

## VENUE & SOCIAL



### VENUE

Hotel Kilkenny is located just a 15 minute walk from the city centre. This four star property offers comfortable meeting space on the Skyline suites, excellent accommodation and leisure facilities. Wifi is complimentary throughout for both meeting and hotel guests.

We have secured preferential rates for delegates booking accommodation during the registration process.

Single Rooms from €85 B&B



### ACCESS

Kilkenny MacDonagh Station is just a 5 minute taxi journey to the hotel. Trains to Kilkenny are on the Dublin - Waterford line and travel time is 1hr 40 minutes from Dublin Heuston Station. Main bus services from Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Waterford also terminate at Kilkenny MacDonagh Station and Patrick Street Kilkenny which is approximately 8 min walk to the hotel.

For travel information visit [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie) and [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)



### SOCIAL EVENT

Join us on the Friday evening for dinner at Zuni's Restaurant. Tickets are available to book at the time of registering online. Prices are €55 per person.

## REGISTRATION

Registration is completed online. Visit the Veterinary Ireland website and click through the CVE Section to register online or visit

[www.etches.com/vicas2014](http://www.etches.com/vicas2014)

Early Bird Fees Change on the 31st March – Book Early!

FEE TYPE	EARLY	LATE
	Before 31st March	After 31st March
Members	€295	€325
Members One Day	€195	€205
Non-Members	€595	€655
Non-Members One Day	€395	€405
Year 1-3 Graduate Member	€147.50	€162.50
Year 1-3 Graduate Member – One Day	€97.50	€102.50

Members will be requested to provide a current valid membership number during registration.

## REGISTER ONLINE

[www.etches.com/vicas2014](http://www.etches.com/vicas2014)

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For event information visit:  
[www.veterinaryireland.ie](http://www.veterinaryireland.ie)  
Register online and select to pay by credit card or invoice



## VICAS SYMPOSIUM 2014 Hearts & Minds

Cardiology, Behaviour & Much More...

16-17 May 2014

Hotel Kilkenny

12.5 CVE Credits



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# WELCOME

VICAS is delighted to be hosting our 2014 Symposium in the wonderful Kilkenny City this year. After the huge effort involved in bringing a major European Conference to Dublin in October 2013 we are scaling things back down to a normal level but the quality remains outstanding.

We have taken on board CVE topics suggested by members and ended up with our Hearts & Minds theme for 2014, covering Cardiology, Behaviour, Feline Medicine and some Top Tips for Practitioners, along with two lectures looking at ethical issues in view of the recently enacted Animal Health and Welfare Act.

This is going to be a great opportunity to earn the bulk of your CVE credits for the year, to learn about hot topics from some brilliant speakers, and to enjoy the company of other enthusiastic veterinary colleagues.

See you there!  
Fintan Browne, conference chairperson

# SPEAKERS



BEHAVIOUR  
Claire Corridon



CARDIOLOGY  
Anne French

Claire is a qualified small animal veterinary surgeon with a PhD in Animal Welfare & Behaviour and she leads the veterinary team in Nethan Vets in Scotland. Claire has particular interests in animal behaviour, welfare, quality of life assessment in animals and pain management in companion animal species. She is also qualified to provide veterinary acupuncture treatment.

Anne graduated from University College Dublin and spent several years in the UK and as a lecturer in Small Animal Internal Medicine in Zimbabwe. She did a residency in cardiology at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies in Edinburgh and then spent several years working there as a lecturer / senior lecturer in small animal cardiopulmonary medicine before joining the University of Glasgow as a senior clinician in September 2012. She obtained her Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Diploma in Veterinary Cardiology in 1997, European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (companion animals) Diploma in Cardiology in 2003 and completed a PhD in mucosal immunity in 2008.

# SPEAKERS



ETHICAL QUESTIONS  
Tim Parkin

Tim Parkin is a Senior Lecturer in Clinical Epidemiology working at the School of Veterinary Medicine, College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences, University of Glasgow. He qualified from the University of Bristol with degrees in Zoology (1992) and Veterinary Science (1998).

