

Saturday 22nd August | 11:00-12:00

Speaker: Lewis Knox RVN, NCert (Medical Nursing), ISFM DipFN

Session Title: “Eat, Sleep, Pee, Repeat; Nursing the Feline Renal Patient”



Lewis is a registered veterinary nurse from Aberdeen and qualified in 2017. He has experience in both first opinion and referral settings; his main interest lies within medical nursing, gaining the nurses certificate in medical nursing in 2024 and the ISFM diploma in feline nursing in 2026. He is passionate about nursing being able to utilise their skills within practice and focusing on their specialist areas. Currently, he is studying towards the VetsNow certificate in emergency and critical care (this could change hopefully get results by then!) and a veterinary technician specialist certification in clinical practice (canine/feline).

Synopsis:

Feline renal disease is a common yet complex condition requiring attentive, holistic nursing care. This lecture explores practical approaches to managing affected cats, from early recognition to long-term support. We'll cover fluid therapy strategies, including when to initiate and how to tailor inpatient versus outpatient care. Emphasis is placed on nursing interventions that improve comfort, hydration, and quality of life, alongside monitoring techniques and client communication. Nutritional management will also be discussed, highlighting the role of renal diets in slowing disease progression. By the end, attendees will feel more confident supporting both patients and owners through the challenges of feline kidney disease.

Learning Objectives:

1. Recognise the key clinical signs and diagnostic indicators of feline renal disease to support early intervention.
2. Understand the principles of fluid therapy, including selecting and managing inpatient versus outpatient plans.
3. Apply effective nursing care strategies to maintain hydration, comfort, and quality of life in renal patients.
4. Explain the importance of nutritional management and confidently guide owners on renal diets and long-term home care.