



## 2023 FELINE HEALTH SEMINAR

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Sydney Fancy Felines All Breed Cat Club  
(Affiliated with the NSW Cat Fanciers' Association Inc.)

### REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

- WHEN** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Registration commencing at 9.00am
- WHERE** Wests Ashfield Leagues Club, 115 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield NSW 2131
- COST** \$55 (Members \$50) Including Conference Presentations on CD/Thumb Drive and Morning Tea  
*Note: Lunch, Snacks and Beverages can be purchased from the Café, Restaurant or the Bar*
- CONTACT** For further information and/or Registration Forms please email Eva Krynda at [evakrynda@gmail.com](mailto:evakrynda@gmail.com) or see the Sydney Fancy Felines All Breed Cat Club Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SFFAllBreedsCatClub/>
- PAYMENT** Payment may be made through direct transfer or by cheque. Please see the Registration Form for details

### OUR SPEAKERS

**Dr Lara Boland BVSc (Hons I), DipECVIM-CA, FANZCVS (feline medicine)**

*Specialist in Feline Medicine and Small Animal Internal Medicine, Senior Lecturer at the University of Sydney*

Lara graduated from the University of Sydney in 2004 and initially worked in feline and general small animal practice in Brisbane and Canberra. She then completed an International Cat Care sponsored specialist training program at the University of Bristol. In 2013 she returned home to work at the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Sydney where she exclusively treats feline referral patients. Lara Boland <https://sydney.edu.au/science/people/lara.boland.php>

**Dr Jasmin Hyatt BVSc (Hons) Diplomate ACT MANZCVS (Reproduction)**

*Director, Veterinary Reproduction Consultancy Pty Ltd.*

Jasmin graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science in 2012. After two years in mixed animal practice in New South Wales and New Zealand Jasmin turned her focus to theriogenology (animal reproduction), completing a comparative theriogenology residency through the American College of Theriogenologists. She has now returned to Australia and is the director of Veterinary Reproduction Consultancy, providing referral advice to veterinarians from around the country.

**Dr Richard Malik, DVSc, DipVetAn MVetClinStud PhD FACVSc FASM MASID**

*Richard Malik has been involved with the Centre for Veterinary Education for nearly 30 years, having been invited by the Director at the time, Dr Doug Bryden, to help provide continuing veterinary education.* Richard travelled widely for the PGF particularly running TimeOut seminars in regional Australia and has lectured at conferences on numerous occasions. Richard currently works as a consultant for the Centre for Veterinary Education, various private clinics. He is also involved in a large number of collaborative research projects in both pure and applied research. He is passionate about all aspects of feline medicine, with a reputation as one of the world's most respected and well-known feline veterinarians. He loves his farm, stocked with many pets including horses, sheep, goats, alpacas and four special moggies.. Richard continues to speak regularly internationally and at CVE events. After graduating from the University of Sydney in 1981 he trained in anaesthesia and intensive care at Sydney University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, followed by a PhD in the Department of Pharmacology at the John Curtin School of Medical Research (ANU). Richard then moved to the Neurobiology Research Centre at the University of Sydney studying the development of neuromuscular connections. In 1987 he returned to the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences as its first Resident in Small Animal Medicine. He remained in the vet school for 16 years in varying capacities and was the Valentine Charlton Senior Lecturer in Feline Medicine from 1995 to 2002. Most recently, he has devoted much of his time to the diagnosis and treatment of cats with FIP.

**Dr Jacqueline Norris BVSc, MVSt, PhD, FASM, MASID Grad Cert Higher Ed.**

*Jacqui is a Professor of Veterinary Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at the Sydney School of Veterinary Science, at the University of Sydney.* She is a registered practicing veterinarian and is passionate about practical research projects and education programs for veterinary professionals, animal breeders and animal owners. Her main research areas include: 1) Development of diagnostics and treatments for companion animal viral diseases; 2) prevention of Q fever and role of companion animals and wildlife in the epidemiology; 3) Multidrug resistant (MDR) Staphylococcus species; 4) Knowledge, attitudes and barriers to veterinary antimicrobial stewardship; and 5) Aetiology and diagnosis of Chronic Renal Disease in domestic and zoo Felids.

