



SAN FRANCISCO VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

## SFVMA NEWSLETTER

### President's Message

At the last meeting we sent around forms to see how the SFVMA can work to further benefit you. Responses showed that there was interest in volunteer opportunities and social events. I will be working on putting together a happy hour event and hiking get together (beginner level hike, I'm not a mountain climber ☺) later this year and we are looking into different SFVMA sponsored volunteer opportunities. We will have more information on these at the next meeting.

In the meantime, don't let that stop you from getting out to volunteer in our community and get your family and co-workers involved as well! San Francisco has an array of volunteer opportunities, below are some links to help get you started:

#### PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) and Shanti

<https://www.paws.org/get-involved/volunteer>

Shanti offers opportunities for members of the community to be of service, to put their compassion, their skills, and their interests into action to support people living with the challenges of HIV and cancer, and other life challenges

#### Homeless Cat network

<http://www.homelesscatnetwork.com/volunteer.html>

Homeless Cat Network provides numerous opportunities for volunteers to help improve the lives of community cats. You can work directly with cats, or you can work behind the scenes on program management, fundraising and events, PR/marketing, or online promotion

#### Education Outside

<https://www.educationoutside.org/volunteer>

Education Outside opens kids' classroom doors for hands-on science learning in schoolyard gardens, integrating children with nature. (415) 355-6979

#### Beach Clean-up for Shore Birds sponsored by the Audubon Society

<http://www.goldengateaudubon.org>

Second Monday of the month from 10:00am until noon (510) 843-2222

#### ROCK (Real Options for City Kids)

<http://rocksf.org/volunteer/>

People who are investing in their city, their neighborhood, and their future by providing positive relationships and experiences to at-risk children. By joining R.O.C.K., you are able to dig in and make positive changes in your community every day that you volunteer. 415-333-4001

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**2016 MEETINGS:**

*November 17*

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**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Updates on Cushing's Disease**

**Kathleen Engler, DVM, DABVP (Can/Fel)**

**Hors d'oeuvre**

Apples, Blue Cheese, and Pecans on Belgian Endive  
Blackened Beef Tenderloin on Garlic Crouton with Caramelized Onion  
and a Horseradish Cream

**Salad**

Sonoma Baby Greens with Goat Cheese Crostini and  
Red Wine Shallot Vinaigrette

**Dinner**

Porcini Dusted Salmon with Fresh Herb Polenta, Braised Spinach,  
and Pinot Noir Sauce

OR

Risotto with Chanterelle Mushrooms, Baby Spinach, Spring Garlic, and Ramps

**Dessert**

Lemon Soufflé with Blueberry Sauce

6:45 pm Hors d'oeuvre and No Host Bar

7:15 pm Dinner and meeting

8:00 pm Program

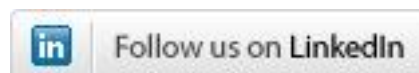
This meeting is open to all DVMs

**Non-members pay \$75**

**RSVPs Required** individually via the SFVMA website  
by **Monday, September 5th.**

Remember: The Association pays for uneaten meals. Please find a substitute or cancel as soon as possible if you will be unable to attend.

***Thanks to Dechra for sponsoring the Fall meeting!***



## **Kathleen S Engler, DVM, Diplomate ABVP (Canine/Feline)**

Dr. Kathy Engler received her veterinary degree from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine in 1991. Following graduation she worked as a small animal clinician in a progressive general practice in Federal Way, WA for 5 years before joining Banfield in 1996. Dr. Engler became a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) in 2001 and recertified in 2011.

During her 18 year career with Banfield, she was a practicing clinician and **Chief of Staff** in the greater Seattle area; **Medical Advisor** consulting with doctors across the country on on-going cases and reviewing adverse case outcomes, as well as building medical education for the practice; served on the Medical Standards Board; held the position of **Sr. Director of Veterinary Career Development** building veterinary on-boarding and development programs; and supported the OR/SW WA market of 14 – 26 hospitals as the **Medical Director** for 6 years.

Dr. Engler joined Dechra in September 2014 as a field based **Technical Services Veterinarian** for the West.

