Mission

To improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere by:

- Finding ways of preventing and curing diseases of cats by conducting and sponsoring breakthrough feline health studies
- Educating veterinarians and cat owners about feline health by providing timely medical information and by promoting public understanding and awareness of feline issues
- Aiding veterinarians when new or unknown feline diseases occur

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In view of the very large number of cats that are kept in a state of domestication in this country, it is really extraordinary that the special study of their diseases should have been so profoundly neglected as has hitherto been the case. It is only within very recent years that adequate attention has been paid even to the dog, except by a few pioneers among veterinary surgeons; still less anxiety and interest have been exhibited in the diseases of that other companion of the household—the cat."

—Dr. Hamilton Kirk, The Diseases of the Cat (1925)

Dr. Kirk’s observation from the last century is, thankfully, becoming less and less true. Within the past few decades, cats have begun to receive the attention they deserve, and those of us with “anxiety and interest” have much for which to be thankful. Today, veterinary textbooks devoted exclusively to cats abound, and veterinary literature brims with results of feline research efforts. Each year, hundreds of veterinary seminars that speak to the health of cats are attended by thousands of veterinarians. Growing numbers of veterinarians and veterinarians-to-be are devoting their lives to the care of cats. Not surprisingly, veterinarians now can deliver a level of care to cats unimaginable just a few years ago.

For more than three decades, the Cornell Feline Health Center has played a pivotal role in bringing about these changes. Because information from leading-edge studies is essential to improving feline health, throughout our history we have supported studies that span many difficult issues confronting cats. Infectious diseases to cancer, internal medicine to anesthesiology, behavior to nutrition, and zoonotic diseases to animal shelter and feral cat concerns—whatever the problem, we are dedicated to resolving it.

But health studies are only a part of how we work hard to help cats. In this report you’ll read about the wide range of ways in which the Feline Health Center helps veterinarians and cat lovers take better care of cats. Thank you for joining in our mission: to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere.

Sincerely,

Dr. James R. Richards
Director, Cornell Feline Health Center
Bioavailability of Glucocorticoids in Cats

Investigators: Sharon Center, DVM, diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine; John Randolph, DVM, diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine

Synthetic glucocorticoids are a mainstay of therapy for feline allergic, inflammatory, and immune disorders. Despite extensive use of glucocorticoids in feline medicine, no data exists on their bioavailability in cats.

This study will test three hypotheses. Findings will help establish the pharmacokinetics (what the body does to a drug) and pharmacodynamics (what a drug does to the body) of the most commonly used glucocorticoids in feline medicine—prednisone, prednisolone, and methylprednisolone acetate (MPA).

First, by measuring serial plasma concentrations of prednisone and prednisolone in clinically normal cats that receive an oral dose of one of the drugs, the researchers will study whether cats have reduced oral bioavailability and biotransformation of these drugs compared with other species (humans, dogs).

Second, the researchers will analyze whether subcutaneously administered MPA alters total body water in normal cats. Findings might help explain the propensity of some cats to develop signs of cardiac insufficiency after receiving repositol MPA therapy.

Third, the researchers will compare adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH) levels and cortisol response on days 21 and 42 after subcutaneous administration of MPA to several groups of cats. Data will help determine to what degree altered metabolism and its duration of effect are MPA dose-dependent.
Transdermal Patches and Feline Analgesia

Investigators: Michele Steffey, DVM, diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons; Wayne Schwark, DVM, PhD (pharmacology)

Cats present many challenges for veterinarians in the management of acute and chronic pain. Due to the idiosyncrasies of feline drug metabolism, opiates are the most commonly used class of analgesic medications in cats, and they are often delivered transdermally—which is noninvasive, does not require specialized equipment, and is well tolerated.

Despite the common use of transdermal patches to administer fentanyl (a pain-relieving medication), there are no studies that have determined the length of time that analgesic levels of fentanyl are actually delivered to a feline patient by this method. Prior studies suggest that plasma fentanyl concentrations are still steady and above analgesic thresholds at 72 hours. Despite this, it is commonly recommended in clinical practice that the patch be removed at this time. It is possible that veterinarians recommend removal or replacement of the patch too quickly—thus inadvertently resulting in a waste of resources and increased costs for the client.

