Supplementary Material S4—Veterinarian Short Survey.

Start of Block: Informed Consent

Q1 **At this time, our interview calendar is full. If you are still interested in participating, please fill out the survey and we will contact you if any interview slots open up*.  

Veterinarian Cat Treatment Strategies Consent Form

You are invited to participate in a research study about feline medications and decision-making processes. This study is being led by Drs. Casey Cazer, DVM, PhD and Amelia Greiner Safi, MS, PhD in the Department of Public and Ecosystem Health at Cornell University.

What we ask you to do: If you agree to participate, we will ask you to fill out a short, 5 minute, survey about your practice experience and participate in an interview via Zoom. The interview will be approximately 45 minutes and will be recorded.

Benefits and risk: There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this research. However, your responses may benefit the veterinary profession and animal health through the improvement of feline medication administration strategies. This study poses minimal or no risk to participants.

Compensation: You will be compensated with a $100.00 Amazon gift card upon completion of the interview.

Privacy/Confidentiality/Data Security: Interviews will be audio-video recorded and transcribed. All material is saved on Cornell Zoom servers (which are password protected and require dual authentication). Only the research team will have access to these recordings. They will be used only to verify the accuracy of the transcripts. The transcripts are the data that we will be analyzing. Your confidentiality will be protected by de-identifying interview transcriptions prior to analyses, including removing references to specific people, places, and animals and rewording unique speech patterns or phrases. Your name will not be stored with the data nor would you ever be identified in a quote. Transcripts will be used solely for research purposes and quotations may appear in publications and presentations. The recording, except for the verbal consent segment of the video, will be maintained securely for a period of 5 years, after which it will be destroyed.

Taking part in this research is voluntary: You may end your participation at any time. You do not have to answer a question unless you want to. Deciding not to participate in this research will have no effect on your current or future relationship with Cornell University or the researchers that are involved.

If you have questions: Dr. Casey Cazer and Dr. Amelia Greiner Safi in the Department of Public and
Ecosystem Health at Cornell University are leading this research. You may contact Dr. Cazer at clc248@cornell.edu or 607-253-4086, or Dr. Greiner Safi at alg52@cornell.edu. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a subject in this study, you may contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for Human Participants at 607-255-5138 or access their website at http://www.irb.cornell.edu. You may also report your concerns or complaints anonymously through Ethicspoint online at www.hotline.cornell.edu or by calling toll free at 1-866-293-3077. Ethicspoint is an independent organization that serves as a liaison between the University and the person bringing the complaint so that anonymity can be ensured.

By attending the interview session, you are consenting to participate in this research.

By clicking the arrow button in the lower right corner of this page, you are consenting to participate in this short survey.

End of Block: Informed Consent

Start of Block: General Questions

Q38 These questions are about you.

Q2 Name:

Q3 Email address:
Q4 Position (check all that apply):

- [ ] Associate Veterinarian (1)
- [ ] Medical Director (2)
- [ ] Practice Owner (3)
- [ ] Relief Veterinarian (4)
- [ ] Other: (please describe in the box) (5)

Q7 How many patients do you see on a typical day?

Q39 Do you see...

- [ ] patients for wellness visits only (1)
- [ ] patients for wellness visits and sick visits (2)
- [ ] patients for sick visits only (3)
Q9 How long does your typical appointment for sick patients take?

End of Block: General Questions

Start of Block: Block 3

Q35 For each of the following, select the option(s) or write the answer that best describes the primary practice where you are employed or the primary area where you work. If you work at more than one practice or clinic, think about the place where you work most often.

Q1 State:

▼ Alabama (1) ... I do not reside in the United States (53)

Q5 Zip Code:

Q10 Geographic area:

○ urban (4)

○ suburban (5)

○ rural (6)
Q6 How many full time-equivalent veterinarians does the practice employ?

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Q50 Does your practice have in-patients hospitalized overnight?

