

## **Hazel Carney, DVM, MS, DABVP (Canine & Feline)** Westvet Emergency and Specialty Center, Garden City, ID



As a long-time veterinary technician turned cat-only practitioner, Dr. Carney has cared for cats for over 40 years. She graduated from Colorado State University with an MS in Physiology and Biophysics and a DVM. She opened a feline exclusive practice in 1981. She and her husband reported the first cases of feline wart virus. She was an adjunct professor at Louisiana State University Veterinary School where in 1986, she started providing radio-iodine therapy for hyperthyroid cats. For the past 21 years she has been a feline medicine and behavior clinician at a referral clinic in Idaho and has operated an I-131 treatment facility in Oregon. In 2014, the Idaho VMA named her Veterinarian of the Year. She currently serves as Chair of the AAFP Guidelines Committee and has been a Co-chair or panelist on six of the Guideline publications. She recently co-authored a chapter in the *ISFM Pocket Guide to Feline Stress and Health*. Besides the health care of cats, her passions are her husband of 35 years, their daughter, their critters and their ranch in Idaho.

## **Amy DeClue, DVM, MS, DACVIM** University of Missouri Veterinary Health Center, Columbia, MO



Dr. Amy DeClue received her DVM from the University of Illinois and spent 3 years in small animal private practice before completing a residency in small animal internal medicine at the University of Missouri. She is board certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in Small Animal Internal Medicine and is currently an Associate Professor of Veterinary Internal Medicine and the Associate Director of the Comparative Internal Medicine Laboratory at the University of Missouri. Her professional interests include sepsis, critical illness-induced immunodysfunction, pulmonology and endocrinology. Dr. DeClue's research program focuses on innate immunity in the context of infection, cancer, and respiratory disease. Dr. DeClue has published more than 50 peer-reviewed papers pertaining to her research and has presented her work both nationally and internationally at scientific meetings.

## **Theresa DePorter, DVM, MRCVS, DECAWBM, DACVB** Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Theresa DePorter is a board certified diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) and the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (ECAWBM). She received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Purdue University in 1992. She has been seeing behavior consultations at Oakland Veterinary Referral Services in Detroit, Michigan, since 2004. She is co-author of "Feline Aggression" in the 3rd edition of "Behaviour Problems of the Dog and Cat" by Landsberg et al. *Feline Behavioral Medicine (Elsevier)* Ilona Rodan & Sarah Heath. The chapters: "Use of pheromones in feline practice" and co-author chapter "Tools of the trade: Psychopharmacology and Nutrition" Chapter on "Prevention and management of stress in pet cats in the home environment" *ISFM Pocket Guide to Feline Stress and Health*. Also forthcoming, 9 chapters on *Feline Aggression in Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Consult Clinical Companion: Canine and Feline Behavior*, Second Edition by Debra Horwitz. Dr. DePorter is the proud caretaker of five Labradors and a former shelter cat "Bacon" who was relinquished in the bitter Michigan winter of 2013 for "not wanting to be an outside cat."

## **Robin Downing, DVM, DAAPM, DACVSMR, CVPP, CCRP** The Downing Center of Pain Management, Windsor, CO



Dr. Downing is Hospital Director of The Downing Center for Animal Pain Management, LLC. She has received many regional, national, and international awards, including the Excellence in Veterinary Medicine Award in 2001 from the World Small Animal Veterinary Association. Dr. Downing is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner, and she was the third veterinarian in the world to earn the Diplomate credential in the American Academy of Pain Management (a human pain management organization). Dr. Downing is an internationally sought-after speaker on a wide variety of topics including pain management, physical rehabilitation, physical medicine, hospice/end-of-life care, anesthesia related topics, and overcoming compliance obstacles/issues in veterinary medicine.

## **Sarah Ellis, BSc, PGDipCABC, PhD** International Cat Care, United Kingdom

Sarah has a keen interest in the behavior and welfare of the domestic cat. After completing a degree in Zoology and Psychology (University of Bristol, UK) and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Companion Animal Behavior Counselling (University of Southampton, UK), Sarah specialized in cats and was awarded a PhD for investigating ways to improve the welfare of cats housed in rehoming centers (Queen's University Belfast, UK). Sarah then spent several years at the University of Lincoln, UK as a Research Scientist working on numerous projects including investigating novel ways to improve feline welfare, and furthering our understanding of feline behavior and the cat-human relationship. In 2015, Sarah decided to concentrate on the application of research and joined charity International Cat Care as their Feline Behavior Specialist. She also is a Visiting Fellow at the University of Lincoln where she remains involved in several feline-related projects. Sarah writes for numerous veterinary and feline specialist publications and has appeared on several scientific documentaries about cats including National Geographic's "The Truth About Cats." She has also written a book entitled "The Trainable Cat" with John Bradshaw which covers how training can be used to improve cats' well-being.

