

Session 1: The Purrplexity of FIP: Clinical Clues, Diagnosis, and Tricky Comorbidities

Feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) presents significant diagnostic challenges due to its nonspecific signs and variable forms. This session reviews how to leverage clinical history, signalment, and physical examination to prioritize FIP as a differential diagnosis. Practical strategies for identifying key indicators seen in daily practice are discussed. A tiered diagnostic approach is outlined, beginning with hematology and chemistry (including albumin-to-globulin ratio), progressing to imaging, PCR, and confirmatory testing. Comorbidities such as immune-mediated hemolytic anemia and myocarditis, along with emerging manifestations, add complexity. Attendees will gain tools to improve diagnostic accuracy and confidently differentiate FIP from other infectious, inflammatory, and neoplastic conditions.

Session 2: FIP: From Pawsible to Promising — Treatment Strategies, Monitoring, and Caregiver Support

Feline infectious peritonitis (FIP), once uniformly fatal, now achieves survival rates exceeding 90% with structured antiviral therapy and strong caregiver support increasing compliance. The session explores practical treatment strategies using GS-441524 and remdesivir, tailored for effusive, non-effusive, and neurologic forms. Supportive care, including analgesia, antiemetics, appetite stimulants, and nutritional interventions, is highlighted as essential for recovery and quality of life. Guidance on monitoring weight trends, effusion resolution, and laboratory markers ensures accurate assessment and timely adjustments. Relapse management and communication techniques for caregiver education and emotional support are addressed. Legal access to quality-assured antivirals is emphasized to avoid risks associated with black-market products. Attendees will gain actionable tools to transform FIP from a fatal diagnosis into a manageable condition through evidence-based treatment and comprehensive supportive care.