He immediately took up a position at the University of Liverpool and went on to complete his PhD on the epidemiology of fractures in racehorses in 2002. He gained his Diploma of the European College of Veterinary Public Health in 2006 and has worked at the University of Glasgow since February 2007.



FELINE MEDICINE  
Sarah Caney

Sarah M.A. Caney BVSc PhD DSAM (Feline) MRCVS Sarah is a 1993 graduate of the University of Bristol where she also did her residency in feline medicine and PhD. She is an RCVS Specialist in Feline Medicine and enjoys seeing a mixture of first opinion and referral feline patients.

She has written a number of books for cat owners and veterinary professionals including 'Caring for a cat with chronic kidney disease' published by her company Cat Professional, a subdivision of Vet Professionals Ltd ([www.vetprofessionals.com](http://www.vetprofessionals.com)). Sarah does a lot of owner orientated feline research through online questionnaires and is especially interested in geriatric feline medicine.



TOP TIPS FOR PRACTITIONERS  
Barbara Gallagher

Barbara, a life long cat fanatic qualified from University College Dublin in 2005. After spending three years working in a busy small animal practice in the UK she returned to University College Dublin to undertake a residency in small animal internal medicine.

In 2012 she was successfully awarded her European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Diploma. Areas of particular interest include feline endocrine and infectious disease and in particular why cats cannot just be considered small dogs. She also has, when lucky enough played a role in the care of Dublin Zoo's larger feline friends. Barbara now works as an internal medicine clinician in UCD.

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

## FRIDAY 16th MAY = 6 CVE Credits

9:00	Understanding the physiological and behavioural parameters of stress in companion animals <i>Claire Corridon – Behaviour</i>
9:45	How to integrate behaviour into your practice. <i>Claire Corridon – Behaviour</i>
10:30	Coffee Break in Exhibition Area
11:00	Animal Welfare Act 2013: Practice Implications <i>John Moloney, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine</i>
11:45	Is there an ethical basis for tail docking in dogs? <i>Tim Parkin – Ethical Questions</i>
12:30	How 21st Century pet ownership influences animal behaviour. <i>Claire Corridon – Behaviour</i>
13:15	Lunch in the Exhibition Area
14:15	Putting it into practice: an open tutorial with case studies, <i>Claire Corridon – Behaviour</i>
15:00	How our blood tests can let us down or mislead us <i>Barbara Gallagher – Top Tips for Practitioners</i>
15:45	Coffee Break in the Exhibition Area
16:15	FLUTD and feline idiopathic cystitis <i>Sarah Caney – Feline Medicine</i>
17:00	Weight Loss in the older cat <i>Sarah Caney – Feline Medicine</i>
17:45	VICAS AGM
20:30	Evening Dinner – Tickets required.

## SATURDAY 17TH MAY = 6.5 CVE Credits

9:00	Diagnosis & Management of Feline Hypertension <i>Sarah Caney – Feline Medicine</i>
9:45	Advances in management of feline hyperthyroidism <i>Sarah Caney – Feline Medicine</i>
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	An update on management of cardiomyopathy in cats, <i>Anne French – Cardiology supported by </i>
11:45	The importance of the physical exam in cardiac patients <i>Anne French – Cardiology supported by </i>
12:30	Why is my patient bleeding? Key steps to understanding primary, secondary and tertiary coagulopathies <i>Barbara Gallagher – Top Tips for Practitioners</i>
13:15	Lunch
14:15	Cardiovascular collapse – recognition & management <i>Anne French – Cardiology supported by </i>
15:00	Treating and monitoring congestive heart failure in dogs, <i>Anne French – Cardiology supported by </i>
15:45	Coffee Break
16:15	Why is my patient jaundiced? <i>Barbara Gallagher – Top Tips for Practitioners</i>
17:00	Diagnosis and treatment of protein losing diseases <i>Barbara Gallagher – Top Tips for Practitioners</i>
17:45	Finish