

Quarterly Newsletter

President's Message

Well, it certainly has been an interesting start to the New Year. With the current political climate, I wanted to take a minute to remind everyone that, as educated veterinarians, it is our duty to help those who do not have as a deep of a knowledge base – our animals. Whether our focus is on companion animal medicine, production, research, or wildlife, we took an oath to help protect animals. The current administration has been blocking some important legislation and is talking about putting forth legislation to dismantle the endangered species act along with other changes that could be very detrimental to animals in the United States and the world.

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This is an important time to speak out to our senators and congressional representatives to let them know that these changes will not fall under the radar. Below is a summary of current legislative issues and contact information for our San Francisco representatives, I urge you all to contact them regarding these issues.

If you want to be even more involved in making a change, please consider reaching out to the CVMA-PAC or the AVMA-PAC. Donations and time are always needed and we will need these committees to be working at full capacity for us and most importantly- the animals we have chosen to help.

Regardless of the differences between Democrats and Republicans, your feelings on immigration, refugees, pipelines, and treatment of women and minorities, I think that these are issues we can all stand together on as veterinarians.

Current legislation and changes to government agencies:

- USDA Animal Care Search tool deactivated this means you can no longer easily search for records of animal abuse (corporate or otherwise), it now has to be requested through the freedom of information act which can take months – years. https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/
- Updated regulation on the Horse Protection Act regarding soring was approved but not yet published at the end of the Obama administration. The current administration has put all unpublished legislation on hold pending additional review. Please encourage our delegates to tell the administration to allow this update to be finalized. https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/SA HPA
- House Resolution 3174 "Fairness to Pet Owners Act", Bill #S.1200 Creates mandatory prescription writing for veterinarians http://www.capwiz.com/cvma/issues/alert/?alertid=71637626
- Changes to the Endangered Species Act are being rumored. Since endangered species are sometimes cited as a reason why construction projects (such as a giant wall) cannot go forward animals currently protected by this act may lose protection under the current administration. Please remind our representative that this will not be acceptable.

http://www.newsweek.com/how-endangered-species-may-fare-under-trump-542019

Changes to the EPA – with a head of the EPA who has sued the agency multiple times and is a climate change denier we know that we are in for some changes (such as the blocked implementation of the Stream Protection Act allowing coal run off to be dumped into rivers and streams). Change to the environment will affect many endangered wildlife species, we need to remind our representatives that diversity is important and that there is a reason there is already a limit to how much fish you should eat (have they forgotten about mercury already?)
http://www.snopes.com/2017/02/06/dump-coal-waste-into-streams/

San Francisco Representatives:

Senator Dianne Feinstein: (202) 224-3841

https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me

Senator Kamila D. Harris: (202) 224-3553

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Congressional Representative Nancy Pelosi: (202) 225-4965

https://pelosi.house.gov/contact-me/email-me

State Senator Scott Wiener: (916) 651-4011 http://sdll.senate.ca.gov/contact

State Assembyman David Chiu: (916) 319-2017

https://lcmspubcontact.lc.ca.gov/PublicLCMS/ContactPopup.php?district=AD17

2017 MEETINGS:

June 15 September 21 November 16



Thursday, March 16th

International and Interstate Movement of Small Animals

Includes credit toward NVAP renewal

Lauren A. England, DVM, MPH

USDA APHIS Veterinary Services, Northern CA Veterinary Medical Officer

Hors d'oeuvre

Marinated Ahi Tuna "poke style" on crisp Won Ton Phyllo Triangles with Spinach and Feta Cheese

Salad

Belgian Endive Salad with Maytag Blue Cheese, Caramelized Pecans, Chervil and Green Apples, Walnut Oil Vinaigrette

Dinner

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

<u>OR</u>

Vegan Option

Dessert

Chocolate Marquis with 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
Annual membership \$230
(must register by April 1st)

RSVPs Required individually <u>via the SFVMA website</u> by Thursday, March 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.

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Lauren A. England, DVM, MPH

Veterinary Medical Officer USDA APHIS Veterinary Services, Northern CA

Lauren England is a 2013 graduate from Kansas State University CVM. She also received her Bachelors in Animal Science degree and Masters in Public Health degree from Kansas State University. While in vet school, Lauren received the Saul T. Wilson Scholarship which led to a job as a Field Veterinary Medical Officer with National Import Export Services in Northern California.

***This presentation will count as a credit towards NVAP (National Veterinary Accreditation Program) renewal and she will also demonstrate how to use the USDA's new pet travel website

SFVMA News

Leptospirosis in Bay Area

There has been an apparent increase in the incidence of leptospirosis across the country, including within San Francisco. Please be keep this in mind when presented with dogs showing possible clinical signs (fever, lethargy, gastrointestinal upset, renal failure with or without liver failure). Consider discussions about preventative measures with at-risk pets, and remember that this is a zoonotic disease. If you have a suspected or confirmed case, please email Katie Kennedy at sfvmasecretary@gmail.com; SFVMA will be tracking the incidence and report back.