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

Q11 Ownership and size:

☐ privately owned practice with 1 location/clinic (1)

☐ privately owned practice with more than 1 location/clinic (2)

☐ owned by a corporation/conglomerate with more than 1000 clinics (e.g., Banfield, VCA, PetIQ/VIP Pet Care, National Veterinary Associates) (3)

☐ owned by a corporation/conglomerate with fewer than 1000 clinics (4)

☐ non-profit organization (5)

☐ other: Please describe in the box (6)
Q12 Practice area or specialties (select all that apply):

- [ ] primary care practice (1)
- [ ] specialist practice (2)
- [ ] emergency practice (3)
- [ ] other: Please describe in the box (4)

Q41 What specialty areas?

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Q13 Small or large animal:

- [ ] small animal exclusive (1)
- [ ] mixed (2)
- [ ] mixed (>50% large animal) (3)
- [ ] large animal exclusive (4)
- [ ] exotics exclusive (6)
- [ ] other: Please describe in the box (5)
Q40 At your mixed practice, are you...

- small animal exclusive (1)
- mixed (2)
- mixed (>50% large animal) (3)
- large animal exclusive (4)
- other: Please describe in the box (6)
Q15 What in-house diagnostic capabilities does your practice have? (check all that apply)

☐ blood chemistry (1)
☐ complete blood count/hemogram (2)
☐ urinalysis (3)
☐ cytology (dermatologic, blood, and/or FNA) (4)
☐ fecal flotation (5)
☐ digital radiographs (6)
☐ ultrasound (7)
☐ Other: Please describe the box (8)

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Q8 What percent of your clients can NOT afford the diagnostics or treatments that you recommend?

☐ Less than 10% (1)
☐ 10 - 20% (2)
☐ 20 - 30% (3)
☐ 30 - 40% (4)
☐ 40 - 50% (5)
☐ More than 50% (6)
Q36 The next questions ask you about your experiences with cats.

Q14 What percent of your appointments are cats?
Q49 Select the three types of oral medications that you most commonly prescribe to cats?

☐ Antibiotics (1)

☐ NSAIDs (2)

☐ Antiparasitics (preventives or therapeutics) (3)

☐ Steroids (4)

☐ Opioids (5)

☐ Gastrointestinal drugs (e.g., anti-emetics, pro-motility, antacids, appetite stimulants, probiotics) (6)

☐ Behavior-modifying drugs (e.g., fluoxetine, gabapentin for behavior modification) (7)

☐ Endocrine-modifying drugs (e.g., methimazole) (8)

☐ Cardiac drugs (e.g., furosemide, enalapril, pimobendan, amlodipine) (9)

☐ Other: (10) ____________________________

Q16 What’s your best guess about the percent of clients who find it very difficult to give oral medications to cats?

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Q48 What’s your best guess about the percent of clients who find it **impossible** to give oral medications to cats?

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Q17 What’s your best guess about the percent of clients who feel confident in giving oral medications to cats?

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Q26 The next questions ask about you and your professional experiences.

Q45 How do you describe yourself?

- Male (1)
- Female (2)
- Non-binary / third gender (3)
- Prefer to self-describe (4) __________________________________________________
- Prefer not to say (5)

Q27 What veterinary college did you attend?

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Q28 What year did you graduate from veterinary school?

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Q29 Are you board certified?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Display This Question:
If Are you board certified? = Yes

Q30 What board certification(s)?

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Q31 How do you usually get your continuing education? (select all that apply)

- Conferences (1)
- Journals (2)
- Podcasts (3)
- Veterinary websites (4)
- Webinars (5)
- Other: Please describe in the box (6)

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Carry Forward Selected Choices - Entered Text from “How do you usually get your continuing education? (select all that apply)”
Q32 For each category of continuing education that you use, please type in 1 or 2 examples in the boxes below. For example, provide the names of conferences that you commonly attend, or websites that you regularly use.

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Q55 How did you hear about this survey / our research?

- NY State Veterinary Medical Society (1)
- Flyers from Cornell's 34th Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium (2)
- Email to my veterinary clinic (3)
- Email to Cornell Class List (5)
- Other (Please describe in the box): (4)
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