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## **2016 RABIES CLINICS:**

*September 11*

*December 11*

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## **Rabies Clinics**

There is still an open spot for to be filled for the **September 2016 Rabies clinic**. **Please let Robin know as soon as possible if you are able to help!** And to the amazing person who volunteered to help at the December clinic, please contact Robin. Rabies clinics will be held at Animal Care and Control (ACC), 1200 15<sup>th</sup> Street (at Harrison) on from 10am-1pm. Please contact [Robin Kelly](#) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the clinic.

## **SFVMA Vice President Position OPEN**

After numerous years on the SFVMA Executive Board, Dr. Leila Marcucci has resigned her post as Vice President. Thank you to Leila for her dedicated service. Anyone interested in filling the position, or subversively nominating a friend or frenemy, please submit questions or nominations to Robin Kelly at [sfvmapresident@gmail.com](mailto:sfvmapresident@gmail.com)

## **CE Credit Clarification**

There have been numerous questions recently about CE credit for SFVMA meetings. Each meeting is statutorily approved as it is hosted by the SFVMA and counts for 1 hour of CE. Please pick up a CE certificate at the registration desk for proof of attendance. Signing in on the attendance sheet is NOT adequate proof to the VMB of CE credit. Please direct any questions to [Katie Kennedy](#).

## **Sponsor a Future Meeting**

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 [Robin Kelly](#). 4

## San Francisco Aid for Animals

A Project of the San Francisco Veterinary Medical Association



We are happy to report that this year we have 95 doctors participating with us and the Grants-in-Aid amount remains at \$700. If all the grants are utilized, we will be disbursing over \$66,000 to help you save pets that might otherwise be euthanized or abandoned. Almost all of these funds come to use through individual donations. SOooooooo, if you know of clients, friends, family, drinking buddies or others who might be inclined to help us financially please encourage them to visit our website: [sfafa.org](http://sfafa.org). To help you spread the word we will be handing out fliers at the next SFVMA meeting. THANK YOU.

There have been a number of questions about our GRANT SHARE Program. Hopefully the following will be helpful: As a way of partnering with and supporting their referring hospitals, five Bay Area Specialty practices are collaborating with SFAfA and will accept a limited number of Grant Share cases. Through this collaboration you have more way to use your GIAs. If your patient needs urgent or specialty care and you would like to apply your GIA funds to help with the cost of that care you may be able to transfer your GIA funds with the patient. These specialty hospitals have generously agreed to match your GIA amount with a discount/donation of in-kind services on your client's bill. Your hospital will not be required to match the GIA amount. Please note that there are very specific procedures and guidelines that you must follow before transferring a case. They are outlined in your GIA packet on the Grant Share page. If you have any questions, please contact anyone on the GIA contact list.

The following hospitals are participating in the Grant Share Program:

- Animal Internal Medicine and Services (AIMSS)
- Nor Cal Veterinary Emergency and Specialty
- Nor Cal Veterinary Surgery
- VCA San Francisco Veterinary Specialists (SFVS)
- Veterinary Vision

We would also like to introduce 3 new members of the GIA subcommittee. Their contact information is contained in your GIA Packet: Mr. Ken Linton, Mr. Mark Klaiman, Ms. Alicia Hwang.

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## Charitable Donations

The SFVMA Board will consider charitable grants to organizations that support the care and welfare of animals in our community and promote the veterinary profession. Please contact [Jason Kidd](#) for details on requests for donations.





Cynthia Cook, DVM PhD  
Albert Mughannam, DVM  
Gwendolyn Lynch, DVM  
Carol Szymanski, DVM  
Diplomates, ACVO

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Orbital Diseases in Small Animals  
Dr. Albert Mughannam  
February 29, 2016

Ocular Emergencies  
Dr. Cynthia Cook  
July 14, 2016

The Aging Pet Eye  
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## SFVMA Scholarships

### Veterinary Students

If you know a good candidate for 2016, 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:

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Scholarship Accounting

UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

[hher@vetmed.ucdavis.edu](mailto:hher@vetmed.ucdavis.edu)

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

[tmcpheon@westernu.edu](mailto:tmcpheon@westernu.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 graduation. 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 Katie Kennedy at [sfvmasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sfvmasecretary@gmail.com).