The objective of this study is to determine the long-term pharmacokinetics (the processes involved in the uptake of drugs by the body) of transdermally administered fentanyl at three different delivery rates. Information derived from this study promises to help establish more accurate dosing recommendations for transdermally administered fentanyl in cats, resulting in improved safety and efficacy in the administration of feline analgesia.
Docetaxel and Feline Cancer Treatment

Investigator: Margaret McEntee, DVM, diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and American College of Veterinary Radiology

The goal in this phase 2 study is to define the role of docetaxel in treating tumor-bearing cats. Although it is the most active chemotherapeutic agent developed in the last 10 years, docetaxel (DT) currently is not used in veterinary oncology due to hypersensitivity reactions in animals following conventional intravenous dosing.

Although the oral bioavailability of DT is poor when it is administered alone, previous studies in humans and dogs show that its bioavailability increases significantly when it is co-administered with cyclosporine A (CsA).

In their earlier phase 1 trial, the researchers conducted studies to measure the maximally tolerated dose of orally administered DT/CsA in cats with spontaneous tumors. Each cat received two doses of DT/CsA at three-week intervals and was monitored for hematologic and gastrointestinal toxicity as well as response to therapy.

In this phase 2 continuation of the study, the researchers will analyze and evaluate plasma DT values to characterize systemic drug exposure. The findings should make it possible to correlate the disposition of DT in cats with the observed responses and side effects and, most importantly, to define parameters for the clinical use of oral DT/CsA in tumor-bearing cats.
Virus-Host Interactions in Feline Caliciviruses

Investigators: John Parker, DVM, PhD (virology); Colin Parrish, BSc (microbiology), PhD (veterinary virology)

Feline caliciviruses commonly cause upper respiratory-tract disease and oral/lingual/palatine ulcers in cats. More rarely, feline caliciviruses (FCV) have been associated with more severe disease including sporadic outbreaks of a fatal systemic disease—the nature of this disease and its underlying details are still unclear.

One problem in investigating virulent-systemic FCV (VS-FCV) disease is that relatively little is known about the fundamental properties of FCV—this makes it difficult to determine if particular properties of isolated viruses are associated with severe disease or are general properties found in low-virulence FCV strains.

This multi-phase study is investigating the basic properties of FCV. The VS-FCV disease represents a change in the tropism of the virus (types of tissues the virus can infect). The researchers hypothesize that differences in FCV tropism associated with virulence result from differences in binding or attachment to specific cell-surface receptors.

Currently the researchers are analyzing the initial virus-host interactions that allow virus attachment and entry. They will compare the abilities of the viruses to bind to and infect cells from various hosts and tissues. They expect to find that changes in virus tropism correlate with the ability to bind different receptors on cells and that these changes correlate with virulence. They also expect to find that intracellular-membrane targeting signals of the FCV nonstructural proteins are critical for virus replication. The researchers also will examine mechanisms of antibody neutralization of different FCV isolates, with the eventual goal of selecting regions of the virus that might be mutated to allow production of attenuated recombinant viruses for vaccination.
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Dr. Margy McEntee, associate professor of clinical sciences at Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine, shown with a digital linear accelerator, an advanced radiation therapy unit, in the Isidor I. and Sylvia M. Sprecher Institute for Comparative Cancer Research. The Feline Health Center has made a five-year commitment of $125,000 to assist with the purchase of the accelerator, providing state-of-the-art equipment that is used to treat feline cancer patients at Cornell. Perhaps even more importantly, work with the linear accelerator is being used to learn how best to treat other cats with cancer, not just those fortunate enough to be patients at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. Investigations are ongoing to determine the optimal course of treatment for cats with cancer and to combine treatment modalities such as chemotherapy with radiation therapy.

