



SAN FRANCISCO VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

SFVMA NEWSLETTER

President's Message

As this year comes to an end I have been looking back and seeing how fortunate I am to be working in San Francisco with such a great group of people. I am thankful for my technicians who have such heart and passion for veterinary medicine. They always make it easier when I'm having a tough day, they calm upset clients, and make sure my patients have comfy beds and receive the best medical care possible. We recently celebrated technician appreciation week, I hope they know that we appreciate them year-round.

I am thankful for all of my clients, even the difficult ones, who trust me to care for their pets when they get sick or injured in the middle of the night. Working as an emergency clinician I do not have the long-term relationship they share with their general practitioner and I know it isn't always easy to leave their baby in the hospital overnight with someone they don't know. I work hard to always live up to their expectations and make sure they know they can trust my care and know they made the right choice.

I am thankful for my patients – from the sweet parvo puppies to the angry/frightened semi-feral fight wound abscess kitties. Their sweet kisses and spunky attitudes help keep the day interesting and when they feel better they definitely remind me why I love this profession.

Finally, I am so thankful for my colleagues. We have a great team in San Francisco and I feel so lucky to be able to work with friends and people I respect. I have worked in a few different cities, and I think that the SF bay area is so special in how we treat and interact with each other. Our general practitioners, specialists, home care veterinarians, and emergency practitioners all work together to reach our common goal of providing the best care possible for the animals in our city. I love that I get to see the friendships and respect within our group every few months at our meetings. I can't wait to see everyone in November, hope you all have had a great year and that the next one is even better!

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2017 MEETINGS:

Winter 2016

March 16
June 15
September 21
November 16



Thursday, November 17th

The great pretenders: New developments in benign oral lesions in dogs and cats.

Maria Soltero-Rivera, DVM, DAVDC

Hors d'oeuvre

Chilled Jumbo Prawns with Cliff House Cocktail Sauce
Phyllo Triangles with Spinach and Feta Cheese

Salad

Baby Arugula and Shaved Fennel Salad with Imported Reggiano Parmesan,
Extra Virgin Olive Oil, and Lemon Dressing

Dinner

Braised Short Ribs with a Red Wine Demi-Glace, Potato Gratin,
and Fresh Market Vegetables

OR

Risotto

Dessert

Chocolate Marquis Fine Swiss Chocolate Mousse

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 **Wednesday, November 9th.**

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 SFVS for sponsoring the Winter meeting!



Maria Soltero-Rivera, DVM, DAVDC, Medical Director

Dr. Maria Soltero-Rivera received her DVM from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY in 2008. After that, she returned to her native Puerto Rico for a year-long small animal surgical internship at Veterinary Specialty Hospital in San Juan, followed by a small animal rotating internship at Long Island Veterinary Specialists in Plainview, NY. Dr. Soltero-Rivera became board certified in veterinary dentist and oral surgery in 2014 after completing her residency at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine where she continued to lecture for the following 2 years. Dr. Soltero-Rivera then moved to the Bay Area and she currently practices at VCA San Francisco Veterinary Specialists while still serving as adjunct assistant professor at PennVet. Her clinical interests include diagnosis and treatment of oral tumors, management of oral and maxillofacial trauma, and feline oral inflammatory conditions. When she's not working she can be found playing at the beach with her 3 year old, Aurora, her husband, Bernardo, and their 2 Chihuahuas, Olivia and Pickles. She also loves cooking, reading and running.

2017 RABIES CLINICS:

March 5

June 11

September 10

December 10

Rabies Clinics

The last Rabies Clinic of 2016 will be December 11. Thank you to all of the volunteers that continually make these clinics a success. A sign-up sheet for the 2017 clinics will be passed out at the November 17th meeting; please consider donating your time to support this cause. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to volunteer, please email sfvmapv@gmail.com with your information to sign up. Rabies clinics will be held at Animal Care and Control (ACC), 1200 15th Street (at Harrison) on from 10am-1pm. Please contact [Anna DeVincenzi](#) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the clinic.

Happy Hour on Dec 8th

You asked, and you shall receive. SFVMA will be sponsoring a Happy Hour at Driftwood bar in SOMA on the evening of Thursday, December 8th. And the first round is on us!! If you are interested in attending, please email Robin Kelly at sfvmapresident@gmail.com so that we can get a rough head count.



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 since July 1 we have distributed over \$7200 to help 18 pets. The in memoriam program as well as the dog-house donation jars are all doing well and we thank you.

By the time you receive this newsletter you should have received both our autumn Newsletter as well as our year-end annual appeal letter and we thank you in advance for any financial support you can give us. If you wish you are more than welcome to make copies of the newsletter and the appeal letter and distribute them as you see fit.

