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A MESSAGE TO SFVMA MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to offer a free virtual meeting on **Thursday, September 17, 2020.**

Dr. Wailani Sung, MS, PhD, DVM, DACVB, of the San Francisco SPCA Behavior Speciality Service, will present "Emerging Behavior Issues During COVID", hosted by Purina. There will be a fifteen minute question and answer session after her presentation. **There will be a link emailed to members and on the website.**

We are actively seeking a volunteer to join the SFVMA Executive Board as President.

The Executive Board meets four times a year. In addition to the quarterly SFVMA General meetings, the SFVMA President is responsible for presiding at all General meetings and Executive Board meetings, arranging speakers and sponsorship for quarterly General meetings, and writing a President's Message for the quarterly SFVMA Newsletter. You will be joining a lively and experienced Executive Board who are dedicated to advancing the science and art of veterinary medicine, including its relationship to public health and the biological sciences.

Alternatively, if anyone is interested in the role of Secretary of the SFVMA Executive Board,

we are happy to shuffle roles. The Secretary is responsible for publishing the quarterly newsletter, soliciting and managing advertisements for the newsletter and website, sending invoices, handling general enquiries via email, and keeping the minutes of meetings.

We look forward to connecting with everyone in person when possible. Thank you for continuing to care for the animals and families of San Francisco through the Covid-19 pandemic and the wildfire season. Your dedication to our community is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Keely Commins DVM,
SFVMA Treasurer



2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

Fall — Thursday, September 17

Winter — Thursday, November 19

UPCOMING ONLINE MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

"Emerging Behavior Issues During COVID"

Dr. Wailani Sung, MS, PhD, DVM, DACVB



Wailani Sung, Veterinarian and Behavior Specialist,
San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Dr. Wailani Sung has a passion for helping owners prevent or effectively manage behavior problems in companion animals, enabling them to maintain a high quality of life. Dr. Sung obtained her Master's degree and Doctorate in Psychology, with a special interest in animal behavior from The University of Georgia. Upon completion of these graduate programs, she obtained a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, then board certification in veterinary behavioral medicine. Dr. Sung

currently provides behavioral consultations at the Behavior Specialty Clinic located at the San Francisco SPCA.

She does not consider any patient or problem hopeless, and her treatment protocols are based on scientific information about animal behavior, psychopharmacology, and learning theory.

Dr. Sung also contributes to the management and treatment of the behavioral needs of the shelter pets at the San Francisco SPCA.

Dr. Sung frequently lectures on managing common behavioral issues and consults with veterinary practices to design programs and train staff in best practices for making vet visits less stressful and developing treatment protocols for patients with behavioral issues. Dr. Sung also provide consultations to shelter and rescue organizations.

Dr. Sung is a co-author of the book, *From Fearful to Fear Free*, in which she collaborated with America's veterinarian Dr. Marty Becker, veterinary colleague Dr. Lisa Radosta, and renown trainer, Mikkel Becker. Dr. Sung also co-authored a chapter in "Decoding your Cat". Dr. Sung has been a contributor to the magazines, *Healthy Pet* and *Happy Paws*, and the websites, *PetCoach* and *PetMD*. Dr. Sung has written chapters for the following veterinary textbooks: *Behavior of Exotic Pets*, *Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Consult Clinical Companion: Canine and Feline Behavior*, 2nd Edition and *Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Consult: Canine and Feline*: 7th edition. Dr. Sung is also an advisory member of *Fear Free Pets*. She is a *Fear Free* certified speaker.

Dr. Sung was interviewed on the documentary, *Cat Tales* by NOVA: www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/video/cat-tales/

7PM – 8:30PM via Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Tapping into Those 'Gut
Feelings': Impact of *B. longum*
(BL999) on Anxiety in Dogs



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Wed., September 9

Holger Volk,
Dip ECVN, PhD, PGCAP,
FHEA, MRCVS

New Insights into Canine
Epilepsy Management



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Wed., October 7
@ 8PM EST/5PM PST

Jodi Westropp,
DVM, DACVIM, PhD

Management Tips for Urolithiasis
Treatment and Prevention




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@ 8PM EST/5PM PST

Cynthia R. Ward,
VMD, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM)

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Laura Eirmann,
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LATEST NEWS FROM SFAfA

We have started our new fiscal year and are working with nineteen Bay Area Hospitals. Unfortunately the Tauber Fund for Animals has been depleted and is not available at this time. Questions about the program should be directed to Board members via the SFAFA website (www.sfafa.org).

Despite the pandemic, our Board is working hard to strengthen our program and has increased fund raising efforts. If anyone is interested in helping out with our fundraising efforts, or serving as a volunteer or as a Board member, please contact us:

www.sfafa.org/index.php/contact-us

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**We need a new
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and alternative to
represent San Francisco
veterinarians!**

Please reach out to **Amy Lightstone** at sfvmasecretary@gmail.com if you are interested in helping represent our community!

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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 **Philip Watt: sfvmapresident@gmail.com**



RABIES CLINICS



SEPTEMBER'S RABIES CLINIC HAS BEEN CANCELED!

... but please consider volunteering
for Vet SOS!
(www.sfvma.net/volunteer)

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all the volunteers that continually make these clinics a success! *Volunteers are still needed for the upcoming 2020 Rabies Clinics. Sign up today!*

Please email sfvmapv@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) from 10am–1pm.

Please contact **Anna DeVincenzi** if you have any questions or would like to volunteer: sfvmapv@gmail.com

2020 RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE

(Always on Sundays)

DECEMBER 13, 2020

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
Keely Commins
for details on
requests for donations:
sfvmatreasurer@gmail.com



SFVMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Veterinary Students

We will offer a scholarship to one UC Davis veterinary student and one Western Veterinary student in 2021. Applications are typically accepted between **October and December annually** as determined by the college.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be currently enrolled in the veterinary program at UC Davis or Western University
- Current or former employment with an SFVMA member
- Must be able to prove employment with member

CONTACT FOR WESTERN VET. STUDENTS

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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 \$1,000 to two 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**.

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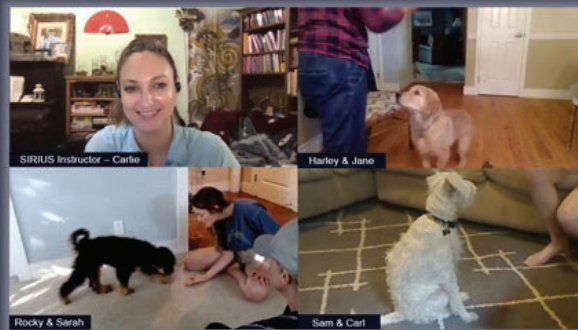
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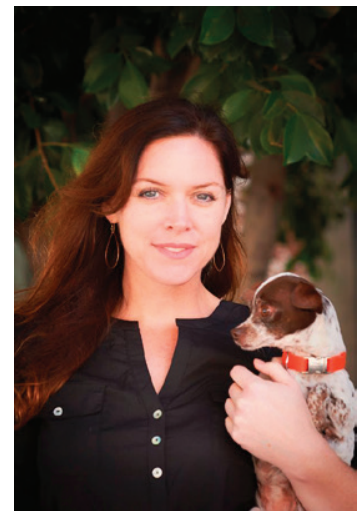
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Thousands of animals need care during and after disasters. Some 63% of California households have pets, including an estimated 10 million pet cats, nine million dogs, and one million horses. Other pets, farm animals, and wildlife also need assistance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

cvma.net/resources/disaster-response-program-2/california-veterinary-medical-reserve-corps-cavmrc/