What is ISFM membership?

Why ISFM membership?
Cats are increasing in popularity as a pet, and with that small animal clinics are seeing more feline clients. Additionally, there is an increase in client expectations about the calibre of treatment available for their cat. ISFM membership gives veterinarians access to high quality, up-to-date feline clinical knowledge, as well as a deeper understanding of the underlying unique skills required to be a successful feline clinician. International Cat Care, the parent charity of ISFM, believes that good welfare takes into consideration both the physical health and mental wellbeing of the cat, and so ISFM gives equal consideration to these with all of its clinical recommendations.

Clinical Knowledge
To keep vets up to date, ISFM veterinary membership includes 12 webinars per year, covering topical and relevant subjects. In addition, the previous 3 years of webinars are available to watch on demand. All members are sent a monthly Research Roundup, which summarises some of the latest content from JFMS, as well as other important publications relevant to feline practitioners. Members also receive a monthly copy of JFMS and have access to JFMS online. Within JFMS there are Clinical Practice review articles and ISFM Guidelines, providing vets with everything they need to know in one place.

Learning from peers
Vets can learn so much from their colleagues. To aid this, ISFM hosts a monthly Clinical Club, where ISFM members and members of the ISFM Academy discuss and share their experiences and top tips on relevant topics. Recordings of these informal Zoom sessions are available on demand after the event for those who cannot attend live. ISFM also has the clinical Forum, where tricky cases can be shared, and help obtained from colleagues and feline and subject matter specialists.

Cat Friendly Clinic
As already mentioned, the mental wellbeing of the cat is given equal consideration to physical health. Cat Friendly Clinic accreditation shows that everyone in the practice is doing everything they can to reduce the stress of vet visits for their feline patients. ISFM membership enables the practice to begin its journey to becoming an accredited Cat Friendly Clinic, and indicates to clients how much the clinic cares about cats.

Value for Money
ISFM is one of only a few membership societies to offer a practice membership. Up to five vets per clinic can access all the benefits of ISFM membership at only £210 per annum. This means that clinics can meet their feline CPD needs for as little as £42/vet/year.