SFAFA is sponsoring a BOWWOW Film Festival at SOMA arts on Feb. 3, 2017. There will be food, drinks and dog-centric movies. For more info please go to www.bowwowfilmfestival.com. Save the date.

Thank you again for your continued support and our wishes for a Happy Holidays Season.



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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.



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Ocular Emergencies
Dr. Cynthia Cook
July 14, 2016

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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

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

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.



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

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Internal Medicine

Craig H. Maretzki, VMD, MS, DACVIM
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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

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Emily Wong, DVM

2015-16 Interns

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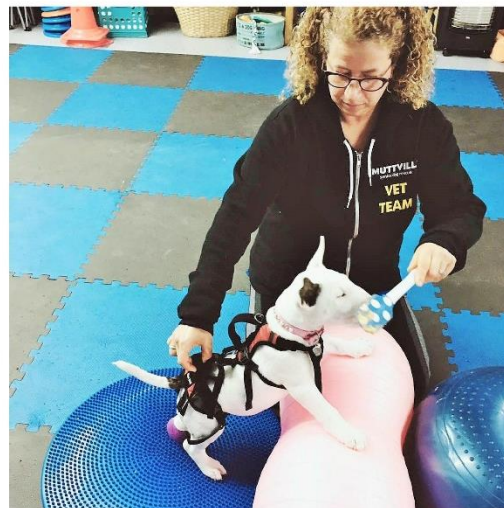
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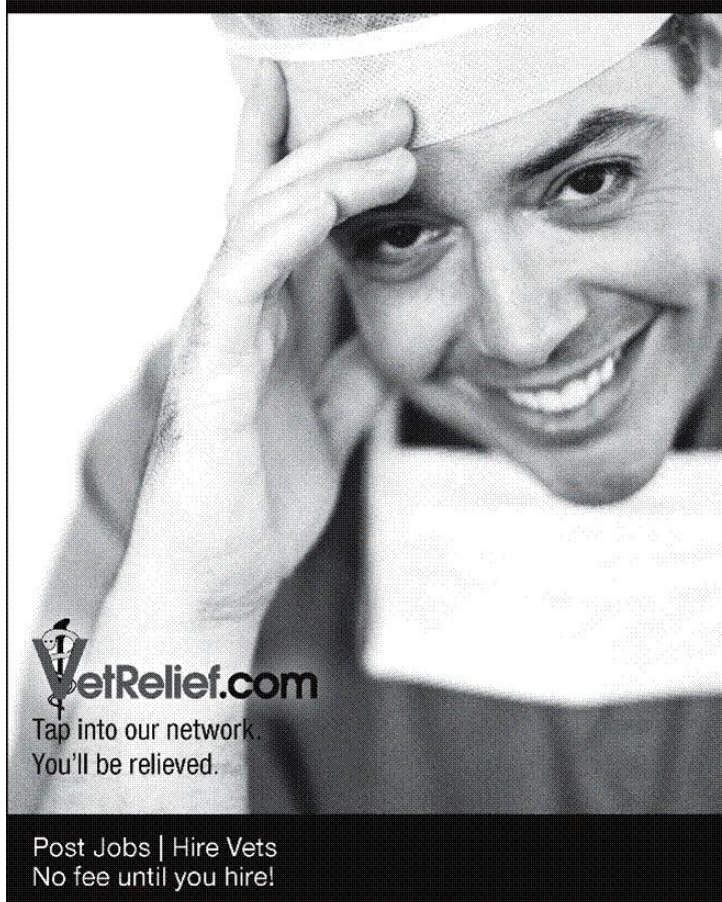


Volunteer Opportunities

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 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](#).

Classifieds

Winter 2016

East Bay Veterinary Specialists and Emergency (EBVSE), located in Walnut Creek, are looking for a full time emergency clinician. EBVSE is a 24/7 multi-specialty, emergency and critical care hospital in the San Francisco bay area.

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November 5, 2016
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Yosemite National Park, CA

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March 19, 2017
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April 29-30, 2017
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ACVIM Forum

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National Harbor, MD

GENERAL

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November 3-6, 2016
Washington, DC

AAVMC Veterinary Health and Wellness Summit

November 4-6, 2016
Fort Collins, CO

CVC West

December 9-11, 2016
San Diego, CA

AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference

January 7-10, 2017
Chicago, IL

NAVC Conference

February 4-8, 2017
Orlando, FL

AAHA Veterinary Management Institute (VMI)

February 11-12, 2017
Fort Collins, CO

WVC 89th Annual Conference

March 5-9, 2017
Las Vegas, NV

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March 24-16, 2017
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CVC East

May 18-21, 2017
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