2017 SFVMA Membership

Now that we are solidly into 2017, don't forget to pay your SFVMA membership dues. Annual membership dues are unchanged at \$230/doctor and continue to include dinner at all 4 CE meetings at the Cliff House and a 25% discount for newsletter advertisements. Please complete the Membership Application on the website; payment can be submitted by credit card via PayPal or by check. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Katie Kennedy at

sfvmasecretary@gmail.com

2017 RABIES CLINICS:

March 5
June 11
September 10
December 10

Rabies Clinics

Thank you to all of the volunteers that continually make these clinics a success and to those of you who have already signed up for a 2017 clinic. Volunteers are still needed for the September and December Rabies Clinics. Please email sfvmavp@gmail.com with your information to sign up for a clinic. 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.

Land's End Hike on March 19th



SFVMA will be organizing a hike (beginner's level with great views) at Land's End on Sunday, March 19th at 10am. All are welcome, including guests, to come socialize and enjoy the sunshine (hopefully!). If you are interested in attending, please email Robin Kelly at stymapresident@gmail.com for further details.

Website Redesign

Thank you to Tracy Cronin for her volunteering her time and effort these past years in maintaining the SFVMA website. Recently, we have gone through a complete overhaul of the website, newsletter, and even a new logo. Hopefully, this will allow more mobile access and additional resources for our members in the future (an archive of CE presentations, forum for discussing trends or reporting an increase in disease incidence, etc.) Please be patient with us as we launch these newest improvements. Any questions or feedback can be sent to Katie Kennedy at sfymasecretary@gmail.com

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.

If you are interested in sponsoring a future meeting, please contact Robin Kelly.

San Francisco Aid for Animals A Project of the San Francisco Veterinary Medical Association



We are excited to announce the introduction of the Tauber Fund for Pets (TFP) that allows veterinarians participating in our Grant-in-Aid (GIA) program to access supplemental funds outside the GIA program. Details on how participating veterinarians can utilize TFP funds will be distributed in the coming weeks. Funding for this program can provide up to an additional \$5000 per case over the GIA match and we hope will allow us to help save those pets whose medical bills far exceed our current GIA program. If you feel you may have an urgent need for these funds, please contact board member Ken Linton at:

ken@sfaidforanimals.org.

In other news we are happy to report that so far this fiscal year we have helped save thirty-two pets and awarded grants of over \$23,000. We thank you for your continued participation. Phil Durfee

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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 <u>Jason Kidd</u> for details on requests for donations.



Cynthia Cook, DVM PhD Albert Mughannam, DVM Gwendolyn Lynch, DVM Carol Szymanksi, DVM Diplomates, ACVO San Carlos office (Mon-Sat) 210 Industrial Rd, Ste #100

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Glaucoma: Can You Handle <u>The</u> Pressure? Dr. Cynthia Cook June 6, 2017

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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: Hnouzong Her 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 tmcpheron@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 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 Katie Kennedy at sfymasecretary@amail.com.



Behavior

Leslie Larson Cooper, DVM, DACVB

Cardiology

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

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

Dermatology & Allergy

Laura Wilson, DVM, DACVD

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

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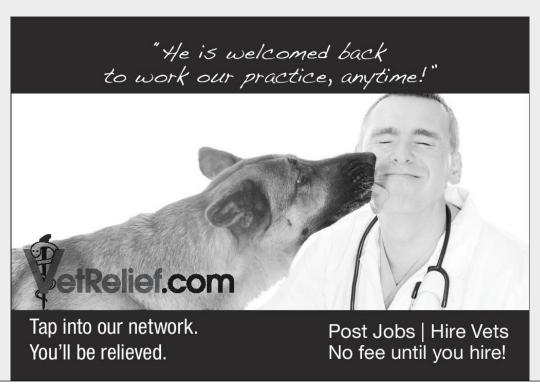


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Thousands of animals need care during and after disasters. Some 63% of California households have pets, including an estimated 10 million pet cats, nine million dogs, and one million horses. Other pets, farm animals, and wildlife also need assistance 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 <u>CAVMRC website</u>.



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March 10-12, 2017 Yosemite National Park, CA

SAGE Small Animal Symposium

March 19, 2017 Burlingame, CA

Spring SDCVMA: Emergency & Critical Care for the General Practitioner

April 29-30, 2017 San Diego, CA

Vet Vacation CE

June 20-23, 2017 Napa Valley, CA

Pacific Veterinary Conference

June 29-July 2, 2017 Long Beach, CA

Fall SDCVMA: Dermatology for the General Practitioner

September 9-10, 2017 San Diego, CA

SPECIALTY

VECCS Spring Symposium

April 6-9, 2017 Maui, HI

North American Veterinary Dermatology Forum

April 26-29, 2017 Orlando, FL

ACVIM Forum

June 7-10, 2017 National Harbor, MD

GENERAL

American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture Annual Meeting

March 24-16, 2017 Savannah, GA

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May 16-18, 2017 New York, NY

CVC East

May 18-21, 2017 Virginia Beach, VA

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June 28, 2017 Sandestin, FL

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July 13-16, 2017 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

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