**Behavior**

Leslie Larson Cooper, DVM, DACVB

**Cardiology**

Justin G. Williams, DVM, DACVIM

Kristine Yee-Chan, DVM, DACVIM

**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**

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

**Oncology**

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Jason Kidd, DVM, DACVIM

**Surgery**

Katie Kennedy, DVM, MS, DACVS\*  
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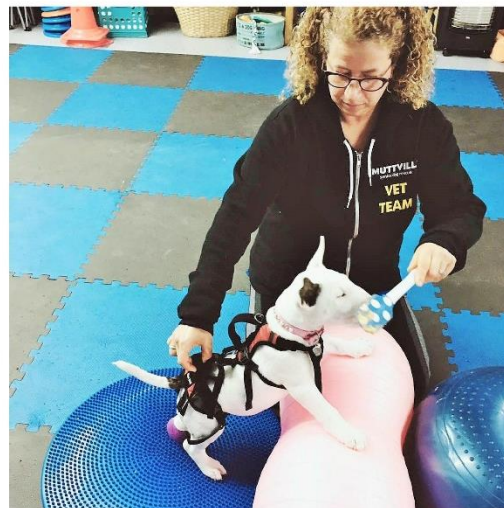
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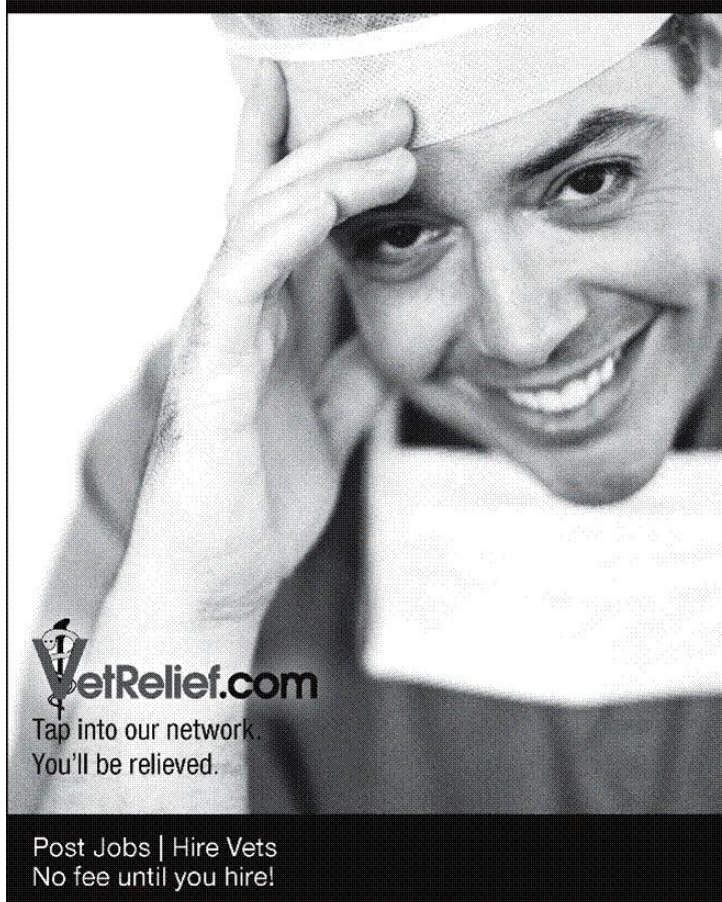


## Volunteer Opportunities

Veterinary Street Outreach Services (VET SOS) is recruiting volunteers- DVMs and veterinary assistant/technicians- for its monthly mobile clinics serving the companion animals of homeless San Franciscans. Visit [www.vetsos.org](http://www.vetsos.org) for more information, including upcoming clinic dates. Support the human-animal bond in this vulnerable population and work with outstanding volunteers from all over the Bay Area!  
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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 [CAVMRC website](#).

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Indian Wells, CA

CVMA 2017 Spring Seminar  
March 10-12, 2017  
Yosemite National Park, CA

2017 Spring SDVMA: Emergency & Critical  
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### **SPECIALTY**

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Veterinary Cancer Society Annual  
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### **GENERAL**

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September 27-30, 2016  
Cartagena, Colombia

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September 30- October 2, 2016  
Fort Worth, TX

Pacific NW Veterinary Conference  
October 7-9, 2016  
Spokane, WA

Wild West Veterinary Conference  
October 12-16, 2016  
Reno, NV

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October 15-18, 2016  
Banff, Alberta

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October 17-20, 2016  
Atlantic City, NJ

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Chicago, IL

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