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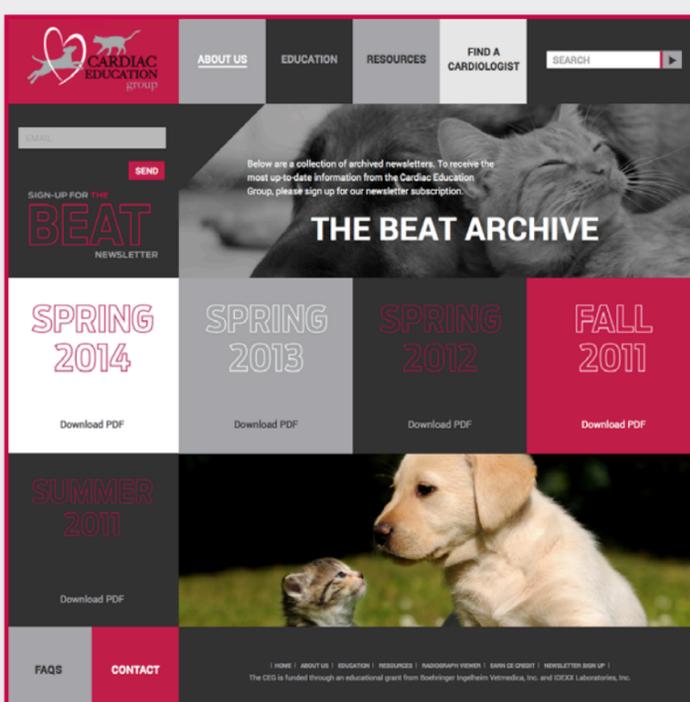
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NEW WEBSITE

INTRODUCING OUR NEW CEG WEBSITE!

Veterinarians make our website the go-to source for up-to-date heart health information. We recently updated the site to give it a fresh look and make it even easier to navigate. Be sure to bookmark www.cardiaceducationgroup.org and check often for the latest information.

CE CREDIT

WE'RE ON THE CASE

We realize that many veterinarians like to use our **interactive case studies** to earn continuing education credit, which is why in the past they all were cleared for Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE). However, in the interest of providing as much practical information as possible, we decided to also post several case studies that have not yet been RACE-approved. Check our website frequently as we continue to provide additional new studies, both for credit and informational value.

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NEW TOPICS

IMPROVE YOUR CIRCULATION

Our members recently posted two new circulation articles that address timely topics in companion animal health.

- **How can ambulatory (or Holter) electrocardiography overcome the limitations of traditional ECGs?** Whit Church, DVM, shares his insight in "The Benefits of Ambulatory ECG".
- **A number of factors influence the nutritional needs of dogs and cats with heart disease**, according to Lisa Freeman, DVM. Learn the importance of individualizing diet plans in "Nutritional Management of Heart Disease".
- In "Implementing a Nutritional Program for Your Cardiac Patient", Freeman provides a **practical checklist for assessing specific nutritional needs**.

RECOMMENDED BY THE CEG...

All-new recommendation articles address two common – and serious – conditions in cats.

- "Approach to the Dyspneic Feline Patient" looks at how to rapidly stabilize, diagnose and manage this challenging condition.
- "Feline Arterial Thromboembolism" delves deeper into this vascular disease, in which a blood clot impedes blood flow to the back legs.

CVC EVENTS

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

We enjoy any opportunity to meet other vets and share practical cardiac health advice. Two of our members will be speaking in the cardiology tracks of CVC events this year:

- **Dr. Sonya Gordon will speak at CVC Central in Kansas City on August 26-29.**
- **Dr. Whit Church will be featured at CVC West in San Diego on Dec. 8-11.**

Find out more about both conferences and register to attend at www.thecvc.com.

CEG CONGRATS

MEMBER ON THE MOVE

We are happy to announce that Brian Scansen, DVM, accepted a new position late last year as Associate Professor of Cardiology, Service Head, Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery, Colorado State University. **Congratulations, Dr. Scansen!**



CLINICAL STUDY

EPIC ADVENTURE WRAPPING UP

Results of the groundbreaking EPIC (Evaluating Pimobendan In Cardiomegaly) study are in, and they will be presented publicly for the first time on June 9 at the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) annual forum in Denver.

The trial, titled "Evaluating Pimobendan In Cardiomegaly" (EPIC), is the largest clinical study ever to be conducted among dogs with myxomatous mitral valve disease (MMVD), the leading cause of heart disease and heart failure in dogs. It evaluated the effectiveness of pimobendan, a medication made by Boehringer Ingelheim, in delaying the onset of clinical signs of congestive heart failure in dogs with increased heart size secondary to pre-clinical MMVD.

"I am excited about the results of this groundbreaking study and proud to be a part of the EPIC team. The results of this clinical trial have the potential to change the way the most common cause of heart disease and heart failure in the dog is managed on a day-to-day basis by veterinarians around the world."

– Sonya Gordon
CEG member