

Clinical Nutrition Symposium for Small Animal Veterinarians

December 7, 2019

- 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM Arrive and Check-In - Continental Breakfast and Coffee
2nd Floor Entrance to Frick Auditorium
- 9:45 AM - 10:00 AM Welcome and introduction - Dr. Neala Boyer, Kansas State University
Frick Auditorium
- 10:00 AM - 10:55 AM Breaking Down the Common Nutrition Myths
Dr. Iveta Becvarova

Lots of misinformation exists about the 'right' nutrition for dogs and cats. This seminar will provide an evidence based point of view to nutritional myths, it will offer useful information that may help you convey the correct information and to help pet owners with the best choices for their pet.

- 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM New Strategies to Promote GI Health - Make the microbiome work for you!
Dr. Jennifer MacLeay, DVM, PhD, MBA, Diplomate ACVIM

Understand how nutrition with specific fiber sources can improve chronic colitis in dogs and cats.

- 12:00PM-12:15PM Pick Up Lunch - *2nd Floor Entrance to Frick*
- 12:15PM-1:10 PM Lunch and Learn - Sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition

Navigating the Sea of Pet Food Options
Dr. Michael Robbins, DVM

This session will discuss requirements for pet food labels and outline important considerations when choosing a pet food. This includes breed-size, activity level, health concerns and lifestage. This session will also discuss AAFCO, who they are and what their role is in the pet food industry.

- 1:15-2:05 pm Obesity and Weight Loss in small animal patients
Dr. Vince Michels - Clinical Nutrition Intern - Kansas State University

The goal of the lecture is intended to provide general practitioners tools to help achieve weight loss in obese canine and feline patients. A general review of obesity and its pathophysiologic effects will be provided followed the introductory notes. This will be followed by guidelines to calculate ideal body weight, formulate plans for caloric restriction, and outline husbandry changes that may help facilitate weight loss.

2:10-3:00 pm

Communication Frustrations: Communication Tips for Building Trust with your Clients Regarding Nutrition & Dispelling Common Nutritional Myths
Dr. Sue Nelson, Kansas State University

With the Internet at their disposal 24-7, today's clients have a plethora of information at their disposal when it comes to the care of their pets, and nutrition-related information is one of those areas from which they have plenty of sites and self-proclaimed "experts" to choose from. So how does one communicate effectively about nutrition with the client who comes in with their own ideas regarding nutritional truths and what is best for their pet? During this discussion, you will learn communication techniques which can make you a better collaborator with your client and not the opposition to their ideas. You will also be armed with credible online resources to where you can send those clients who want to research and provide the best care for their pets.

3:05-3:55 pm

Cases challenges and Q&A with experts: All
·GI / nutritionally based cases, Q&A with Hill's experts