

## AAFP releases updated feline senior care guidelines to the veterinary community<sup>1</sup>

Catvets, June 2021

The American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) has released the updated 2021 AAFP Feline Senior Care Guidelines to be published in the July issue of the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery. This update provides emerging advances in feline medicine with respect to the aging cat. The release provides a comprehensive update from the heavily referenced 2009 AAFP Senior Care Guidelines.

- Reduced stress tolerance
- Decreased hearing
- Altered sleep/wake cycle
- Iris atrophy
- Decreased sense of smell
- Decreased hydration
- Decreased skin elasticity



Some changes associated with aging

- Decreased hemoglobin
- Decreased lung reserve
- Decreased digestion/absorption of nutrients
- Brittle nails
- Reduced ability to retract nails
- Reduced muscle mass
- Slower wound healing

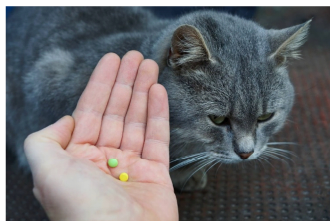
## The rabies crisis plaguing India's street dogs is about to take a turn for the worse<sup>2</sup>

Quartz India, June 25th 2021

In less than a month, India's street dogs face an unprecedented crisis. Starting July 14, the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is levying a temporary suspension on imports of dogs from "high-risk" countries like India over a concern that rabies, which has been eliminated in the US since 2007, will make a comeback. "This suspension will protect the health & safety of imported dogs by preventing importations of dogs inadequately vaccinated against rabies & will protect the public's health against the reintroduction of dog rabies," the agency said. Once the US—the biggest destination for dogs from India—closes its doors for a year, finding rescued dogs homes & making space at shelters will become nearly impossible. It will get harder to feed, rescue, vaccinate & neuter more strays, animal rights advocates fear.

## PET TALK: Getting a cat to take its medicine can be difficult<sup>5</sup>

Houston Chronicle



As many Vets & cat owners know, trying to coax a reluctant feline into anything they don't want to do can be an extremely difficult task. However, in some cases, such as the administration of medication, owners need to place their cat's health above their desires to ensure the pet's well-being. Dr. Lori Teller, an associate professor in the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences,

says that owners should recruit an extra set of hands to give a reluctant cat their medication. The most stubborn cats may react by spitting out the medication or vomiting immediately after it is administered. "If the cat just spits out a tiny amount, you probably don't need to worry about it, but it would be good to ask your veterinarian," she said. "If it spits out all of the medicine or immediately regurgitates it up, then you may need to repeat the dose. Definitely speak to your veterinarian about this."

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## Best Veterinarian Award for Dr Phurba Lepcha<sup>3</sup>

The Telegraph, 30th June 2021

Dr Phurba Lepcha, the deputy director of Mother Dairy Farm at Karfector in South Sikkim, was recently named as one of the recipients of the Best Veterinarian Award by the Indian Veterinary Association (IVA), the apex body of veterinarians across the country. This is the first such award constituted by the IVA to honour one veterinarian from each member state association.

## Dogs with MMVD may develop reductions in PCV<sup>4</sup>

BSAVA, 18th June 2021

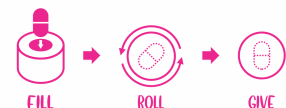
A new study, published in the latest issue of the Journal of Small Animal Practice (JSAP), identified an inverse relationship between packed cell volume (PCV) & the severity of myxomatous mitral valve disease (MMVD) in dogs. The study titled "The effect of myxomatous mitral valve disease severity on packed cell volume" was a retrospective analysis of prospectively collected data. Jenny Wilshaw, corresponding author for the paper, said: "In this study, PCV appeared to decrease with increasing severity of preclinical disease, producing a significant difference when stages B1 & B2 were compared."

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For Dogs:  
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