

## WELCOME

to the Summer 2021 issue of the Cardiac Education Group's **The Beat**, where you'll find the latest research and clinical information on canine and feline cardiac issues, new Radiograph Viewer Case Studies, upcoming presentations and more. Be sure to share this information with others on your staff, and visit the CEG website often for regular updates.

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### WHAT'S NEW?

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Things are changing in the world of veterinary cardiology and on the Cardiac Education Group website! Check out our new information and offerings below.

### ► ABCDs of Feline Cardiomyopathy: **NEW!**

Based on the 2020 ACVIM Feline Cardiomyopathy Consensus Statement, the CEG has created a helpful step-by-step guideline for staging and therapy of feline cardiomyopathies.

- The ABCD guide was updated in April 2021 and includes detailed diagnostic schemes, radiograph illustrations and treatment recommendations.
- Clinicians can download the ABCDs of Feline Cardiomyopathy pdf for quick reference at: [ABCDsFelineCM2021](#)

### ► Which Patients Should Be Screened for Systemic Hypertension: **NEW!**

New recommendations from the CEG regarding identification of canine or feline patients who might benefit from a blood pressure assessment.

- Check out our new algorithm regarding risk factors and clinical findings that indicate when blood pressure assessment is warranted.
- Find these new recommendations here: [IdentifyPatientsForBPMMeasurement](#)

### UPDATES

## ABCDs OF MYXOMATOUS MITRAL VALVE DISEASE

The reference guide ABCDs of Canine Myxomatous Mitral Valve Disease (MMVD) was updated in January 2021 and incorporates the latest ACVIM guidelines and recommendations for diagnostic staging and treatment.

The guide also includes detailed radiographic illustrations of various stages of MMVD and diagnostic and therapy protocols based on each stage. A pdf of the quick reference guide can be downloaded or printed at: [ABCDsMMVD2021](#)



### CASE STUDIES

## NEW CASE STUDIES IN THE RADIOGRAPHIC VIEWER

The CEG has added more cases to the Radiographic Viewer that was launched last year. If you haven't visited lately, check out these new additions.

- Show off your VHS measurement skills using our VHS measurement tool and compare your results to those of the experts.
- Click below to access the Radiographic Viewer.

[Click here to access Radiograph Viewer](#)

### CONSENSUS STATEMENTS

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Looking for official Consensus Statements from the ACVIM and the European Society of Veterinary Cardiology? We've got 'em!

- European Society of Veterinary Cardiology screening guidelines for dilated cardiomyopathy in Doberman Pinschers
- ACVIM consensus statement: Guidelines for the identification, evaluation and management of systemic hypertension in dogs and cats
- ACVIM consensus guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of myxomatous mitral valve disease in dogs
- ACVIM consensus statement guidelines for the diagnosis, classification, treatment and monitoring of pulmonary hypertension in dogs
- ACVIM consensus statement guidelines for the classification, diagnosis and management of cardiomyopathies in cats

Find all these official statements here: [CardiologyConsensusStatements](#)

### RACE CASE STUDIES

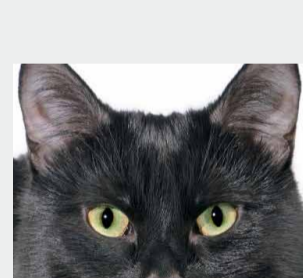
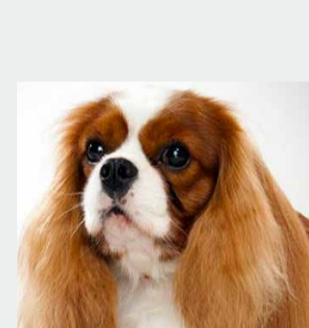
## RACE CASE STUDIES REAPPROVED

The Cardiac Education Group has six RACE-approved case studies in the interactive case study library. Each case completed is worth 1 CE hour.



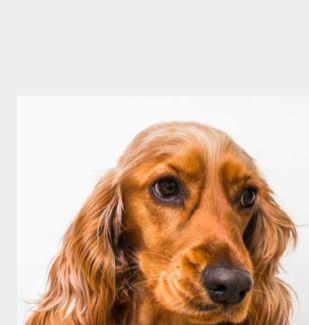
**Leo**, an 11-year-old domestic long hair cat seems to have some difficulty eating. A physical exam revealed a heart murmur.

**Sasha**, a 9.5-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel has a heart murmur. Now what?



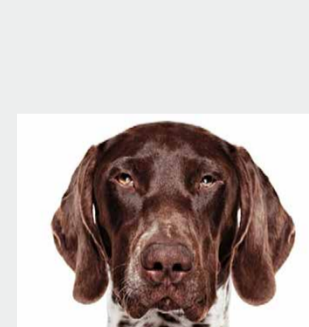
**Cy**, a 7-year-old domestic short hair cat seems to be experiencing a sudden onset of respiratory distress.

**Zorro**, a 7-year-old Cocker Spaniel was coughing at a pre-dental evaluation.



**Nora**, a 5-month-old Newfoundland had a murmur detected at a wellness appointment with her general veterinarian.

**Arco**, a 10-year-old male German Shorthaired Pointer had a heart murmur detected prior to anesthesia for neutering due to a history of prostatitis and prostatic hypertrophy.



Visit [CardiacEducationGroup.org](http://CardiacEducationGroup.org) to complete one of these great cases and earn CE credit.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

## CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY AT ACVIM

**Confused about diet-associated dilated cardiomyopathy? Still have questions about the connections between diet, taurine and heart disease?**

Join veterinary nutritionist Dr. Lisa Freeman for her presentation on Thursday, June 10 (2:30 pm MDT) at the virtual ACVIM Forum 2021 as she talks about **"Diet-Associated DCM: Latest Research and Hypotheses."**

Her presentation is part of an exciting few days of high-level continuing education offered by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine from June 9-12, 2021, and registration is open to all interested participants.

For more information about schedules and registration, visit [acvim.org/acvim-forum](http://acvim.org/acvim-forum)

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