**Vaccine-Associated Sarcomas**

The Cornell Feline Health Center has been helping to resolve the problem of vaccine-associated sarcomas—rare malignant cancers occurring at vaccine sites—since the formation of the Vaccine-Associated Feline Sarcoma Task Force (VAFSTF) in 1996. Dr. Richards served as chair of the VAFSTF Education and Communications Subgroup, and the Feline Health Center contributed $70,000 to studies designed to discover the best ways to prevent and manage these aggressive tumors.

Having fulfilled its mission to support and stimulate research and initiate preliminary changes in vaccination protocols, VAFSTF concluded its official activities during this year’s annual convention of the American Veterinary Medical Association. However, via the Cornell Feline Health Center, VAFSTF will continue to actively inform veterinarians and cat owners about vaccine-associated sarcomas.

Regardless of the efforts of countless individuals, the problem has not been solved. Researchers in academia and industry continue to study this singularly complex problem, but it is reasonable to assume that the definitive solution will not be identified in the immediate future. As a way of summarizing the current understanding, task force members and other experts convened a round-table discussion moderated by Dr. Richards; questions asked by members of the American Association of Feline Practitioners were compiled and posed to participants. For a transcript of the discussion, visit the VAFSTF web site at www.avma.org/vafstf.

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The Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Feline Consultation and Diagnostic Service, named in honor of a beloved veterinarian, provides individualized assistance to veterinarians and cat lovers. The service is accessed by calling 1-800-KITTY-DR (1-800-548-8937). A growing endowment helps defray the cost of this service.

Carolyn McDaniel, one of the veterinarians who answers telephone inquiries made to the hotline, explains the daily satisfaction of her work: "Last week I spoke to a woman in Greece who was confused by blood-test results for her cat. When she needed more information about FIP (feline infectious peritonitis) she turned to the Feline Health Center, asking a friend who could speak English to be her interpreter during the call. Then I had an in-depth discussion with a veterinarian in Pennsylvania about treatment options and prognosis for a cat suffering severe nerve damage after trauma. That same week I spoke to a shelter operator in California about her vaccination program, and then to a reporter about the properties and effects of catnip. It is a privilege to be a spokesperson for the Feline Health Center, as it touches the lives of so many cat advocates."

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Feline Health Center Scholarship

Established in 1999 by an anonymous donor, the Feline Health Center Scholarship was created to provide assistance to deserving veterinary students who have a clear and demonstrated financial need, who have been judged by the faculty to be in good standing academically, and who demonstrate an interest in feline medicine. Preference is given to fourth-year veterinary students.

Barbara Otrubova, Class of 2006

"Cats are wonderful creatures. Prolonging their lives is a must!"

Hometown: Modesto, California

Current companion animals: Hobbes, a 3-year-old orange tabby who loves to loll on his back (and on Otrubova and her books) and loves to chirp—when people talk to him, when he sees birdies, and especially when he watches people play darts; Teddy, a 2-year-old grey tabby (a squirrel in his past life), who loves to play hard and sleep soundly

First interest in being a veterinarian: as far back as she can remember. She has found Cornell a great place to go to veterinary school—the hospital and teaching facilities are excellent, she says, and she has enjoyed learning from and working with some of the best clinicians in their fields.

Career plans: Her goal after graduation is a rotating small-animal internship in a private practice, preferably in the Pacific Northwest. Then Otrubova hopes to be a small-animal private practitioner. One day she'd like to own part of a practice and be able to play a leadership role in veterinary medicine.

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The 17th Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium drew veterinarians from all over the world because of its reputation as one of the premier feline continuing education programs. Every year, seminars and workshops offer veterinarians and professionals current information on a broad array of feline health issues.

Topics presented this year included:
- Feline dermatology
- Feline pancreatitis
- Inflammatory liver disease in cats
- Staged management of feline chronic kidney disease
- Proteinuria and microalbuminuria
- The renal-hyperthyroid connection
- Diagnosis and treatment of feline systemic hypertension
- Feeding cats: obesity, inflammatory bowel disease, and the carnivore connection

The symposium is sponsored by the Cornell Feline Health Center in cooperation with Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine and several corporate sponsors. The 18th annual symposium will be held at Cornell from July 28-30, 2006. For details, see www.vet.cornell.edu/extension/conedu
Jessie D. and Denny W. Speidel Scholarship in Feline Medicine

This scholarship, established by Patricia S. Cope '50 in honor of her parents, provides assistance to deserving, qualified veterinary students with demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to third- or fourth-year students in good academic standing who show an interest in feline medicine and plan to pursue a career in the field. A related fund established by Ms. Cope supports the scholarship recipients by reimbursing the costs of their textbooks and supplies.

