



Distance education programme

Feline Medicine at a glance:

Tutors:

Dr Sarah Caney
Dr Richard Malik
Dr Carolyn O'Brien
Dr Andy Sparkes

Commences:

February 2011

No of Modules:

10

No of Workshops:

2

Price:

Early bird (before 31 Oct)

ISFM Member:
£3,180 (€3,795)

Non-Member:
£3,345 (€3,985)

Full price (after 31 Oct)

ISFM Member:
£3,350 (€3,995)

Non-Member:
£3,520 (€4,195)

Want to gain the special skills required for those tricky feline patients?

Want to truly understand the patho-physiological responses of cats that make their disease features unique?

Key benefits

By completing this course you can expect to:

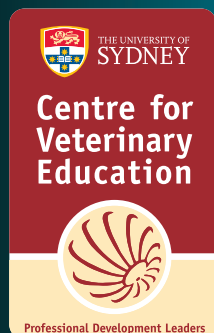
- * Review the epidemiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis and treatment of common feline disease.
- * Expand your knowledge on unusual feline conditions.
- * Get practical advice that will increase your confidence in handling feline patients.
- * Review important developments in feline medicine.
- * Understand key differences when dealing with certain disease conditions in cats versus dogs.

the course modules

- 1 dermatology
- 2 cardiology
- 3 endocrinology
- 4 respiratory disease
- 5 gastroenterology
- 6 urinary tract disease
- 7 neurology
- 8 oncology
- 9 haematology
- 10 infectious disease

Earn up to 334 CPD hours by completing this course

Register online: www.isfm.net/cpd/distance_learning



Recommended reading list

Core Texts

The Cat – Diseases and Clinical Management. Vols 1-2. Sherding RG (ed) 2nd Edition. Churchill Livingstone, New York 1994

Consultations in Feline Internal Medicine. August JR (ed.) 4th and 5th Editions. Saunders, Philadelphia 2001 and Elsevier Saunders, St Louis 2006 respectively

Feline Medicine and Therapeutics. Chandler EA, Gaskell CJ and Gaskell RM (eds) 3rd Edition. Blackwell Publishing, Oxford 2004

Additional References (not compulsory)

General Medicine

Small Animal Internal Medicine. Nelson RW and Couto CG (eds) 3rd Edition. Mosby, St Louis 2003

Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Vols 1-2. Ettinger SJ and Feldman EC (eds) 6th Edition. Saunders, Philadelphia 2004

Kirk's Current Veterinary Therapy, Bonagura JD (ed). Saunders, Philadelphia 2000
Recent issues eg XIII (2000) and XIV (when available)

Cardiology

Small Animal Cardiovascular Medicine. Kittleson MD and Kienle RD. Mosby, St Louis. 1998

Textbook of Canine and Feline Cardiology: Principles and Clinical Practice. Fox PR and Sisson D. 2nd Edition. Saunders, Philadelphia. 1999

Dermatology

Muller & Kirk's Small Animal Dermatology. Scott DW, Miller WH, Griffin CE (eds) 6th Edition. Saunders, Philadelphia 2001

A Practical Guide to Feline Dermatology. Guaguère E and Prelaud P (eds). Merial 2000

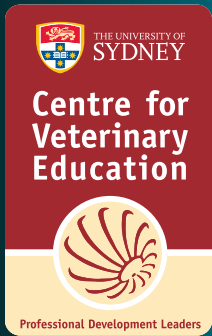
Endocrinology

Canine and Feline Endocrinology and Reproduction. Feldman EC and Nelson RW (eds) 3rd Edition, Saunders, Philadelphia. 2003

Gastroenterology

BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Gastroenterology. Hall EJ, Simpson JW and Williams DA (eds) 2nd Edition. Blackwell Publishing, Oxford. 2005





Immunology

Clinical Immunology of the Dog and Cat. Day MJ (ed). Iowa State University Press 1999

