

## ‘Caring for a cat with hyperthyroidism’ by Dr Sarah Caney

The book is the fourth in the Cat Professional series after ‘Caring for a cat with kidney failure’ by Dr Sarah Caney (published January 2008), ‘Caring for a blind cat’ by Natasha Mitchell (published August 2008) and ‘Caring for a cat with lower urinary tract disease’ by Dr Sarah Caney and Professor Danièle Gunn-Moore (published January 2009).

As with the existing Cat Professional publications, this book is aimed primarily at cat owners wishing to learn as much as they can about their cat’s illness. The book is written in a language that anyone can understand but the science is not ‘dumbed down’. The book discusses emotional aspects of the diagnosis (dealing with bad news, euthanasia etc), the science of the disease (causes, tests, treatment and prevention) as well as containing a case report (written by the cat’s owner) and a detailed glossary of veterinary terms.

We’ve received the following reviews so far:

*‘A brilliantly written book, very well thought through and extremely thorough yet written in a way that owners will easily understand. This book will answer any query that an owner has about hyperthyroidism and greatly deepen owners’ understanding of the condition. A definite must for any practice that sees feline patients, and highly recommended for any owner of a hyperthyroid cat.’*

Andrea Harvey, FAB Clinical Fellow in Feline Medicine, University of Bristol, UK.

*‘Having read Sarah’s book all I can say is how lucky the owner of a newly diagnosed hyperthyroid cat would be to have access to it. I would have given my eye teeth to have had a book like this to read when my first cat was diagnosed, and even though I have learnt quite a lot since (with my little hyperthyroid gang of six), this has made much of what I thought I understood so much clearer. It would have saved me many sleepless nights over the last few years.’*

*This book is a must for every vet’s surgery and I will be nagging my practice to get a copy. In fact, I think I will provide them with one as I think it is an absolute necessity.’*

Kathy Wilkinson, UK Cat Owner

*'Sarah Caney has produced another fantastic book to help cat owners – this time, for the clients whose cat has been recently diagnosed with hyperthyroidism. The book is written in gentle flowing prose, with information that is almost at the veterinary level in terms of depth of understanding. The information is explained so clearly and expressed so simply that it is within the grasp of the average owner. Sarah explains the pathophysiology of the disease, why cats get clinical signs, and the chronology and progression of the condition. Importantly, she goes through all the different treatment options that are available, discussing the pros and cons of each alternative. This will help enormously - as there really is quite a choice and the reasons why a vet may recommend one treatment over another can be difficult for a client to perceive. Many vets will take the opportunity of giving this text to owners with recently diagnosed hyperthyroidism, to help them play a more active role in deciding the treatment options for their cat. I cannot recommend this book too highly – owners will get a lot out of it, nurses will learn quite a bit, and even experienced feline clinicians will find out some new ways of thinking about how to treat different individual patients.'*

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As with existing publications, the book is available via the Cat Professional website ([www.catprofessional.com](http://www.catprofessional.com)) as an e-book and printed version. Purchasers can choose to buy the electronic book for £7.00 or the printed version (as enclosed) for £9.99 + postage. Bulk discounts are available on application. For more information e-mail: [minfo@catprofessional.com](mailto:minfo@catprofessional.com).