

Program – Saturday 17 February 2018

	Small animal stream	Nurses' stream
11.00am	Registration and lunch	
12.30pm	<p>Session 1: Dr Ann Thompson</p> <p>Chronic Kidney Disease</p> <p>CKD patients are common in practice. Knowing how to diagnose kidney disease, assess if the renal injury is acute or chronic and understanding the next steps in staging and management can be a challenge. All aspects of this disease will be considered.</p>	<p>Session 1: Dr Marcus Gunew</p> <p>Feline restraint techniques and monitoring blood pressure</p> <p>Cats are very different to dogs and good restraint is essential to allow proper care of cats. A range of restraint techniques will be covered and the indication for which one to use. Blood pressure monitoring is vital in cats but how do you do it once your patient is properly restrained?</p>
1.20pm	<p>Session 2: Dr Ann Thompson</p> <p>Stone Disease</p> <p>Animals with urolithiasis may present to the veterinarian with a urethral obstruction that can be a life threatening or they might be incidentally noticed on physical exam or imaging. Can you safely leave a urinary tract stone in a patient? Which ones should be removed? How can their recurrence be prevented or delayed?</p>	<p>Session 2: Dr Marcus Gunew</p> <p>Feline friendly practice</p> <p>A cat friendly environment will make each patient's visit as happy as possible. The bonus is that it will allow for much better care for cats in consultation and in the hospital. What are the key points about making your practice feline friendly?</p>
2.10pm	Afternoon tea	
2.40pm	<p>Session 1: Dr Marcus Gunew</p> <p>Feline constipation</p> <p>Constipation is a common and often frustrating condition in older cats. The underlying causes are often multifactorial which complicates effective treatment. Newer medical therapies can be very effective and surgery provides a salvage option.</p>	<p>Session 1: Dr Ann Thompson</p> <p>Urinalysis interpretation</p> <p>Assessment of urine can add much information to the assessment of a patient's health. What method is best to collect urine samples? How to assess the sample fully and what does it all mean?</p>
3.30pm	<p>Session 2: Dr Marcus Gunew</p> <p>Hyperthyroidism</p> <p>Hyperthyroidism is the most common endocrinopathy in cats and diagnosis is straightforward in most cases. We will discuss the pros and cons of the current treatment options to help choose the best option for each patient. Concurrent renal disease and hyperthyroidism will also be covered.</p>	<p>Session 2: Dr Ann Thompson</p> <p>Monitoring the renal patient</p> <p>Patients with renal disease can present is a variety of conditions from unwell and emaciated to looking perfectly normal. How should these patients be managed in hospital? What drugs can you use safely, and which ones should be avoided?</p>
4.30pm	AVA update	
5.00pm	Annual meeting	
5.30pm	Happy hour	
7.30pm	Conference dinner	

Program – Sunday 18 February 2018

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8.00am	Registration	////////////////////////////////////
8.30am	<p>Session 3: Dr Ann Thompson</p> <p>Urinary incontinence</p> <p>Owners and veterinarians find this disease frustrating - but what causes urinary incontinence? Recommended diagnostic tests, treatments, what works the best and what to do when treatment fails will also be considered.</p>	////////////////////////////////////
9.20am	<p>Session 4: Dr Ann Thompson</p> <p>Urinary tract infections</p> <p>Can we ignore urinary tract infections? The pros and cons of treating urinary tract infections will be reviewed, including what to do with cases of recurrent infections. Antibiotics are not the only drug in our armory to manage these patients.</p>	////////////////////////////////////
10.10am	Morning tea	Registration and morning tea
10.40am	<p>Session 3: Dr Marcus Gunew</p> <p>Feline nasal disease</p> <p>Chronic nasal disease has a diverse range of aetiologies in cats. The common diseases and the diagnostic pathways needed will be discussed. Chronic bacterial rhinitis and sinusitis (chronic snuffler) will also be examined in detail.</p>	<p>Session: Dr Kim Smith</p> <p>Urinary catheters and catheter care: what, how, why</p> <p>Sterility in catheter placement and management is paramount in managing animals that require urinary catheterisation. Do you know how and why? We will answer your questions and help you better manage your patients.</p>
11.30am	<p>Session 4: Dr Marcus Gunew</p> <p>Feline pancreatitis</p> <p>How do we diagnose it? How do we treat it? How do we prevent recurrence? What is triaditis? We will cover the current best evidence of how to deal with this difficult disease.</p>	<p>Session 2: Dr Mark Hamilton</p> <p>A day in the life of a vascular surgeon</p>
12.20pm	Animal welfare update	
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	<p>Session 5: Dr Marcus Gunew</p> <p>Feline infectious and viral diseases</p> <p>We will cover the key points of many of the common infectious diseases in cats, including FIV, FeLV, herpesvirus, calicivirus, and panleukopaemia. What to do about feline vaccinations – what to vaccinate for and how often?</p>	<p>Session 3: Dr Ann Thompson</p> <p>Management of CKD patients</p> <p>Patients with CKD can live for many years with renal dysfunction. How can maximise their quality of life? Diet, fluid therapy and medications will be considered.</p>
2.20pm	<p>Session 5: Dr Ann Thompson</p> <p>Imaging of urinary tract</p> <p>How to get the most out of imaging patients with urinary tract disease. Ways to maximise the diagnostic utility of radiographs and contrast studies will be reviewed. What does ultrasound tell us and when can advanced techniques such as cystoscopy and CT be recommended?</p>	<p>Session 1: Dr Penny Dobson</p> <p>Canine Urolith Case Study</p> <p>Meet Miffy!</p>
3.10pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm	<p>Session: Dr Kim Smith</p> <p>Ureters to urethra: some facts and tips for surgery</p> <p>Managing the urinary tract in the surgical setting can be difficult, frustrating & disappointing. Can we prevent or manage ureteral, bladder or urethral leakage? Learn how these to handle & respect the urinary tract.</p>	<p>Session 3: Dr Marcus Gunew</p> <p>Nursing management of chronic feline diseases</p> <p>Nurses play a significant role in helping with chronic disease management. We will cover some of the common diseases and the nurses' roles in The Cat Clinic to illustrate. We will also cover nutrition as it is a vital part of the management of common feline diseases.</p>
4.30pm	Q&A panel (joint session)	
5.00pm	Close	