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Cat Professional Promotes Improved Feline Renal Diagnosis and Treatment

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Cat Professional has been working with Bayer Animal Health (UK) to promote better understanding of feline renal disease. Owners of cats with the condition may be unaware of the condition as cats often hide signs of illness. Often the initial weight-loss which is associated with the condition goes unnoticed or is simply put down to a smaller appetite due to age. Other symptoms such as sleeping more (lethargy) are once again often attributed to the age of the cat. With more than 30% of cats aged 15 and over suffering from this condition, diagnosis and management of renal disease is a daily concern for most practising vets. Dr Sarah Caney, Chief Executive of Cat Professional and Specialist in Feline Medicine, has been giving lectures at one day seminars for vets and vet nurses throughout June and July across the UK.

Topics covered in the seminars include early diagnosis of renal disease, all of the latest information on optimal treatment, including discussion of the new food supplement - Renalzin – which is manufactured by Bayer Animal Health. According to Dr Caney, renal disease can be a very rewarding condition to manage for both veterinary professionals and owners, 'recent treatment advances mean that we are able to do a much better job of caring for our renal patients – many of my patients can now remain stable for years following a diagnosis'.

Dietary management is the single most beneficial treatment for cats with kidney disease, and cats that eat a renal prescription diet will live on average twice as long as those that don't or those remaining undiagnosed. Cats that refuse to eat a renal prescription diet will benefit from using the Renalzin supplement as it can be added to their preferred food to restrict phosphates. As with a prescription diet it must be used long-term to deliver benefits. In some cases it may be necessary to use a phosphate binder such as Renalzin, alongside a renal diet. Controlling phosphate levels helps to slow the progression of renal disease and can help to prolong the lifespan of the cat.

Dr Caney recommends that vets and owners remain in close contact, especially in the stages following initial diagnosis, with monthly check-ups. Regular monitoring can help to identify new problems which

may be essential in ensuring the best long-term care of cats with renal disease. The Renalzin website is an excellent source of information for cat owners and veterinary professionals – www.renalzin.co.uk.

Further information and guidance for owners of cats with renal disease can be found in Dr Caney's book, 'Caring for a cat with kidney failure' published by Cat Professional and available through www.catprofessional.com.

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