## **Brenda Griffin, DVM, MS, DACVIM** Adjunct Associate Professor of Shelter Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL



Dr. Griffin is a 1990 graduate of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. After completing an internship at the MSPCA's Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in 1991, she spent time working in general small animal practice as well as in animal shelters before pursuing a residency in small animal internal medicine at Auburn University. For the past 17 years, Dr. Griffin has used her expertise in small animal internal medicine and her passion for shelter animals to assist in the development of training and research programs that support the field of Shelter Medicine as a whole. Her professional interests surround shelter animal behavior and welfare, population health and wellness, feline medicine, and strategies to prevent animals from entering shelters including behavioral wellness, identification, and sterilization programs. She has published numerous articles and book chapters on these topics. While a member of the faculty of the Scott Ritchey Research Center, Dr. Griffin co-founded the Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs and directed a trap-neuter-return program for campus and community cats and a Maddie's Shelter Medicine program. She later served on the Association of Shelter Veterinarians' Task Force to Advance Spay-Neuter, as well as the Shelter Standards Task Force. In 2000, she was named by the AVMA as the Bustad Companion Animal Veterinarian of the Year. She currently co-instructs courses in shelter medicine at both the University of Florida and the University of Georgia, and serves as the Regent for the new specialty in Shelter Medicine: ABVP- SMP.

## Distinguished Speakers:

### **Sarah Heath, BVSc, DECAWBM(BM), CCAB, MRCVS** Behavioural Productions, United Kingdom

Sarah qualified from Bristol University and spent four years in mixed general practice before setting up a behavioral medicine referral practice in 1992. She is an External Lecturer in small animal behavioral medicine at Liverpool University and a Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist under the ASAB accreditation scheme. In 2002, Sarah became a Founding Diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (formerly the ECVBM-CA) and served as President from 2002 to 2008. She is currently Treasurer of the College. Sarah has a special interest in the interplay between behavior and physical illness in dogs and cats and particularly in the role of pain. Her specific feline interests include the interplay between feline stress and disease, the importance of appropriate early rearing of kittens, and the role of behavioral factors in feline obesity, lower urinary tract disease, cognitive dysfunction, and infectious disease. She lectures extensively at home and abroad on behavioral topics and is an author and co-editor of the recently published *Feline Behavioral Health and Welfare* book published by Elsevier.

### **Ingrid Johnson, CCBC** Fundamentally Feline, Atlanta, GA



Ingrid Johnson is a Certified Cat Behavior Consultant (CCBC) through The International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC). She is employed at Paws Whiskers and Claws, a feline-only veterinary hospital and has been working exclusively with cats since 1999. Ingrid operates Fundamentally Feline, providing in home and phone consultations for clients experiencing behavior challenges with their cat(s). In addition to behavior consultations, Ingrid publishes educational blog content, manages Facebook and Twitter pages, makes her own line of feline foraging toys, scratching posts and scratch pads, and litter boxes. Ingrid's home, cats, and environmental enrichment expertise has been featured on Animal Planet's *Cats101* show. Ingrid filmed for the website WebMD and has created a series of educational How-To videos of her own. You may view these on Fundamentally Feline's website. She also writes for the IAABC's Cat Blog. She has been appointed Co-Director of Paw Project-Georgia. Cat Fancy magazine's 2008 "Home Issue" showcased her feline friendly accommodations and the aesthetically pleasing ways you can provide for your cats innate basic needs while still having a home the humans can enjoy. She most recently published an article entitled *Food puzzles for cats: feeding for physical and emotional wellbeing*.

### **Peter Kintzer, DVM, DACVIM** IDEXX Laboratories



Dr. Peter Kintzer received his DVM from the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. He completed an internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York City followed by a residency in small animal internal medicine at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Kintzer spent five years on staff at Tufts, followed by almost 15 years as an internist at specialty/referral practices in New England. He is currently a Field Medical Specialist for IDEXX Laboratories as well as a member of the Pet Health Network medical review board and continues to practice internal medicine in New England. Dr. Kintzer is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. He lectures nationally and internationally on small animal internal medicine and endocrine disorders, and has authored numerous articles and book chapters, most recently for *Current Veterinary Therapy XV* and the latest edition of the *5-Minute Veterinary Consult*.

### **Gary Landsberg, BSc, DVM, DACVB, DECAWBM (CA)** North Toronto Veterinary Behaviour Specialty Clinic, Ontario, Canada



Dr. Landsberg received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Ontario Veterinary College in 1976 and is a diplomate of both the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) and the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (ECAWBM). He also currently serves on the ECAWBM executive board. Dr. Landsberg offers behavior consultation services at North Toronto Veterinary Behaviour Specialty Clinic in Thornhill, Ontario, and serves as vice president of veterinary affairs for CanCog Technologies, as well as a consultant for Veterinary Information Network (VIN). He has authored and edited more than 100 research papers, articles, and book chapters, and co-authored Behavior Problems of the Dog and Cat in 2013. Dr. Landsberg received the Nestlé Purina PetCare Award from the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) in 2000, and the Meritorious Service Award from Western Veterinary Conference (WVC) in 2014.

