

SAN FRANCISCO VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

# SFVMA NEWSLETTER

# President's Message

Hello friends, the next meeting is focused on mental well being. As many of you know I am an active member in the Not One More Vet Facebook community and this topic is very near and dear to my heart. I'm excited that our friends from the Marin VMA will be joining us as well- so please do make a point of coming to this great joint event.

Work life balance has been an ongoing journey for me. That journey has taken me on a new path that involves a good deal of travel as a locum specialist. In fact, I will be Amsterdam for our next meeting, so I will sadly miss the next meeting. This new life has been wonderful for me, but it doesn't leave a lot of time for the SFVMA. So I'm announcing that I'm stepping down as president. I would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested in the position about what it entails. Please feel free to send me an email at

## sfvmapresident@gmail.com.

Nominations for the position will be taken at the September meeting. It's been a very rewarding job, and I hope the next president enjoys it as much as I have.

-Carrie



## SFVMA OFFICERS

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## September 17th, 2015

## Megan E. McCarthy, PhD

## Veterinary Mental Health: Coping Mechanisms and Suicide Prevention

The Cliff House

6:45 pm Hors d'oeuvre and No Host Bar 7:15 pm Dinner and meeting

8:00 pm Program

This meeting is open to all DVMs

Non-members pay \$75

## Hors d'oeuvre (subject to change)

Apples, Blue Cheese and Pecans on Belgian Endive House-made Prawn and Pork Potstickers

#### Dinner

Baby Arugula and Shaved Fennel Salad Grilled Filet Mignon with Shallot Crust, Merlot Demi Glaze; Yukon Mashed Potatoes; Cream Spinach

#### Dessert

Tahitian Vanilla Crème Brulee

Please RSVP individually <u>here</u> (via the SFVMA website) with choice of entrée by September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Remember: The Association pays for uneaten meals. If you have RSVP'd and will not be able to make it, we need you to send in your cancellation no later than NOON on **September 11th**.

Note: We apologize, but the Cliff House will be unable to accommodate vegan meal choices.

# **SFVMA News**

# **Dues/ Membership**

Dues are \$230 per year (for 4 quarterly meetings) per member. Dues payments may be made with either check, or by PayPal through the invoice forms available on the website. If payment is made for more than one application, please clearly indicate which individuals are included in the payment (this option is also available online, or a list of individuals to be covered may be emailed to the treasurer). Each member should complete an application regardless of payment method. If your dues were paid via a group/hospital/employer payment, we likely do not have all of your individual information on file! The application form may be submitted electronically on our website. Please complete the form if you have not already done so.

Payments will be on a "per meeting" basis (\$75 per meeting) for the remainder of 2015. No exceptions!

# **Sponsorships for Future Meetings**

In order to continue to contract with the Cliff House as our meeting venue, support our charitable and scholarship funds, and generally maintain the organization (with keeping dues payments reasonable), the Board will continue to seek sponsorships that help to cover the costs of our programs. While we hope to avoid overt endorsement of specific products/services, etc. during the continuing education presentations, we feel it is reasonable to allow the sponsor to distribute marketing materials and to make a brief presentation with regard to promoting their interests in recognition of their generous support.

While we would encourage members-at-large to make announcements regarding new endeavors that would be of interest to the membership, we would kindly ask that promotional materials be limited to those provided by the sponsor organization. Thanks for your understanding!

If you are interested in sponsoring a future meeting, please contact <u>Carrie Jurney</u>.

## **Rabies Clinics**

Remaining dates for 2015: Sept 13 Dec 13

Rabies clinics will be held at Animal Care and Control (ACC), 1200 15th Street (at Harrison) on from 10am-1pm. Please contact <u>Dr. Leila Marcucci</u> if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the clinic.



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Quarterly CE newsletter Sign up at Veterinary Vision.com/nl/

RACE Approved Continuing Education Sign up at VeterinaryVision.com/seminar/

Feb 9, 2015, Dr. Albert Mughannam Updates on Cataracts

June 9, 2015, Dr. Cynthia Cook Pigmented Ocular Lesions... Tumor or Not?

Oct 22, 2015, Dr. Gwendolyn Lynch The Red Eye

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# **Charitable Donations**

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# San Francisco Aid for Animals

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We are happy to announce that eighty-one veterinarians from fourteen practices have received Grants-in-Aid for the coming year (2015-16). Through our fund raising efforts the Grants-in-Aid have remained at \$700 per doctor.

Please also note that there are now five specialty practices participating in our program: Animal Internal Medicine and Specialty Services, Nor-Cal Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Services, Nor-Cal Surgical (mobile practice), SF Veterinary Specialists and Veterinary Vision.

If anyone has questions about the program or procedures please remember that contact information for Anne Marie and other Board members is listed in your Grant-in-Aid packets.

We urge you to remember to use your Grants to help deserving families and their beloved pets.

