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**The Coughing Dog: Is it Life-Threatening or Just an Irritant?
Veterinarians Learn from Leading Imaging Experts at the British Small Animal
Veterinary Association (BSAVA) Congress 2024**

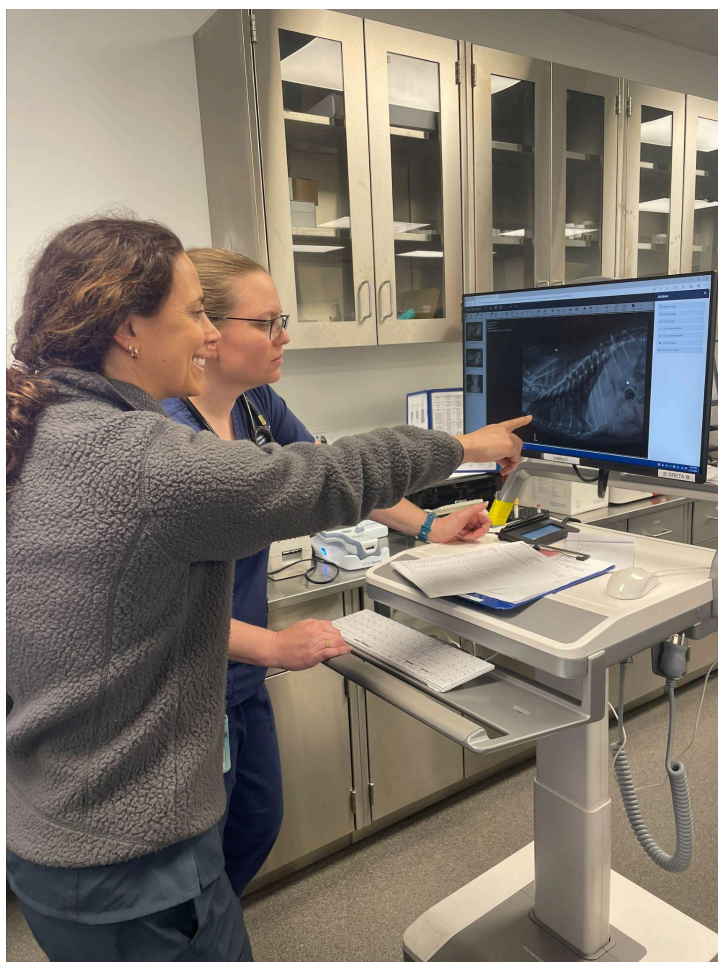
NAVCO Board President Karen Kline DVM, MS, DACVIM (Neurology), and NAVCO Chief Veterinary Officer Dana Varble, DVM, CAE to Chair the Program on March 23 in Manchester, England

ORLANDO, FL – MARCH 14, 2024 – Thoracic imaging is considered the first line of defense to determine if a pet is coughing from something minor or something life-threatening like heart failure. Knowing how to read and interpret radiographs can be very challenging, according to Erin Porter, DVM, DACVR, DACVR-EDI. Dr. Porter, and Kate Peper, DVM, DACVR, veterinary radiologists with the University of Florida, will lead six sessions at BSAVA Congress 2024 presenting a systematic review of healthy and abnormal heart and lung anatomy along with case studies. The day-long program will culminate in a final panel, including a cardiologist and critical care specialist, that ties it all together to present how to clinically recognize and differentiate cardiac disease and pulmonary disease and interpret radiographs in dogs presenting for a cough.

“Coughing is one of the most common reasons people bring their pets to the vet. Some causes are minor and don’t need treatment. Others can be indicative of something deadly like heart failure or pneumonia,” said Dr. Porter. “It can be really challenging clinically to tell what the underlying problem is because the symptoms are similar and hard to tell apart. That is why radiographs are so critical in identifying abnormalities and how to differentiate the cause. Radiographs are very complex to read and interpret. These sessions will take veterinarians through patterns to look for and how to interpret them.”

Other key takeaways include:

- Understanding major differences between canine and feline radiographic anatomy of the thorax and becoming familiar with differences in appearance between feline and canine heart failure.
- Radiographic evaluation of the pulmonary parenchyma (lung lobes, airways, pulmonary arteries and veins) and being able to list, recognize and differentiate the five main pulmonary patterns.
- Cardiovascular radiograph interpretation and learning the normal radiographic cardiac anatomy (size and shape, vertebral heart scale calculation, position of cardiac chambers and great vessels).



Dr. Porter (pictured right) reviews thoracic images with a colleague at the University of Florida

The Thoracic Imaging program will take place 9:00 am - 5:40 p.m. Saturday, March 23 in the Exchange Hall, Manchester Central.

To schedule an interview with the presenting veterinarians or Chairs, please contact Robin Pence, NAVC Senior Vice President of Public Relations, at: rpence@navc.com.

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