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 26th OCTOBER 2026

WHEN	Sunday 8 th November 2026 from 0900 - 1600. Registration commencing at 9.00am
WHERE	Rowers on Cooks River 1 Levy Street, Wolli Creek (https://rowersoncooksriver.com.au)
COST	\$80.00 (non-members); \$75.00, (SFF members) including Conference Presentations on CD/Thumb Drive, Light Lunch, and Morning Tea
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 bank transfer (EFT) to Sydney Fancy Felines. Please see Registration Form for details

OUR PROGRAMME

0915– 0930 WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

0930– 1030

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 – updates on treatments and diagnostic tests

This presentation will update attendees on the diagnosis of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) and what the latest recommendations are for treatment.

H5N1 Avian influenza – considerations for feline practice and cat breeding

We will discuss the latest updates on the threat H5N1 Avian influenza poses to cats in Australia and help attendees to assess the risk to their cats in your cattery or practice.

1030 – 1100 MORNING TEA

1100 - 1200

Paulina Supera-Gallo Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), Theriogenology resident and veterinary registrar

Paulina graduated as a veterinarian in Poland and has gained experience in animal reproduction in Australia and several European countries. She has a strong interest in animal reproduction, neonatal care and assisted reproductive technologies.

Feline reproduction

This presentation will cover common reproductive and neonatal issues seen in breeding queens and kittens. Specifically, the queen's cycle and problems with ovulation that may affect whether queens get pregnant. Also, flat-chested kitten syndrome and swimmer kittens, stillbirths and kitten mortality, including possible causes, early warning signs and when veterinary help may be needed. She will also talk about cerebellar hypoplasia in kittens, including why it happens, what signs to look for and how affected kittens can be managed.

1200 – 1300

Dr Gary Christou, D.O., D.C., N.D., Graduate Diploma Animal Chiropractic RMIT

Gary has been a practising Osteopath and Chiropractor in both human and animal fields for 50 years. He had a clinic treating humans for nearly 40 years while also treating small and large animals as a clinician, including cats, dogs, horses, wildlife and exotic animals, as well as farm animals such as sheep, goats and cattle. In the last 8 years, he has redirected his practice to animals.

The application of osteopathic and chiropractic treatment for musculo-skeletal problems in cats

Today's talk focusses on conditions where there is evidence of successful use of osteopathic and chiropractic treatment for cats including post-natal, post-traumatic and post-surgical conditions. It will also discuss the use of osteopathy and chiropractic treatment in helping to give better health and quality of life for ageing cats with degenerative conditions.

1300 – 1400 LUNCH

1400 – 1500

Dr Cicilia Muller BSc BVSc MANZCVS (Feline Medicine), Lecturer (Clinical Education), Primary Care

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.

Ageing gracefully: Helping senior cats live longer, happier lives: As cats age, their health needs change, but older cats can still enjoy long, comfortable and happy lives with the right care. This presentation will focus on common health conditions affecting senior cats, including heart disease, arthritis, chronic kidney disease, feline dementia, constipation and inflammatory bowel disease. We will discuss how to recognise early signs of illness, when to seek veterinary care, and how small adjustments at home can improve comfort and wellbeing. The focus will be on maintaining quality of life and helping older cats thrive in their later years.

1500 - 1600

Dr Michael Linton BVSc, FANZCVS (Feline Medicine), specialist in feline medicine at The Feline Centre at MediPaws Veterinary Specialist Centre

Michael achieved Fellowship in Feline Internal Medicine through the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. His clinical and research interests lie in inflammatory and infiltrative gastrointestinal disease, immune-mediated conditions, and haematological abnormalities.

Dr Lara Boland BVSc, FANZCVS (Feline Medicine), DipECVIM-CA, FHE, specialist in feline medicine at The Feline Centre at MediPaws Veterinary Specialist Centre

Lara achieved Fellowship in Feline Internal Medicine through the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists and in Small Animal Internal Medicine through the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Lara is interested in all things feline.

Inherited diseases in cats

This presentation discusses heritable diseases in cats, including the advantages and limitations of genetic testing and how results should be interpreted alongside the cat's breed and symptoms. Disease examples include pyruvate kinase deficiency, polycystic kidney disease, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and hypokalaemic polymyopathy. The presentation also discusses how genetic testing can help breeders make informed decisions while avoiding unnecessary removal of cats from breeding programmes.

1600 RAFFLE DRAW AND CLOSING REMARKS