<https://sydney.edu.au/science/people/jacqui.norris.php>

**Jan Šlapeta, MVDr., PhD**

*Jan is veterinary parasitologist at the University of Sydney.* Jan completed his veterinary degree in the Czech Republic and went onto study parasitic organisms at the National Institute of Health in New York, CNRS in Paris, and later at UTS in Sydney before accepting an academic position at the University of Sydney in 2007. He combines state-of-the-art applications with a deep historical knowledge of veterinary parasitology, to improve and refine control strategies. He is currently the Deputy Editor for the *International Journal for Parasitology*

**Dr Bianca Waud, DVM, PhD, FHEA**

*Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Systems Biology*

Bianca graduated with a degree in veterinary medicine from the University of Veterinary Medicine in Hannover, Germany in 2005. After the completion of her PhD she worked as a genetics researcher at the Institute of Genetics at the Veterinary School in Bern, Switzerland. Bianca joined the Sydney School of Veterinary Science in 2010 as a visiting Researcher, before becoming an academic staff member in 2015. Bianca's main research area is feline genetics and genomics with a focus on obesity, diabetes and metabolic syndrome in the domestic cat. Bianca Waud

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## OUR PROGRAMME

0915– 0930 WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

0930 – 1015 **Dr Jacqueline Norris**

***What is new in FIP treatment and prognosis?***

This presentation will review the range of clinical presentations and advances in the diagnosis of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) before discussing the developments in FIP treatment. Using recent experiences in the clinical trials for treatment of FIP in Australia with mefloquine, remdesivir or GS-441524 and recent published report on new treatment, Jacqui will discuss the outcomes of clinical trials including the current and future challenges in FIP management.

1015 – 1045 MORNING TEA

1045– 1130 **Dr Lara Boland and Dr Bianca Waud**

***Current Issues in Feline Health including Feline Vaccination Best Practice***

Bianca will outline current issues in feline health, specifically focusing on genetic diseases of cats, including areas where more research is needed and what we know about inheritance, testing, and prognosis. Lara will discuss current guidelines for feline vaccination best practice, focusing on diseases of importance for cat breeders, and including vaccine types, effectiveness and side effects.

1140 – 1230 **Dr Jasmin Hyatt**

***Breeding Management Problems with Queens and Studs***

Appropriate breeding management is the key to ongoing high levels of cattery fertility. Minor changes in procedures can have significant impacts on litter size and pregnancy rate. We will discuss recommendations for preventative health plans, environmental management and breeding, pregnancy and queening management.

1230 – 1330 LUNCH

1330– 1415 **Dr Jan Šlapeta**

***Feline Intestinal Parasites and Toxoplasmosis***

Who has not heard of few cat parasites? In this talk I will present something that you may have already known and something that you did not. We will talk roundworms and tapeworms but will converge on one parasite that cats are often blamed for – *Toxoplasma gondii*. While known for causing toxoplasmosis, *T. gondii* remains widely misunderstood. I will challenge common perceptions and delve into the true nature of this enigmatic organism. Is there more to this notorious parasite than meets the eye?

1415 - 1500 **Dr Richard Malik**

***Feeding Cats for Health and Longevity***

The whole modern basis for human nutrition is based on avoiding ultra processed foods. Commercial cat kibble (dry food) is by any definition ultra processed food -food created by combining inexpensive raw ingredients including rendered protein, corn or wheat, combined and fed through a heat extruder, coated in fat and phosphoric acid and salt. It is by any measure an inappropriate food for an obligate carnivore which has evolved to eat the flesh of other animals. The results of feeding such commercial dry food have resulted in a whole spectrum nutrition associated diseases, which are the diseases most commonly seen in mature cats. The speaker will explore this somewhat heretic concept using pertinent examples diseases that have been shown to be associated with feeding dry cat food.

1510 – 1600 Q&A AND CLOSING REMARKS



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**ABOUT YOU?**

ARE YOU A BREEDER /OWNER/ ANIMAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL? (circle the appropriate categories)

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If paying by EFT PLEASE SCAN OR PHOTOGRAPH AND EMAIL TO: Eva Krynda at [evakrynda@gmail.com](mailto:evakrynda@gmail.com)

**Money Orders should be made payable to Sydney Fancy Felines All Breed Cat Club and mailed, with Registraion Form, to: Eva Krynda, 9 Barnsbury Grove, Dulwich Hill. 2203.**

**QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL**

If you have any questions you would like addressed by the panel in the Q & A Session please note them below or add a page if necessary.

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