# Open Seat on the Animal Control and Welfare Commission for a Practicing Veterinarian

Due to a change in employment, I am unable to continue to serve on the Commission and would like to encourage any interested individuals to apply to fill this vacancy ASAP. The Animal Control and Welfare Commission is made up of representatives from stakeholder organizations with an interest in animal issues (including a practicing veterinarian) as well as members of the public. The Commission acts as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors with regard to animals in private, public, and commercial care, and holds hearings and submits recommendations regarding animal control and welfare in San Francisco. Meetings are held at City Hall, Room 408 on the third Thursday of the month (no meeting in December) at 5:30pm and are open to the public. Sadly this does conflict with the SFVMA meetings somewhat, but I have found in most cases I am able to make it just on time. The qualifications state that one must be a veterinarian that actively practices in SF, but you need not be a resident. It is important that the veterinary community be represented as certain topics that arise can impact our practice (such as the cat declaw ordinance, breed-related legislation, etc.) and there have been many instances that a professional medical opinion is relevant to the discussion. Please contact me if you have questions about the Commission at sfymasecretary@gmail.com.

Thanks, Shari O'Neill

Information about the Commission http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=369

Application process/ forms http://www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=3045

# **SFVMA Scholarships**

## **Veterinary Students**

If you know a good candidate for 2015, please encourage them to apply. Applications are accepted from October to December annually as determined by the college. Requirements are: current enrollment in the vet med program, current or former employment by an SFVMA member, and a letter of recommendation from the same. Interested students can contact: Hnouzong Her Scholarship Accounting **UC Davis School of Veterinary** Medicine

We will also offer a scholarship at Western University next year.
Requirements are: current enrollment in the vet med program, current or former employment by an SFVMA member, and a letter of recommendation from the same. Interested students may contact: Tim McPheron Director of Development College of Veterinary Medicine tmcpheron@westernu.edu

hher@vetmed.ucdavis.edu

#### **RVT Students**

To support and encourage RVTs in San Francisco, the SFVMA has established a scholarship program for students enrolled in an accredited RVT program. We will award \$1000 to 2 candidates who are currently or have previously worked in the practice of an SFVMA member, and have a stated desire to return to SF after araduation. Submissions should include a personal statement from the student, a letter of recommendation from the veterinarian, and proof of enrollment at an accredited RVT program. The deadline for applications is May 1 annually. Questions should be sent to Dr. Shari O'Neill at sfymasecretary@amail.com.



#### Behavior

Leslie Larson Cooper, DVM, DACVB

#### Cardiology

Justin G. Williams, DVM, DACVIM Kristine Yee-Chan, DVM, DACVIM

#### Critical Care

Melissa Bucknoff, DVM, Residency Trained

#### **Dentistry & Oral Surgery**

Maria Soltero-Rivera, DVM, DAVDC\* Amalia M. Zacher, DVM, Residency Trained

#### **Dermatology & Allergy**

Laura Wilson, DVM, DACVD

#### Integrative Medicine

David B. Y. Fong, DVM, LAc, Dipl. OM

#### Internal Medicine

Craig H. Maretzki, VMD, MS, DACVIM Laura West, DVM, DACVIM Winnie Ybarra, DVM, DACVIM

## Neurology & Neurosurgery

NEW: 7-Day-a-Week Neuro Coverage Starts September 8!

> Lisa Klopp, DVM, MS, DACVIM Tracy Sutton, DVM, DACVIM\*

#### Oncology

Stephen Atwater, DVM, MS, DACVIM Jason Kidd, DVM, DACVIM

#### Surgery

Katie Kennedy, DVM, MS, DACVS\*\* Margo Mehl, DVM, DACVS Philip Watt, BVSc, MACVSc, FACVS

#### **Urgent Care & Emergency**

Erin Burdette, DVM · Elyse Hammer, DVM Thomas McEntegart, DVM · Allegra Roth, DVM Emily Wong, DVM

#### 2015-16 Interns

Andrew Espitia, DVM · Viru Gopisetty, DVM Claire Johnston, DVM · Jayson Johnston, DVM Erika Rogers, DVM · Lauren Silverman, DVM Sarah Wallace, DVM · Jessica Wong, DVM

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Breeders need to know how easy it is to housetrain and chewtoy-train puppies (starting as early as four weeks) and so prevent the big four behavior problems: housesoiling, destructive chewing, excessive barking and separation anxiety. Additionally, neonatal handling and early socialization with people is beyond essential, otherwise during adolescence, puppies will predictably become progressively more fearful and maybe aggressive towards unfamiliar people, especially children and men.

Prospective puppy owners need to be informed that they have a choice. Either they may buy an unhousetrained, unruly, intractable and under-socialized puppy, or they may search for one that is housetrained, chewtoy-trained, manners-trained and with a vibrant socialization program already underway. New puppy owners also need to know that during the next few weeks and months, training and socialization are essential, urgent and important. The socialization process is especially deceptive because two-, three- and four month old puppies appear to be confident and friendly; the effects of insufficient socialization do not normally become apparent until adolescence. Socialization with people is quite safe in the breeding kennel or the puppy's new home. There's no need to take puppies to public places instead, bring the people to the puppies!

