Join Dr. Margie Scherk for a day devoted to feline medicine.

Session 1: Individualizing Care for The Diabetic Cat – Improving Outcomes
Why are some cats so hard to manage? Which insulin and diet should we choose? What data is there to support these decisions? Performing and interpreting glucose curves provides the necessary information to determine the best type of insulin as well as dose adjustments in a patient. However, performing curves isn’t appropriate for every client. The goals of therapy differ with different patients and different clients. Adjunctive approaches to help clients care for their diabetic cat will be discussed.

Session 2: Understanding Feline Kidney Diseases: Old and New Thoughts
Cats are not dogs and the trajectory and management of kidney diseases differs between these species. Staging kidney disease, a collection of different diseases, allows us to introduce therapies at appropriate stages and encourage our clients to treat their companions. We will discuss new therapies as well as current understanding regarding feeding renal diets.

Session 3: The Geriatric Cat: Complex Management of Multiple Disorders
The older cat is predisposed to many medical problems and often presents with several concurrent disease conditions. We will look at managing chronic kidney disease, hyperthyroidism, arthritis and hypertension and, time allowing, a cat with diabetes mellitus, IBD, dental disease and chronic kidney disease.

Session 4: Interactive Cases to Stimulate Your Brain
A selection of cases is presented to raise important practical points for patient management. You get to choose from a selection of cases to learn about topics relevant to you.

Cat Healthy is an alliance of pet care organizations that not only provides industry leading products and services for pets, but is also dedicated to enhancing the quality of care for cats across Canada: Bayer Animal Health, Merial, IDEXX, Petsecure, and Hill’s Pet Nutrition.

AGENDA

7:30 am   Registration
8:00 am – 9:30 am  Session 1
9:30 am – 10:00 am  Morning Break with Refreshments
10:00 am – 11:30 am  Session 2
11:30 am – 12:30 pm  Lunch
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  Session 3
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm  Afternoon Break with Refreshments
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  Session 4

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Margie Scherk, DVM, Dipl. ABVP (Feline Practice)
Dr. Margie Scherk is a private practitioner who founded Cats Only Veterinary Clinic, in Vancouver, BC in 1986 working there fulltime until June 2008 when she “retired” from practice. She graduated from the University of Guelph in 1982 with a DVM from the Ontario Veterinary College. In 1995 she became board certified in the specialty of Feline Practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP). After many years of serving on the Board of the American Association of Feline Practitioners she was honoured to be its President in 2007. Since its inception in 1995, she has been a member of the AAFP Feline Vaccine Guidelines Panel.

She founded the Feline Internal Medicine folder on Veterinary Information Network (VIN), and through many opportunities on the online medium, has grown to love teaching veterinarians, vet students and veterinary care providers both online and around the world. She has authored numerous book chapters and scientific papers and is the North American editor for the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery. One of the things she is most proud of is pioneering the use of the Transdermal Fentanyl Patch for the alleviation of pain in companion animals. She loves to share her love of cats and feline medicine with others, with her focus being the patients’ point of view. She shares her home with her husband Jim, misses her adult children and is allowed to serve two cats: Nimitz and Jules.

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