The OVC Dept of Clinical Studies was represented in full force at the 18th annual American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Research Symposium. This one-day conference was held on June 13, 2018 in Seattle, Washington with more than 150 attendees from around the world. No fewer than 5 graduate students from Dr. Adronie Verbrugghe’s nutrition laboratory gave oral or poster presentations, and Dr. Caitlin Grant earned special recognition for receiving the 2018 Research Award, which includes a trip to the ESVCN congress in Sept to present her abstract. Dr. Moran Tal gave an oral presentation on the topic, "The Effect of Storage at Ambient Temperature on the Feline Fecal Microbiota" (ESVCN/Waltham Abstract Winner) as well as an oral abstract on "Bacterial Fecal Microbiota is Only Minimally Affected by a Standardized Weight Loss Plan in Obese Cats".

Dr. Caitlin Grant gave an oral presentation on the topic, "Choline Deficiency in Obese Cats Undergoing Energy Restriction for Weight Loss with a Veterinary Therapeutic Food" (AAVN/Waltham Abstract Winner)

Bianca Di Sabatino submitted a small animal blog that earned second place and will be published in a future edition of the AAVN Newsletter. She also presented an oral abstract on "Impact of Dietary Management of Obesity on the Feline Fecal Metagenome."

Nicole Weidner gave an oral presentation on "Concentrations of 25-Hydroxyvitamin D and Inflammatory Markers in Dogs with Cancer".

Dr. Sarah Dodd presented a poster on "Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry in a 4-month old Puppy with Severe Diffuse Osteopenia Secondary to an Imbalanced Homemade Diet". Alexandra Rankovic presented a poster on "Effect of Various Starch Sources on Glycemic Index in Dogs".