

REF. NO.	C–SAM.6
TITLE:	SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE FELINE MODULE 6
CATEGORY AND VALUE:	C - 10 CREDITS
NOTIONAL STUDY HOURS:	100

Completion of this module is necessary, along with the C-Small Animal Medicine modules 4 and 5, for candidates aiming to achieve the Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Small Animal Medicine - Feline). Candidates aiming to achieve the Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Small Animal Practice) will need to complete three C modules from the selection of small animal modules. For example, these might include modules in Small Animal Medicine, Small Animal Surgery, Dermatology, Cardiology, Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging, Veterinary Anaesthesia, Emergency Critical Care etc. Candidates are advised to consult the list of available modules for the complete set of options.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the module, candidates should be able to:

- Demonstrate a systematic understanding of clinical disease syndromes affecting the, endocrine, metabolic, neurological and neuromuscular systems of the cat and demonstrate a thorough and logical diagnostic approach to their investigation and treatment;
- Demonstrate a systematic understanding of the dermatological and ophthalmological manifestations of systemic disease of the cat;
- Demonstrate a systematic understanding of neoplastic diseases of the cat and apply this knowledge in the thorough and logical approach to investigation and treatment of clinical cases;
- Demonstrate a systematic understanding of the principles of disease control for infectious diseases of the cat;
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate with owners in such a way as to achieve optimum results in their practice circumstances in relation to canine medicine cases;
- Critically evaluate the literature relevant to the topics covered and discuss how the literature can be used to inform practice;
- Demonstrate the ability for critical reflection on their clinical work, including identifying potential clinical audit points translating to new protocols or measureable outcomes;
- Demonstrate the ability to recognise the appropriate case for onward referral.

Assessment Strategy

This module may be assessed by the following methods:

A **journal critique or journal club presentation** that provides critical commentary on **one article** in a refereed scientific publication relevant to the module syllabus.

A **case book** of three cases, each of up to 1,500 words in length. These cases should be selected to demonstrate the candidate's ability to use the competences that have been acquired to cope with a challenging situation, rather than necessarily using classic "textbook cases" of particular conditions. The cases should be selected to cover different aspects of the module syllabus.

A **case log or portfolio of cases** (of up to 25 cases) related to the module subject matter that demonstrates that the candidate has dealt competently with a range of commonly presented conditions or situations from the area of practice in which they are working.

A **short-answer or multiple choice quiz** taken at the end of the module.

A **reflective essay** of about 800 words, completed at the end of the module, reflecting upon how the course of study has resulted in a more competent practitioner.

Cases should be recent, with "recent" indicating cases seen preferably within the period of registration on the module. Where this is not possible, i.e. due to late registration, cases seen within the last 2 years will be acceptable.

Module Content

1 Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders

- Clinical evaluation of the endocrine system
- Principles and applications of diagnostic aids (laboratory testing, radiology, ultrasonography, scintigraphy, CT, MRI)
- Diagnosis and management of the common disorders including common endocrine emergencies
- Metabolic and immune-mediated skeletal disease

2 Neurological Disorders, including Neuromuscular Disease

- Appreciation of neuroanatomy sufficient for the localisation of lesions
- Clinical evaluation of the nervous system
- Principles and applications of diagnostic aids (radiology, CSF sampling, MRI)
- The value of electrodiagnostic testing (EMG, BAER, EEG)
- Diagnosis and management of the common disorders

3 Ophthalmological and Dermatological Disorders

- Clinical evaluation of the skin and eye
- Recognition of the ocular manifestations of systemic disease
- Recognition of the dermatologic manifestations of systemic disease

4 Introduction to Oncology

- Principles of tumourogenesis
- Basic principles of chemotherapy
- Instituting and managing common chemotherapy protocols
- Management of lymphoma

5. Infectious Diseases

- Principles of disease control
- Diagnostic and management of the common infectious diseases
- Viral infection – including feline coronavirus, pox, feline infectious peritonitis (FIP), feline parvovirus, feline herpes and feline calicivirus
- Bacterial infection – including *Bartonella henselae*, Mycoplasma and Mycobacteria, MRSA
- Endoparasite infections – nematodes, cestodes, protozoans
- Other diseases – including *Chlamydomphila*, haemobartonellosis, giardiasis, and toxoplasmosis
- Zoonotic diseases
- Imported diseases