

Press Release

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DR. ERICK MEARS JOINS MIAMI VETERINARY SPECIALISTS

Miami, FL – Dr. Erick Mears of I-CAT Feline Thyroid Treatment Centers has established a brand new I-CAT facility at Miami Veterinary Specialists in Miami. Dr. Mears is one of only two doctors who travel around the country to treat cats for hyperthyroidism (one of the most common and deadly diseases for older cats). He is the only such doctor, who is board certified in Internal Medicine.

For eligible hyperthyroid patients, treatment through I-CAT is done, using a procedure known as Radioiodine I-131. This method can completely cure hyperthyroidism by destroying only the affected tumor. Dr. Mears has treated more than 2,000 patients with I-131 and has been treating hyperthyroid cats since 1993. Patients need a referral for treatment, from their primary Veterinarian.

About Dr. Erick Mears:

Dr. Mears received his Bachelors of Science from Stanford University in 1988. He received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1992. He completed his post-DVM education at the University of Tennessee with small animal internship, internal medicine residency and Associate Professor in 1997. Dr. Mears is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. He is also a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

About Miami Veterinary Specialists:

Miami Veterinary Specialists is a regional referral, emergency and critical care center. They are located at 8601 Sunset Drive in Miami. Public contact: 305-665-2820.

About I-CAT Feline Thyroid Treatment Centers:

I-CAT Feline Thyroid Treatment Centers are also located in Tampa (Florida Veterinary Specialists), Cincinnati (CARE Center), Sacramento (VCA Highlands Animal Hospital) and coming soon to New York City (NYC Veterinary Specialists). Public contact for I-CAT: 1-866-497-3784

About Feline Hyperthyroidism:

Hyperthyroidism occurs when a cat's thyroid gland develops a tumor that causes an overproduction of thyroid hormone. This condition over-stimulates many organ systems and can cause changes in behavior, eating habits, fever, rapid heartbeat, shedding, diarrhea and even death. For more about Feline Hyperthyroidism and Radioiodine I-131, go to www.i-cat.info.