

# Managing Chronic Renal Disease in Cats

Renal disease is one of the most common diagnoses made in general practice with studies indicating that around 30% of cats over the age of 15 have this condition. There have been many advances in diagnosis and treatment in recent years and the quality and length of life we can offer our patients has increased. This one day seminar will focus on providing an evidence based rationale to diagnosis and treatment with advice on how best to manage renal patients in general practice. Real first opinion cases will be used to illustrate the common dilemmas faced with practical and realistic solutions offered. Topics to be covered will include:

- Is early diagnosis of renal disease possible and how can I do this in my clinic?
- Which diagnostic tests are most important and how often should I be doing these?
- How often should I be reassessing my renal patients and what should I be doing at check-ups?
- How should I be assessing blood pressure in my patient – tips on successful Doppler blood pressure measurement in the clinic
- How can I achieve the best quality and length of life for my renal patients?
- Which treatments are most beneficial – what is the evidence?
- How can I provide the best support to my clients?
- What prognosis should I be offering my patients?

Successful management of renal patients is not only rewarding to the cat but also immensely rewarding to the owner and the clinician.

## Programme

- 10.30 – 11.00** Registration and refreshments  
**11.00 – 11.30** Understanding renal physiology and why this is important for clinicians  
**11.30 – 12.00** Diagnosis of renal disease: not always as easy as it sounds!  
**12.00 – 13.00** 'Gold standard' management of renal patients: acute and chronic cases  
**13.00 – 14.00** Lunch  
**14.00 – 14.45** Successful blood pressure monitoring in renal cases: why is this important and how often should I be doing it?  
**14.45 – 15.45** Practice management of renal cases and design of practice protocols  
**15.45 – 16.00** Q and A session

The cost for this one day seminar is £50 per person including lunch and refreshments and provides 4 hours CPD.

## Sarah Caney

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Sarah is a 1993 graduate of the University of Bristol where she also did her residency in feline medicine and PhD. She is an RCVS Specialist in Feline Medicine and loves both first opinion and referral feline medicine. In 2007 she founded Cat Professional Ltd, a company which aims to provide cat owners and veterinary professionals with the highest quality information, advice, training and consultancy services. Sarah is especially interested in the care of geriatric cats. She has recently published two books 'Caring for a cat with kidney failure' and 'Caring for a cat with lower urinary tract disease' (the latter co-written with Daniëlle Gunn-Moore) which are available as softbacks and electronic books via her website [www.catprofessional.com](http://www.catprofessional.com). Sarah works closely with the UK cat charity, the Feline Advisory Bureau ([www.fabcats.org](http://www.fabcats.org)) and is the secretary of the European Society of Feline Medicine.

**All delegates will receive a free sample of Renalzin and a copy of Sarah Caney's book, "Caring for a cat with kidney failure".**

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