Infectious Diseases

Infectious Diseases of the Dog and Cat. Greene CE (ed) 3rd Edition. Saunders, Philadelphia. 2006

Neurology

Handbook of Veterinary Neurology. Oliver JE Lorenz MD and Kornegay JN (eds) 4th Edition, Saunders, Philadelphia. 2004

Veterinary Neuroanatomy and Clinical Neurology. DeLahunta A. 2nd Edition. Saunders, Philadelphia 1983

Nutrition

Canine and Feline Nutrition. Case LP, Carey DP, Hirakawa DA, Daristotle L. 2nd Edition. Mosby, St Louis. 2000

Oncology

Small Animal Clinical Oncology. Withrow SJ, Vail DM. 4th Edition. Saunders, Philadelphia. 2006

Feline Oncology: A Comprehensive Guide to Compassionate Care. Ogilvie GK and Moore AS (eds), Veterinary Learning Systems, Trenton 2001

Pathology (Clinical)

Duncan & Prasse's Veterinary Laboratory Medicine. Clinical Pathology. 4th Edition. Iowa State Press. 2003

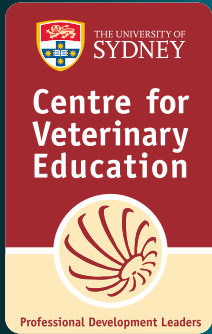
Veterinary Cytology. Canfield and Martin. Postgraduate Foundation in Veterinary Science, Sydney. 1999

Physiology

Textbook of Veterinary Physiology. Cunningham JG, Klein BG (eds) 4th Edition. Saunders Elsevier, St Louis. 2007

Textbook of Medical Physiology. Guyton AC and Hall JE (eds), 11th Edition. Elsevier Saunders. 2005





Perusal of the following journals would provide additional information:

Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery
Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine
Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Journal of Small Animal Practice
Australian Veterinary Journal
Australian Veterinary Practitioner
Veterinary Medicine
Veterinary Clinics North America-Small Animal Practice
Compendium of Continuing Education for the Practising Veterinarian
Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association
Veterinary Record

Useful websites:

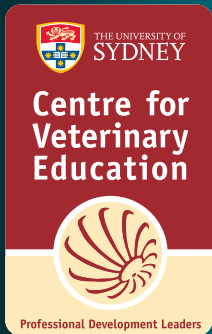
International Society of Feline Medicine www.isfm.net
Centre for Veterinary Education (interactive case studies) www.cve.edu.au
Veterinary Information Network www.vin.com
Case studies in cardiology www.vmeth.ucdavis.edu/Cardio/cases/
Medline www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed

Most publications may be purchased from:

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67 Peacock Street, Seaforth NSW 2092
Tel & Fax: (02) 9948 4605

or from www.amazon.com



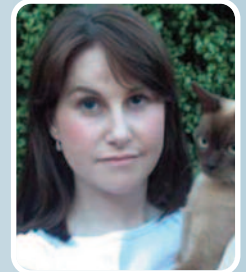


The tutors

Dr Carolyn O'Brien

BVSc (Hons) MVetClinStud, FACVS (Feline Medicine)

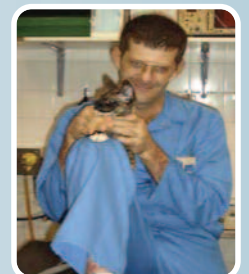
Carolyn O'Brien is a registered specialist in feline medicine. She graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1994 and worked in private practice both in Melbourne and the UK for the first five years of her veterinary career. Carolyn then commenced a residency in small animal medicine at the University of Sydney in 2000. She concurrently completed a masters in veterinary clinical studies in the epidemiology and treatment of cryptococcosis in cats and dogs. After her residency she stayed on at the University of Sydney as a senior registrar for a year and then moved to the Veterinary Specialist Centre in North Ryde, where she spent six months as an emergency and critical care veterinarian. Carolyn gained her fellowship qualifications in 2004 and was previously a senior registrar in small animal medicine at the University of Melbourne Veterinary Clinic and Hospital. She loves all areas of feline medicine, but is particularly interested in the critical care of feline patients, infectious diseases and cardiology. Carolyn has recently commenced a PhD investigating mycobacterial diseases.

