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Endocrinology in Practice: *Confident Care Across the Spectrum* Conference + Masterclass

A central theme of this conference is the concept of spectrum of care in the management of veterinary endocrine disease. Spectrum of care recognises that there are often multiple clinically acceptable diagnostic and therapeutic pathways for conditions such as adrenal disease, diabetes mellitus, Cushing's syndrome, thyroid disorders and hypertension.

The concept of spectrum of care is receiving increasing global attention as veterinary medicine confronts the practical realities of access, affordability and long-term disease management. Spectrum of care recognises that high-quality medicine can be delivered through a range of evidence-informed diagnostic and treatment options rather than a single "gold standard" pathway.

Clinicians are being encouraged to develop frameworks for making transparent, ethically sound decisions that balance patient welfare, clinical evidence and the circumstances of the client and practice setting.

Throughout this 5-day program, we will explore practical clinical decision-making alongside communication strategies that help vets tailor investigations, treatments and monitoring plans to each patient and each client's circumstances. The goal is to equip clinicians with the knowledge and confidence to deliver effective, compassionate endocrine care—no matter where on the spectrum that care begins.

Course Details

10 - 14 August 2026

8:30 AM - 4.00 PM

Location

State Library Victoria

Entrance 3, 179 La Trobe Street

Melbourne VIC

Early Bird rates expire 30 June 2026

cve.edu.au/endocrinology-conference

Day 1 – Monday 10 August 2026

Conference Program

Conference Day 1 | Diabetes

Build confidence in managing one of the most common and often complex endocrine conditions in practice. Day 1 delivers a practical, case-driven deep dive into modern diabetes care, from smart insulin selection and continuous glucose monitoring to improving remission rates in cats. You'll also tackle real-world challenges like postprandial hyperglycaemia, balancing patient and client needs, and managing diabetic emergencies. Expect clear, actionable strategies you can take straight back to consults.

8.00 Registration

8.30 Welcome – Kate Patterson

8.35 Spectrum of care: Balancing the needs of the animal, the owners, and the vet team – Linda Fleeman

9.20 Smart use of modern insulin in dogs and cats – Linda Fleeman

10.10 Morning tea/coffee

10.30 Continuous glucose monitoring and other monitoring options – Linda Fleeman

11.30 How to optimise diabetic remission in cats – Linda Fleeman

12.30 Lunch

1.15 Insulin injections versus SGLT2 inhibitors in cats – Renea Barrett

2.00 Assessment and management of postprandial hyperglycaemia in dogs – Linda Fleeman

2.45 Afternoon tea

3.00 Diabetes-associated emergencies – Linda Fleeman

4.00 Day 1 close

Join us at our Conference Mixer!

Conference registrants are invited to join us on Monday evening, after day one wraps up, at a nearby venue for a relaxed networking mixer. Enjoy a complimentary drink while connecting with fellow attendees in an informal setting, and feel free to stay on for dinner with your new connections.

The Conference Mixer is a new addition to CVE programs, reflecting our commitment to building a stronger professional community. It's an opportunity to foster meaningful conversations, share experiences, and create lasting connections beyond the lecture theatre.

We hope to see you there!



Conference Program

Conference Day 2 | Cushing's Syndrome

Unpack the nuances of Cushing's through a dynamic dual-presenter format, where key concepts are delivered alongside real-time counterpoints and discussion. From recognising subtle early signs to navigating diagnostics, treatment decisions, and long-term monitoring, this day is grounded in practical, real-world decision-making. Explore trade-offs between management approaches, understand key comorbidities, and sharpen your clinical reasoning with expert-led insights.

8.00 Registration

8.30 How to recognise early/emerging hypercortisolism – the wide variation of presenting signs

– Linda Fleeman & Amy Lam

9.20 The value of early diagnosis and treatment

– Rob Shiel & Kathrin Langner

10.10 Morning tea/coffee

10.30 How to confirm the diagnosis of hypercortisolism

– Sue Foster & Jody Braddock

11.30 How to assess and monitor response to treatment (relating this to clear treatment goals)

– Jody Braddock & Rob Shiel

12.30 Lunch

1.15 Tight versus loose medical control of hypercortisolism versus curative surgery

– Amy Lam & Sue Foster

2.00 The important sequelae – hypertension, hypertriglyceridaemia, proteinuria, cruciate rupture, gallbladder changes, behavioural changes, diabetes, thromboembolism

– Kathrin Langner & Linda Fleeman

2.45 Afternoon tea

3.00 Expert panel Q&A

– Linda Fleeman (moderator), Amy Lam, Rob Shiel, Kathrin Langner, Sue Foster & Jody Braddock

4.00 Day 2 close

Conference Day 3 | Thyroid & Renal Disease

Tackle the interplay between thyroid and renal disease with a clinically grounded, evidence-based approach. This day explores senior feline health, diagnostic challenges, and the management of overlapping conditions where treatment decisions are rarely straightforward. From hypertension and bacteriuria to hyperthyroidism management, you'll gain a clearer framework for balancing priorities and optimising outcomes. Rounded out with expert discussion, this is a highly practical day for everyday cases with added complexity.