Amy Lynn, Class of 2006

"The Cornell veterinary faculty is superb—I have never met such a group of talented and caring individuals."

Hometown: Several. Born in Ohio, she has lived in New York, Connecticut, and North Carolina.

Current companion animals: Leonore, an 8-year-old mackerel tabby (pictured), the love of her life; Gershwin, a 7-year-old timid, orange tiger cat with 21 toes; Miette, a 7-year-old kitten with a big meow; Margot, a 7-year-old lap magnet

First interest in being a veterinarian: 1997, the year she adopted her first cat (Leonore). Since then, she has been totally hooked on cats. (Although the 2003-2004 president of the Cornell Feline Club, the student chapter of the American Association of Feline Practitioners, admits that she was originally a dog person!) Leonore made such a feline impression that she prompted a career change and Lynn’s application to veterinary school.

Career plans: A small-animal medicine/surgery internship, then feline-only veterinary practice and feline-related shelter work

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The yearly Fred Scott Feline Symposium is named in honor of Fred W. Scott, DVM, PhD, professor emeritus of virology in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. He is pictured below with Dr. James Richards, director of the Feline Health Center. Dr. Scott served as director of the Cornell Feline Health Center from its inception in 1974 until his retirement in 1996.

Karen Palazzini, Class of 2006
“I am continually awed by the impact we are able to make on people's lives by doing what we love—taking care of animals. Pets are a true part of a family, and it is satisfying to know that I have a role in keeping that family happy.”

Hometown: Mercerville, N.J.

Current companion animals: Tess, a nearly-one-year-old classic tabby troublemaker who is currently in the naughty stages of her kitten years—enjoys chewing on plants, knocking breakables off shelves, and hunting Palazzini's two fire-bellied newts, which have kept her company for the past four years.

First interest in being a veterinarian: She credits her cat of 17 years, who currently resides in New Jersey with her family, for having taught her the intricacies of feline life. She is a moody and particular kitty, Palazzini says, but grew up with her and showed her the unconditional love that animals are capable of giving.

Career plans: After graduation Palazzini hopes to do an internship in small-animal medicine and surgery in the Northeast. Later she wants to work as a general practitioner and play an active part in rescue and adoption programs for homeless animals.
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Norwell Veterinary Hospital, Norwell, Mass.
Dr. Raymond S. Pray, Batavia, N.Y.
Puget Park Veterinary Clinic, Everett, Wash.
Ruxton Animal Hospital, Towson, Md.
Dr. Ronald A. Scharf, Niskayuna, N.Y.
Dr. Alan B. Schreier, Pleasantville, N.Y.
Schulof Animal Hospital, Westport, Conn.
Client education brochures, which can be obtained from veterinarians, are developed by the Cornell Feline Health Center and the American Association of Feline Practitioners. Current titles include Choosing and Caring for Your New Cat, Feeding Your Cat, Feline Behavior Problems (House Soiling, Aggression, Destructive Behavior), Feline Vaccines: Benefits and Risks, The Special Needs of the Senior Cat, Vaccines and Sarcomas, Feline Infectious Peritonitis, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, Feline Leukemia Virus, Diabetes in Cats, Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease, Gastrointestinal Parasites of Cats, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, and What Can I Catch from my Cat? To order brochures, practitioners should call Pamela Sackett at (607) 253-3443.

Feline Health Topics for Veterinarians is a quarterly publication provided to veterinarians who are members of the Feline Health Center.

CatWatch, the Newsletter for Cat People™, is available by subscription or free to members of the Feline Health Center. This monthly newsletter contains a wealth of useful information to help cat lovers keep their cats healthy and happy.