### **Susan Little, DVM, DABVP (Feline)** Bytown Cat Hospital, Ottawa, Canada



Dr. Susan Little received her BSc from Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia, Canada) and her DVM from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. She has been in feline practice since 1990 and achieved board certification in Feline Practice in 1997. She is part owner of two feline specialty practices in Ottawa, Canada. She is a past president of the American Assoc. of Feline Practitioners and board member for the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (representing the American Animal Hospital Association). She is a peer reviewer for veterinary journals as well as the author of many journal articles. Dr. Little is the recipient of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Assoc. Small Animal Practitioner Award (2010), the NAVC Small Animal Speaker of the Year Award (2013), and the International Society of Feline Medicine/Hill's Pet Nutrition Award for outstanding contributions to feline medicine (2013). She is the editor and co-author of two textbooks: *The Cat – Clinical Medicine and Management* (2012) and *August's Consultations in Feline Internal Medicine, Volume 7* (2015).

### **Klaus Loft, DVM** MSPCA - Angell Animal Medical Center, Dermatology Service, Boston, MA



Dr. Klaus Earl Loft joined Angell's Dermatology Service in January 2011 at one of the world's largest referral specialty animal hospitals with an annual case load of 60,000+ patients and 70+ veterinarians. The Angell Dermatology Service is responsible for the day-to-day management of 2000+ annual referral cases from all of New England. He graduated from the Royal Agricultural and Veterinary University of Denmark in 1999. Upon graduation, he worked in private practice in Denmark and Sweden. He became increasingly interested in dermatology and allergies and began to focus his case load on dermatology in 2001. Dr. Loft completed an American College of Veterinary Dermatology approved residency at Michigan State in 2007. He has worked in the greater Boston area and New England since 2007. His practice is limited to dermatology, seeing cats and dogs with chronic ear problems, severe allergies, cutaneous cancerous conditions, and immune mediated skin problems. Dr. Loft has published articles and lectured both in Scandinavia and the United States. His special interests are feline dermatology and chronic ear disease.

### **Ashley Morgan, DVM** American Veterinary Medical Association, Washington, DC

Currently an Assistant Director in the American Veterinary Medical Association's Governmental Relations Division, Ashley has been with the AVMA since August 2008. In this role, Ashley spends her time advocating to Congress and the federal government on behalf of the veterinary profession, animal health, and animal welfare. Her portfolio focuses on public health, animal health, and pharmaceutical issues. Prior to joining the AVMA staff, Ashley completed an AVMA Congressional Science Fellowship during which she spent a year in U.S. Senator Richard Burr's office working on public health issues. Ashley is a graduate of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine and upon completing an internship in equine medicine and surgery, Ashley practiced in her southern Virginia hometown.

**Lisa Moses, VMD, DACVIM, CVMA**  
MSPCA - Angell Animal Medical Center, Pain Medicine Service, Boston, MA



Dr. Lisa Moses is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (SAIM), and an affiliate of the Center of Bioethics, Harvard Medical School and the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Ethics. After spending twelve years as a senior member of the Emergency and Critical Care Section at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston (now Angell Animal Medical Center), she founded the Pain Medicine Service at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. The Pain Medicine Service is a unique service consisting of an outpatient chronic pain and palliative care clinic and a hospital based in-patient/perioperative consultation service. The service treats all companion animal species and frequently works with patients receiving intensive medical care from other internists, surgeons, and oncologists. Dr. Moses is a frequent speaker on various topics in pain medicine, palliative care, and medical ethics. Dr. Moses is a research fellow in bioethics at the Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School and the chair of the Animal Ethics Study Group at the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics. She has a particular research interest in the ethics of medical decision making, end of life care, and euthanasia in veterinary medicine.

**Laura Nafe, DVM, MS, DACVIM**  
Oklahoma State University, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Stillwater, OK

Laura Nafe obtained her DVM from the University of Missouri in 2009. She then went on to complete a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at North Carolina State University before completing a residency in small animal internal medicine at the University of Missouri in 2013. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine at Oklahoma State University. Her clinical and research interests include respiratory disease and immune-mediated disease.