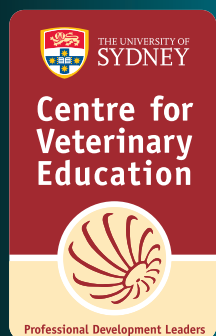


Dr Richard Malik

DVSc, DipVetAn, MVetClinStud, PhD, FACVSc, FASM

Richard Malik graduated from the University of Sydney in January 1981. His first year out was spent training in anaesthesia and intensive care with Jan Ilkiw and Kathy Brock at Sydney University Veterinary Teaching Hospital. This was followed by a PhD in the Department of Pharmacology at the John Curtin School of Medical Research (ANU). Dr Malik then moved to the Neurobiology Research Centre at the University of Sydney studying the development of neuromuscular connections. In 1987 he returned to the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences as its first Resident in Small Animal Medicine. He remained in the vet school for 16 years in varying capacities and was the Valentine Charlton Senior Lecturer in Feline Medicine from 1995 to 2002. Currently Richard works as a consultant for the Centre for Veterinary Education, various private clinics in the eastern suburbs of Sydney, and also the RSPCA. He is also involved in a large number of collaborative research projects in both pure and applied research. He is passionate about all aspects of feline medicine, and has a special focus on treating common diseases using new therapeutic regimens. He also has a farm, with many pets including horses, sheep, goats and alpacas. He is the owner of two moggies, a 10 year old girl called "Miss Binks" and a young B&W kitten called Obie. Richard is an Adjunct Professor of Small Animal Medicine at Charles Sturt University.





Dr Sarah 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. Sarah has a particular interest in feline geriatrics and is conducting a number of research studies in this aspect of feline medicine. She has written several books for cat owners and veterinary professionals including 'Caring for a cat with kidney disease', 'Caring for a cat with hyperthyroidism' and 'Caring for a cat with lower urinary tract disease' published by her company Cat Professional (www.catprofessional.com).

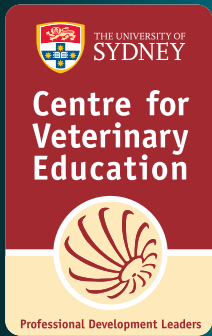


Dr Andy Sparkes

BVetMed PhD DipECVIMCA MRCVS

Andy Sparkes graduated from the Royal Veterinary College (University of London) in 1983, and after a period of four years in general practice joined the staff of the University of Bristol as an intern in feline medicine (Feline Advisory Bureau Scholar) in 1987. Following completion of the internship, in 1988 Andy was appointed to a two-year clinical/paraclinical position at the University (Solvay-Duphar Feline Fellow), and then went on to a research appointment for the period from 1990 to 1993, which led to the successful completion of a PhD (awarded in 1993). In 1993, Andy was appointed as a lecturer in feline medicine in the Department of Clinical Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol – a position funded by the Feline Advisory Bureau (a UK-based charity dedicated to promoting the health and welfare of cats). In 1999 he was promoted to senior lecturer in feline medicine and then in the summer of 2000, Andy moved to the Animal Health Trust near Newmarket in the UK to take up a position as the head of their feline unit with responsibilities for clinical referral work and clinical research. In 2007 Andy was promoted to Head of Small Animal Studies at the Animal Health Trust. In 2010 he set up a his own consultancy business (Simply Feline Veterinary Consultancy) which he runs alongside his position as Veterinary Scientific Advisor for the Feline Advisory Bureau and the International Society for Feline Medicine. Andy has published widely in the field of feline medicine, and is diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. He is a recognised specialist in feline medicine (by the RCVS) and is also currently editor of the *Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery*, an international journal launched in 1999, and the official journal of the ISFM and the AAFP.





