

Agenda

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

3:00-6:00 PM Sign-in desk open

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Thursday, April 26, 2012

7:00 AM Sign-in desk open

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7:00 AM Continental breakfast; exhibits

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8:00 AM Session 1 Feline Genetics - Leslie Lyons, PhD

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- **Cat Domestication and Population Dynamics**

This topic will focus on the origins of cats and the development of the breeds.

You'll learn about:

- How recent cat domestication affects cat health and behavior
- What health concerns can be predicted in different cat races
- How the cat breeds are related
- What health concerns can be anticipated in different breeds
- Why cats are not small dogs

- **Genetic Diseases in the Cat**

This topic will focus on the known inherited diseases of the cat.

You will learn:

- How to identify an inherited disease
- The role of the environment vs. genetics - "nature" vs. "nurture"
- The differences of single gene traits vs. complex traits and risk factors
- How to manage genetic diseases

- **Feline Coat Colors and Fur Types**

This topics will focus on the phenotypics traits of domestic cats and their breeds.

You will learn:

- How to determine an inheritance pattern for a trait
- How phenotypic traits interplay in the cats final appearance
- Health concerns associated with phenotypic traits

- **Cat Genomics**

This topic will focus on the phenotypic traits of domestic cats and their breeds.

You will learn:

- The importance of consistent diagnostic criteria
- Proper ways to collect and ship samples for genetics studies
- The genomic resources available and their limitations
- The potential to find susceptibility and resistance genetic factors for cat infectious diseases

12:00 PM Lunch (on your own); box lunches available for prepurchase (see registration)

1:30 PM Session 2 Feline GI and Liver Disorders - Joseph Taboada, DVM

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- **The Vomiting Cat**

In this case-based, wide-ranging and interactive discussion, we'll examine a wide range of clinical disorders in the cat that frequently first present to the hospital as "vomiting", including (but definitely not limited to):

- Inflammatory liver disease
- Hepatic lipidosis
- Pancreatitis
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Lymphosarcoma

5:30 PM Adjourn for the day; dine around Seattle

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Friday, April 27, 2012

7:00 AM Sign-in desk open TCC

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8:00 AM Session 3 Feline Behavior - Nicholas Dodman, BVMS TCC

- Social Behavior of Cats & Aggression
- Feline Fears and Anxiety: Causes, Treatment and Expression (Storm Phobia, Separation Anxiety and Urine Marking)
- Litter Box Strategies and Furniture Scratching
- Feline Compulsive Behaviors
- Feline Medical Problems That Present as Behaviors

12:00 PM Lunch (on your own); box lunches available for prepurchase (see registration)

1:30 PM Session 4 Feline Endocrine Disorders - Cynthia Ward, DVM TCC

- Insulin Choices for Cats
- Monitoring Diabetic Control in the Cat
- How to Handle the Tough Feline Diabetic
- Feline Thyroid Storm and Unusual Manifestations of Feline Hyperthyroidism
- Unusual Feline Endocrine Diseases

5:30 PM Adjourn for the day; dine around Seattle

Saturday, April 28, 2012

7:00 AM Sign-in desk open TCC

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8:00 AM Session 5 Feline Infectious Disorders - Jane Sykes, BVSc, PhD TCC

- Feline Upper Respiratory Tract Disease: What's New?
- Frustrating Feline Fungal Infections
- Feline Infectious Diarrhea
- Feline Coronavirus/FIP Update

12:00 PM Symposium adjourns

*TCC = **The Conference Center**, located at 800 Convention Place, Seattle, Washington 98101 (in Downtown Seattle)

All sessions include refreshment breaks.

The order of scheduled topics is subject to change without notice.