**Phil Padrid, DVM, DACVIM**  
VCA Inc., Corrales, NM



Dr. Padrid is a fellowship trained human and veterinary pulmonologist (UC Davis School of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine). Dr. Padrid's research regarding the molecular mechanisms involved in human and feline asthma was NIH-supported for 10 years during his tenure at the University of Chicago. He is the author of more than 80 peer reviewed manuscripts and book chapters in the fields of human and veterinary pulmonary medicine, including published manuscripts in the Journal of Immunology, British Journal of Pharmacology and American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, among others. He is a past author of Respiratory Medicine for the Veterinary Clinics of North America and is acknowledged to be the first person to develop, actively promote, and research the use of inhaled medications to treat veterinary patients with respiratory disease. Dr. Padrid is the "official vet" of the NPR-based radio station Dogtalktheradioshow, and is a frequent guest on the Sirius/XM radio talk show Catchat.

**Amy Pike, DVM, DACVB**  
Veterinary Behavior Solutions, Northern Virginia



Dr. Pike graduated from Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in 2003. After graduation, she was commissioned as a Captain into the United States Army Veterinary Corps. It was dealing with the Military Working Dogs returning from deployment that spurred her initial interest in behavior medicine. After getting off of active duty in 2006, Dr. Pike worked exclusively in small animal practice where she furthered her love of behavior medicine by seeing cases and teaching puppy socialization classes. In 2011, the Pike family was stationed in the St. Louis area at Scott Air Force Base where Dr. Pike started seeing behavior referrals in a Residency program officially approved by the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) under the mentorship of Dr. Debra Horwitz, DACVB. In October 2015, Dr. Pike passed the ACVB certifying examination, officially becoming a boarded veterinary behaviorist. Dr. Pike is the owner of Veterinary Behavior Solutions in Louisville, Kentucky where she sees referral behavior cases.

**Ilona Rodan, DVM, DABVP (Feline)**  
Cat Care Clinic, Madison, WI



Dr. Ilona Rodan was the owner and medical director of the Cat Care Clinic, Madison, WI from 1987-2015, and continues to work there as the behavior consultant and board certified feline specialist. She has been an ABVP Diplomate in Feline Practice since 1995. She also started Feline-Friendly Consultations to help practices with handling techniques and environmental changes to benefit cats and cat owners. Dr. Rodan is an avid volunteer, a past-president of the AAFF, co-chair of the AAFF's Cat Friendly Practice, and co-chair of many guidelines, including the *Feline-Friendly Handling Guidelines* and the *Environmental Needs Guidelines*. In 2005, she was awarded the AVMA Animal Welfare Award for her leadership and contributions to advancing feline welfare. She is co-editor and co-author of the book, *Feline Behavioral Health and Welfare*.

**Valarie Tynes, DVM, DACVB**  
Ceva Animal Health

Dr. Valarie Tynes is a native Texan and received her DVM from Texas A&M University. She worked in private practice for 14 years before returning to academia to pursue a residency in clinical animal behavior at the University of California Davis in 2000. She has been a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists since 2003 and is currently President-Elect of the College. Her special interests are the behavior and welfare of pet pigs, exotic pets, and zoo animals. She is a frequent speaker at veterinary meetings around the country and author of numerous articles and textbook chapters. She is the editor of *The Behavior of Exotic Pets* and co-editor of the Behavior issue of the *Veterinary Clinics of North America - Small Animal Clinics* released in May of 2014. She is a veterinary services specialist for Ceva Animal Health, providing behavior education, training, and technical support to the sales force as well as lectures and presentations to veterinarians in the field. She also provides consulting services for zoos, veterinarians, and pet owners.

**Alice Wolf, DVM, DABVP (Feline), DACVIM**  
Professor, Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine, Bryan, TX



Dr. Alice M. Wolf received her DVM degree from the University of California Davis, interned at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, MA, and returned to U.C. Davis for her residency in Small Animal Internal Medicine. Dr. Wolf spent three years in private practice in Albany, CA and the next 24 years as a Professor of Small Animal Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University. Dr. Wolf has received a number of teaching and service awards including the Norden Teacher Award, the Merck Teaching Award, Texas A&M University Association of Former Students College, University Level Distinguished Teaching Awards, and the Cornerstone Award from her collegiate alma mater, Chatham College. She has been recognized for her contributions in feline internal medicine with the AAHA Regional Practitioner of the Year Award, the National Friskies PetCare Award, and the prestigious Bourgelat Award from the British Small Animal Veterinary Association. In 2007, she received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Veterinary Medicine at U.C. Davis. Dr. Wolf has been a speaker at numerous local, regional, national, and international veterinary meetings and has twice received the "Speaker of the Year" award from the North American Veterinary Conference (NAVC). Dr. Wolf has published numerous journal articles, book chapters, and is a reviewer and editor for several veterinary publications. She is presently an Adjunct and Emeritus Professor at Texas A&M University, Chief Medical Consultant for the Veterinary Information Network, and works as a private consultant and lecturer in feline medicine worldwide.