Distance Education – what is it?

Distance Education courses are designed to provide structure and flexibility to your professional development. The courses are based on a 10 module programme starting in February. Course material consists of notes, assignments and supplemental journal reading.

There are no formal exams. Instead there is ongoing assessment and feedback from your tutor.

You can access your course material online at any time.

The fundamental advantage of our programmes is the guided approach to learning.

- * Notes are expertly written and updated regularly.
- * Individual feedback and advice will be provided by your tutor following the completion of each module.
- * Email discussion forums will complement your learning experience.

Workshops are an integral part of the Distance Education Programme.

- * This course includes two two-day interactive workshop.
- * Workshops utilise a case-based approach to draw out and consolidate the knowledge you have developed.

If you are a motivated, independent learner and want to get more out of your veterinary career, this is the programme for you!

All courses have a limited number of places so enrol now for our 2011 intake.





Technical Requirements

The Distance Education program has fairly simple technology requirements.

- * You can use either a PC or a Mac to complete the course.
- * These requirements are set so that you can access the homepage and the various multimedia files that are part of the course (Adobe PDF, Apple QuickTime and Microsoft Word).
- * You need to be able to access the internet to complete the DE program.
- * Most 'newish' PC and MACs will easily satisfy the minimum hardware requirements for the course. The specific hardware requirements depend on the specific programs being run. The online component can be completed in all the major internet browsers such as Internet Explorer, Firefox and Netscape (PC) or Safari and Firefox (MAC).

Software Requirements

Throughout your course you will need the following three programs to access the course material.

Adobe Acrobat Reader

You need this program to be able to read the course notes.

You can download the latest version of the reader from Adobe at the link below:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

Apple QuickTime

This program will be used to view the video included in your notes.

You can download the latest version of Apple QuickTime at the link below:

<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>

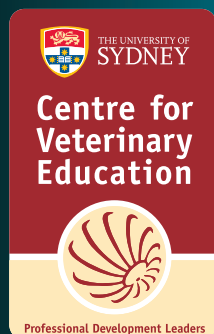
Microsoft Word or Open Office

You will need either of these programs to complete your assignments.

Microsoft Word is not a free program. If you do not have Microsoft Word or a compatible program, you can download Open Office which is a free program similar to Microsoft Office. You can download Open Office from the link below:

<http://www.openoffice.org/>





Policies

Each individual who registers for a Distance Education Programme will gain electronic access to C&T, e-library and VetMed databases for the duration of the course.

Individuals who wish to register for Distance Education are required to pay the full registration cost at the time of booking. If you wish to discuss paying in installments, please contact Amanda Dennant – tel: +44 (0)1747 871872, conferences@isfm.net

An early bird discount applies to all those who register and fully pay for a Distance Education Programme by 31 October, 2010.

The closing date for registrations and payment in full for a Distance Education Programme is 1 January 2011.

Cancellation Policy

Please note that the ISFM and the CVE have a strict cancellation policy.

- * No refunds will be offered for a cancellation received less than six weeks (42 days) prior to the course starting, or for non participation or cancellation during the course.
- * The ISFM/CVE reserves the right to retain 50% of the payment received if the cancellation has been made at six weeks (42 days).
- * Cancellations made more than six weeks before the course date will receive a full refund minus £800 administration fee.

The ISFM/CVE does not accept deferral of courses. You must complete your course in the year of commencement.

The Centre for Veterinary Education reserves the right to cancel a course due to insufficient registrations. Enrolment fees will be fully reimbursed if a course is cancelled by the CVE. No further claim can be raised thereafter.

If a participant wishes to have their modules sent to them by courier, extra charges will be incurred for this method of delivery. The CVE will only cover normal postage including airmail of course documents.

