

# Emergency Management of Blocked Cats - Is There Anything New?

Lenore Bacek, DVM, MS, DACVECC reviews recommended management practices for cats suffering from urinary obstruction.

## Speaker Bio:

Dr. Lenore Bacek received her DVM from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in 2007, followed by a one-year internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at Louisiana State University. She completed both a residency in Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care and a master's degree at Auburn University in 2011. Dr. Bacek is board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. After spending nearly a decade on faculty at Auburn, Dr. Bacek is currently the Clinical Programs Manager for BluePearl Specialty + Emergency Pet Hospitals. She is incredibly passionate about teaching and leads the emERge program, BluePearl's innovative emergency training and mentorship program as well as other initiatives in training for emergency veterinarians. Dr. Bacek has been an invited speaker at numerous national/international and regional conferences, including the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Forum, the International Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Symposium (IVECCS), the South Carolina Association for Veterinarians (SCAV) conference, and numerous local continuing education events. She currently serves as the Vice President of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.

## Learning Objectives:

1. Be able to have a high index of suspicion for feline urethral obstruction based on history, clinical signs and physical exam findings.
2. Understand treatment goals and priorities.
3. Formulate an analgesia and anesthesia plan depending on stability of patient including regional analgesia.
4. Understand the steps for placement of a urinary catheter including catheter selection.
5. Develop a plan for continued care and monitoring after urinary catheter placement.

## Agenda:

- Feline Urethral Obstruction
  - History and presenting complaint
  - Physical exam findings
  - Initial stabilization
    - Fluid therapy
    - Management of arrhythmias

- Analgesia
  - Decompressive cystocentesis
- Unblocking
  - Sedation and anesthesia
  - Urethral catheter placement
- Aftercare
  - Fluid therapy
  - Antispasmodics
  - Analgesia