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Thanks for your consideration,

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# **Volunteer Opportunities**

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Want to do something that saves lives, feels good and helps your community? Then volunteer to help animals when disasters strike in California!



Thousands of animals need care during and after disasters. Some 63% of California households have pets, including an estimated 10 million pet cats, nine million dogs, and one million horses. Other pets, farm animals, and wildlife also need assistance during and after disasters like earthquakes, floods, and wildfires.

Veterinary professionals are vital to animals during disasters. The mission of the California Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps (CAVMRC) is to provide veterinary professionals with the training and credentialing necessary to support animal health and public health.

Deployment is always voluntary. Volunteers get involved at whatever level works for them – assistants are needed as well as leaders, part-time responders are as welcome as those who can help out for a week or two, plus there are ongoing roles in areas such as planning and disaster response. Volunteer participation can be a matter of life or death for rescued animals and means the world to the owners of those animals.

#### Benefits of joining the CAVMRC

The CAVMRC provides veterinary professionals:

Credentialing necessary to support animal health and public health emergency response. Continuing education and training opportunities that allow you to strengthen your skills to better serve your practice, your community and our state.

Networking and information sharing opportunities with veterinary team members across the state.

#### Who can join the CAVMRC?

You don't need any prior disaster response experience or training to join the CAVMRC. The entire veterinary practice team is welcome, including:

- ♦ Veterinarians
- ◆ Registered veterinary technicians
- Veterinary assistants, office managers and all support staff members
- ♦ Students in veterinary medical programs
- ◆ Retired veterinary professionals with a current license

#### **Program Affiliation**

The CVMA registered the CAVMRC as a unit of the Medical Reserve Corps under the California Emergency Medical Services Agency and works in cooperation with local, statewide, and national agencies. The CVMA has played an important role in preparing for and responding to disasters in California since 1994 and builds on this experience with this new affiliation.

For more information visit the <u>CAVMRC</u> website.

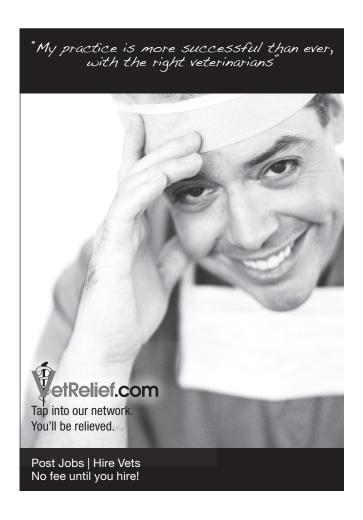
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**CVMA Fall Seminar** 

## October 9-12, 2015

Resort at Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe

The CVMA has secured great room rates of \$165 (deluxe guest), \$195 (fireplace suite), and \$215 (deluxe fireplace suite) in this resort hotel. The deadline to secure these rates is September 8, 2015 or until the block is filled, whichever comes first. Reserve by calling 800.403.4434. Be sure to ask for the CVMA's room group rate or book your room online!

The CVMA is pleased to present three fantastic speakers who will enrich your mornings with information on Dentistry, Ophthalmology, and Pain Management and ECC. Brook Niemiec, DVM, Holly Hamilton, and Charlotte Donohoe, RVT, VTS, (ECC) will be speaking.

Register Online

2015 Year in Review Symposium

#### October 18, 2015

UC Davis campus, Gladys Valley Hall, Room 1020

CE credit: up to 8 hours available

Webinar: available. The webinar is only available live, and it will not be recorded. Webinar attendees will receive full CE credit since it is live and interactive. Register: online Early pricing ends at midnight on 8/31. Late pricing begins on 10/15.

Veterinary Vision

October 22, 2015

Dr. Gwendolyn Lynch The Red Eye Wine Tasting, Hiking, Biking and CE in Sunny Santa Barbara:

We are thrilled to be returning to one of our favorite locations for CE - this costal hidden gem nestled between the Santa Ynez Mountains is home to some of California's best wineries and a Mediterranean climate and way of life. This conference **October 22-25**, **2015** will feature 15 hours of CE in Small Animal Ophthalmology, Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine by Drs. Marie Kerl (DACVIM, DACVECC), Elizabeth Giuliano (DACVO) and Megan Seekins (DACVECC). There will be optional group outings on bike and for wine tasting. Full details at vetlectures.com

2015 Explorer Series in Costa Rica UCDavis

## December 1-6, 2015

Scientific lectures will take place in the mornings and afternoons will be free to explore Costa Rica. The scientific program can also be combined with the business program at a discount, or attendees can purchase either the scientific or business program separately.

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