2023 CFA SYMPOSIUM

FIP: YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW

LOCATION: JW MARRIOTT TUCSON STARR PASS RESORT AND SPA, TUCSON BALLROOM F
DATE: Thursday, June 22, 2023
TIME: 4:30 – 7:00 pm MST

Hospitality - 4:30 to 5:15 pm
Symposium - 5:15 to 7:00 pm

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
   Steve Dale, CABC

II. FIP: FROM THE DISCOVERY TO THE BREAKTHROUGH
    Drew Weigner, DVM, EveryCat Past President

III. CURRENT DIAGNOSIS GUIDELINES AND FIP TODAY
     Brian Holub, DVM, EveryCat Board Member

IV. SWAN SONG: THE WANING DAYS OF FIP
    Brian Murphy, DVM, Ph.D., DACVP

V. NEED FOR RESEARCH CONTINUES
   Peter Cohen, Founder and CEO – ZenByCat

VI. Q&A MODERATION, CLOSING REMARKS
    Steve Dale, CABC
Steve Dale, CABC, has been a member of the Board of Directors of EveryCat Health Foundation since 2007, currently serving as Board Secretary, Media Contact, and Co-Chair of the Education Committee. Among his many accomplishments, Steve is a certified animal behavior consultant, a radio broadcaster, an author, an international speaker, and an active pet advocate. He created the Ricky Fund at EveryCat for HCM research, and the EveryCat Communications Award is named in his honor.

Dr. Drew Weigner is Past President of EveryCat Health Foundation and has been on the Board since 2014. With over 35 years in veterinary practice, Dr. Weigner was one of the first feline only practitioners in the nation. Dr. Weigner served as president of the Academy of Feline Medicine in 2002 and as a board member of the American Association of Feline Practitioners for several terms. He is the author of numerous scientific and consumer articles and is sought after as an expert in feline medicine for many national publications.

Dr. Brian Holub has been a member of the EveryCat Health Foundation Grant Review Committee since 1989 and on the Board of Directors since 2013. Dr. Holub was the Chief Medical Officer for VetCor, a national network of veterinary hospitals, from 2012 until he retired in 2022. Dr Holub also served as a clinical instructor at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Tufts University, from 1998-2014. He currently serves on The Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine Stanton Foundation Advisory Board.

Dr. Brian Murphy’s research group has studied the development of feline coronaviruses, particularly feline infectious peritonitis virus (FIPV) and cats’ immune response to the virus since 2013. In 2015, his team began collaborating with Gilead Sciences to identify antiviral therapies to treat FIPV-infected cats. Dr. Murphy’s research program has facilitated the identification of several effective antiviral therapies, including current work focused on creating highly efficient combined antiviral therapies for FIPV-infected cats.

Peter Cohen is the Founder of “Zen by Cat”, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds and providing education and awareness for FIP. He became active in funding FIP Research after losing his kitten, Ms. Bean, to the disease in 2016. His cat, Smokey, is one of the first cats that was declared “cured” of FIP. Peter has been adopting cats for more than 30 years and his home, called the “House of Nekko,” has been featured on national and international outlets for its cat friendly design. He currently shares his home with more than 20 cats, all adopted from local rescues.