The Study
The goal of our research is to understand the brain and cognitive changes that occur in our ever-growing geriatric and aging cat population.

Who Qualifies
Any cat 12 years and older that is being euthanized at UW Veterinary Care.

What Happens
If you agree to have your cat participate in this study, then the following testing will be performed before euthanasia:
- Neurologic exam
- Ophthalmic exam
- Non-invasive blood pressure
- Bloodwork (under sedation)
- Questionnaire regarding your cat’s behavior

However, if your cat becomes stressed or anxious during any of the above testing, that portion of the study will not be completed.

After euthanasia, samples will be collected. Private or communal cremation may be elected after the necropsy.

Why Participate
By studying these changes, we are hoping to be able to optimize diagnostic and treatment options available for cats with signs consistent with feline cognitive dysfunction. There is NO COST to participate in this study.

More Information
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