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Help your cat parents.

"Although guidelines for prevention of infection have been available for decades, there remains a need to improve adherence to testing and vaccination recommendations."

[2020 AAFP Feline Retrovirus Testing and Management Guidelines](#)

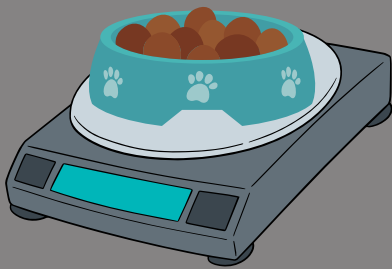
"Susceptibility to FeLV infection is highest in young cats, but the cumulative lifetime risk of exposure results in a slighter higher prevalence of infection in older cats."

For how long are you treating UTI's?

Referring back to ISCAID guidelines on Urinary Tract Infections are essential for maintaining up to date antimicrobial stewardship practices.



[ISCAID guidelines for the diagnosis and management of bacterial urinary tract infections in dogs and cats](#)



Too many treats?

Have you banned the cup?

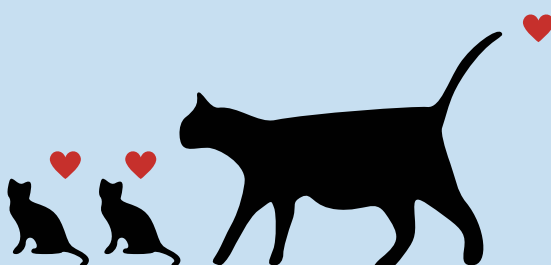
[2021 AAHA Nutrition and Weight Management Guidelines for Dogs and Cats*](#)

Obesity will cause a decreased quality of life, shorten life span and contribute to numerous co-morbidities that you see on a daily basis.

Small losses can equal big gains even before reaching an ideal body weight.

[See the 1 minute video here!](#)

[2021 AAHA/AAFP Feline Life Stage Guidelines*](#)



Leading endocrinologist Dr. Stijn Niessen is an advocate for treating Diabetes & Cushing's while maintaining quality of life for pets and owners. He is here for you too!

The Dechra website in the UK has [excellent short videos](#) where Dr. Niessen speaks to owners about the importance of monitoring clinical signs and using tools to log their progress. Open communication and monitoring is key to returning a Cushingoid dog back to an active lifestyle. Owners may attribute poor control to "aging" and there could be room for improvement.

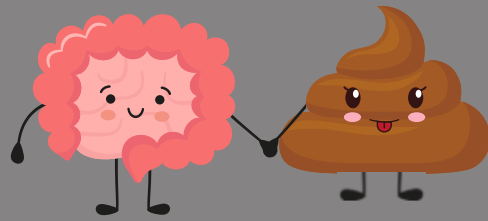


[Find the PDF download link \(PDF download advised\) on the management of Diabetes Mellitus in Practice where he emphasizes goals of treatment and quality of life to reduce the stress of managing diabetes .](#)



An insulin pen can help with accurate dosing and regulation if the case permits. [Dr. Linda Fleeman explains why here.](#)

Taking care of the Microbiome!



Think about this in your most susceptible patients for e.g. puppies and kittens! Antibiotics can cause a prolonged microbiota disruption or dysbiosis in certain patients. It is not possible to predict which patients those are.

Maintaining a healthy microbiome is essential in puppies and kittens. The microbiome supports the normal development of the gut's digestive and absorptive functions, local and systemic immune responses, gut motility as well as impacting behaviour, cognition and metabolism.

Antibiotics can be life saving but should not be considered first line in diarrhea cases unless specifically indicated. Specific antihelmintics should be used including when Giardia is diagnosed as first line therapy. Significant dysbiosis has not been demonstrated with the use of Fenbendazole.

Check out these resources!

✓ [Proposal for the Rational Use of Antibiotics in the Diagnosis and Treatment of dogs with Chronic Diarrhea](#) (handy algorithm)

✓ [Impact of Changes in Gastrointestinal Microbiota in Canine and Feline Digestive Diseases](#)

How good is your feline grimace scale assessment. Pain detection is key to providing optimal care.

[You can test yourself and get interactive here!](#)