The Feline Health Center's web page is a valuable information resource for cat people: www.vet.cornell.edu/FHC

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"What better way to be around cats all day than to become a vet and make sure they are healthy and happy?"

Hometown: Miami, Florida (18 years), now Tampa, Florida

Current companion animals: Guenhwyvar, or Guen, a 2-year-old black domestic shorthair—a feisty feline who loves using Romano as a human pillow, especially when she studies at night.

First interest in being a veterinarian: Romano’s first words were “I see kitty.” Since those early years, she has had a deep love of felines from house cats to tigers. At Cornell, she says, her experiences have been an amazing milestone in her education and her life—she’s learning more about cats than she ever thought she could know. And her studies have shown her that she can persevere even when she thought it was not possible.

Career plans: First, moving back to South Florida to find a job in a feline clinic. Then a small-animal medicine and surgery internship, and a residency. Her goal: to be ABVP-certified in feline practice. Her dream: opening a feline clinic near a major zoo, and being her own boss.
Julie Storm, Class of 2006

“No matter how daunting the task has been in vet school (and there have been many), hard work and a good attitude—bolstered by a very supportive husband—are instrumental to success!”

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Current companion animals: Mercury, an almost-6-year-old male silver tabby domestic shorthair who, having grown up with women, is in touch with his feminine side; Sunshine, an exuberant 5-year-old yellow Labrador retriever who loves everybody, including Mercury; a tank of fish, including a black-striped silver angelfish who looks like Mercury’s fish-double; and one-year-old foster kitty Reese, a petite domestic shorthair tortoiseshell with half a tail

First interest in being a veterinarian: A childhood spent loving animals, especially kitties. And a summer job at her family vet’s practice, Memorial Cat Hospital in Houston—where she quickly discovered that all cats weren’t as nice as hers. There she developed the skills to work with even the fractious ones and realized that she appreciates feline spunk. With this, she knew that she had what it takes to be a cat doctor. At Cornell she has found that the giving and community aspects of veterinary medicine are emphasized, not just how to treat animals and make money.

Career plans: Internship in the Rochester, N.Y. area, then all-feline practice and, one day, clinic ownership and community outreach about caring for pets

A cat’s a cat and that’s that.
—American folk saying
Opportunities for Support

Your support makes a difference. The majority of our work is funded through private contributions from friends of the Cornell Feline Health Center, alumni, and veterinarians. Listed below are some of the ways you can become involved in the center’s activities.

Memorial Program for Feline Companions

The loss of a beloved cat can be a truly devastating experience, sometimes causing emotions as intense as those felt over the loss of any other family member. Expressing compassion and understanding the bereaved person’s feelings can be immensely comforting. A memorial contribution in the cat’s name shows your sensitivity in a way that will help cats live healthier lives. Veterinarians should call Don Personius at (607) 253-3414; others call Sheryl Thomas at (607) 253-3001.

Membership

The Feline Health Center offers membership plans for both veterinarians and cat owners. Your membership dollars enable us to support feline health studies consistent with our mission and publish and disseminate current information about feline health care. To subscribe or set up a gift membership, call Kathy Mospan at (607) 253-3093.

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Cash contributions provide necessary financial resources to help the Feline Health Center respond to the needs of cats. You may be able to increase the impact of your gift through a matching gift from your employer. Ask your employer for details on the company’s matching-gift policy.

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Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Endowment Fund

Louis J. Camuti, a well-known doctor in the New York metropolitan area, was the first veterinarian in the United States to devote his entire practice to cats. For more than 60 years, Dr. Camuti made house calls for his feline patients. Following his death in 1981, friends sought to honor his memory through the creation of the Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Endowment Fund. Together with a small consultation fee, this fund helps defray the Feline Health Center’s costs of approximately $100,000 a year to operate the Camuti Memorial Feline Consultation and Diagnostic Service. Cat lovers, breeders, and veterinarians worldwide use this service to obtain information on feline ailments and treatment options. Contributions to help maintain this fund are welcome.

Thank you to all of the cats at the Tompkins County SPCA who, while they were awaiting adoption, took time to pose for the photographs on the cover and many inside pages of this report.

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