

ISFM introduces itself to vets and cats in China



In early March, ISFM held its first ever Asian seminars – in Beijing and Hong Kong – in conjunction with Royal Canin. Each seminar attracted more than 100 veterinary delegates, many of whom had travelled from Thailand, the Philippines, Taiwan and Korea. Topics covered included feline behaviour, chronic kidney disease, spinal diseases, osteoarthritis and the rational use of NSAIDs. The visit also enabled ISFM representatives to take a closer look at life for pet cats in China.



Dr Louis Liu, President of the Beijing Small Animal Veterinary Association, addresses delegates at the start of the Beijing seminar



ISFM representatives took the opportunity to visit several veterinary practices in Hong Kong and Beijing, including Dr Liu's veterinary practice in Beijing



The flat-faced Exotic and the Munchkin appear to be among the more popular breeds in Hong Kong, as judged by cats on sale in pet shops

Five new members joined the ranks of ISFM at the Asia seminars. ISFM now has members in no fewer than 33 countries.



Feline infectious peritonitis seems to be a significant problem in China. The fact that kittens sold in pet shops are often kept in mixed litter cages, as seen here in Hong Kong, may contribute to this problem



Richard Gowan (centre), from The Cat Clinic in Melbourne, Australia, one of the speakers at the ISFM seminars, discusses treatment of a case with Dr Liu (right) during a practice visit. Outside Hong Kong there is limited access to some Western pharmaceutical products and treatment often features fluid therapy and acupuncture



Speaker Richard Malik (left) checks out the cat ward at the Peace Avenue Veterinary Clinic in Hong Kong with its chief vet and owner Dr Phillip Malik