

# Use of Zylkène in cats with idiopathic cystitis

## Recruit your practice to our study!

Cat Professional is seeking to hear from veterinary practices interested in participating in a prospective web-based owner survey to assess the use of Zylkène in cats with feline idiopathic cystitis (FIC). FIC is the most common cause of lower urinary tract disease in cats, accounting for 50-75% of all cases. Successful treatment depends upon a multi-pronged approach with primary aims being to:

- *Identify and remedy potential sources of stress to the affected cat*
- *Encourage the cat to drink more and therefore produce more dilute urine*

Zylkène is a nutritional supplement which contains alpha-casozepine, a protein derived from cow's milk which has been reported to have positive effects in managing stress in cats and dogs. Zylkène is commonly used for reduction of stress in cats with FIC.

Practices will be invited to recruit clients whose FIC cats are receiving Zylkène to participate in an online survey. Cat Professional will provide participating practices with flyers to give to eligible clients explaining the study and how to access it. Ideally the cat should have been receiving Zylkène for at least one week at the time of completing the survey.

The survey comprises 28 questions and we estimate that completing it should take less than 10 minutes. Data acquired from this study



will be analysed by Cat Professional. Depending on the strength of data received, we hope to publish the results in veterinary and owner magazines. The identity of individual responses will remain anonymous in data analysis and no personal details will be passed on to third parties.

In return for completing the survey, owners will receive a complimentary electronic copy of the book 'Caring for a cat with lower urinary tract disease' by Dr Sarah Caney and Professor Daniëlle Gunn-Moore.

**To recruit your practice to this study, please complete the section below and return this form to us by fax: 0131 777 8025.**

Contact name .....

Practice name .....

Practice address .....

Postcode .....

Contact telephone .....

Contact e-mail address .....

If you'd like to speak to us first, please call Dr Sarah Caney on 07711390219 or e-mail [scaney@catprofessional.com](mailto:scaney@catprofessional.com)

Participating practices will receive a free softback copy of the book 'Caring for a cat with lower urinary tract disease' by Dr Sarah Caney and Professor Daniëlle Gunn-Moore and a supply of client leaflets to hand out to owners whose cats are receiving Zylkène as part of the management of their idiopathic cystitis.