8.00 Registration

8.30 What should be discussed and checked in a feline senior health exam? – Carolyn O'Brien

9.20 Assessment of thyroid and renal function in cats

– Hattie Syme

10.10 Morning tea/coffee

10.30 Bacteriuria in dogs and cats with endocrinopathies

– Mary Thompson & Linda Fleeman

12.00 Causes, consequences, and management of hypertension

– Hattie Syme

12.30 Lunch

1.15 Options for management of feline hyperthyroidism

– Hattie Syme (current evidence) & Carolyn O'Brien (Australian context)

2.45 Afternoon tea

3.00 Expert panel Q&A

– Hattie Syme, Carolyn O'Brien, & Mary Thompson Moderated by Linda Fleeman

4.00 Conference Close

Day 4 – Thursday 13 August 2026

Masterclass Program

Masterclass 1 | Cushing's Syndrome

Navigate the complexity of Cushing's with greater clarity and confidence in this highly interactive, case-based masterclass. Designed to mirror real consults, you'll step into a mock clinical setting to work through diagnosis, treatment decisions, and long-term management, while balancing clinical best practice with client expectations and constraints.

Explore how experts approach tricky cases, from interpreting borderline diagnostics to tailoring treatment plans and monitoring strategies. Through guided discussion, role-play, and feedback, you'll sharpen your clinical reasoning, improve communication around spectrum of care, and gain practical strategies to manage both straightforward and challenging presentations.

8.00 Registration

8.30 **Cushing's Syndrome Masterclass**
– Sue Foster, Jody Braddock & Kathrin Langner

10.10 Morning tea/coffee

10.30 **Cushing's Syndrome Masterclass**
– Sue Foster, Jody Braddock & Kathrin Langner

12.00 Cushing's Syndrome Masterclass close

Masterclass 2 | Thyroid & Renal Disease

Tackle two of the most intertwined conditions in small animal practice with a fresh, practical lens. This masterclass uses case-based scenarios and mock consultations to unpack the nuances of managing thyroid disease alongside renal compromise, where clinical decisions are rarely straightforward.

Work through real-world cases to refine your diagnostic approach, interpret complex results, and balance treatment priorities when conditions overlap. With facilitators making their thinking visible, you'll explore different management pathways, practise client communication, and build confidence navigating uncertainty in the consult room.

12.00 Registration

12.30 **Thyroid & Renal Masterclass**
– Hattie Syme & Carolyn O'Brien

2.10 Afternoon tea/coffee

2.30 **Thyroid & Renal Masterclass**
– Hattie Syme & Carolyn O'Brien

4.00 Thyroid & Renal Masterclass close

Day 5 – Friday 14 August 2026

Masterclass Program

Masterclass 3 | Diabetes

Turn diabetes from a daily challenge into a confident, streamlined part of your practice. This masterclass is a focused, practical session on modern insulin protocols and continuous glucose monitoring in cats and dogs.

Learn how to discuss and develop individualised care plans to suit different patient and owner scenarios to achieve consistent, meaningful outcomes. Through case-based discussion, you'll refine your approach to insulin dose titration, and make more informed decisions around diet and monitoring, while balancing patient needs with owner lifestyle.

8.00	Registration
8.30	Diabetes Masterclass – Linda Fleeman & Renea Barrett
10.10	Morning tea/coffee
10.30	Diabetes Masterclass – Linda Fleeman & Renea Barrett
12.00	Diabetes Masterclass close

VESPA Abstract session, sponsored by Dechra

Friday, 14 August between 12.30 – 4pm

The Veterinary Endocrinology Society of the Pacific and Asia (VESPA) promotes scientific progress, education, and high standards of practice in companion animal and comparative endocrinology across Asian and Pacific countries. In partnership with the Centre for Veterinary Education, VESPA invites submission of scientific and clinical abstracts for the VESPA Abstract Session, to be held on Friday 14 August 2026, the last day of the Endocrinology in Practice: Confident Care Across the Spectrum Conference in Melbourne. Attendance for this session is free and places are limited. Registration details and further information will be communicated soon.

VESPA Abstract Session – Call for Submissions

Submit your abstract for the opportunity to present at the VESPA Abstract Session. Abstracts may include original research, case studies, case series, or regional perspectives.

- **Submissions open:** Monday 4 May
- **Close:** Monday 24 May 2026
- **Outcome notifications:** Tuesday 15 June

Please submit your abstract (max 250 words, in English) as a **single Word document** to info@vespa.vet. Submissions will be reviewed by VESPA Educational Officers based on relevance, originality, and educational value.

Travel grants of **€500 (sponsored by Dechra)** are available for selected presenters. You can indicate your interest in travel support at the time of submission.

For information regarding abstract submission or travel grants please contact info@vespa.vet



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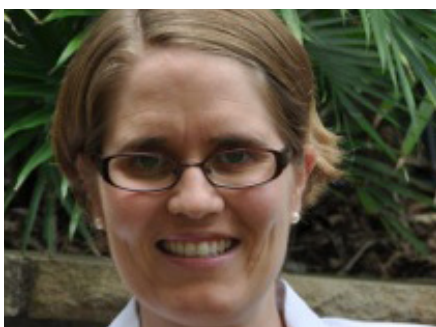
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