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**SAN FRANCISCO
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ASSOCIATION**

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE TO SFVMA MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues,

I was walking around my neighborhood this past weekend thinking about just how lucky we are in San Francisco. Everyone was wearing a mask shopping at the outdoor farmer's market while people try to figure out the sudden CDC announcement that vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks. I have now gone for a few walks in the Presidio and Golden Gate Park mask free, but it has really become a habit to put one on every time I walk out of my apartment. It's just something that most San Franciscans have done to protect each other and our communities, and that has certainly not been the case in many other places.

At the time of writing, 76% of San Franciscans over 16 years old have already had at least one vaccine, and we just started vaccinating 12-15 year-old kids as well. This is amazing and well above what many other places have accomplished thus far. I'm grateful to live in a place where so many people believe in science and have been so caring about trying to protect each other.

The veterinary industry has done an amazing job adapting to curbside appointments over the last year, but now we face another confusion, when and how to go back to in person appointments. This will clearly be hospital dependent, but with low case numbers and high vaccination rates, we are headed that direction. I do look forward to seeing clients, and at some point, smiling at them again. I know many of them feel the same, but others may not quite be ready and still prefer to have the option for curbside appointments.

A MESSAGE TO SFVMA MEMBERS (cont.)

As many of you know, we lost our beloved Cliff House last year. While our quarterly meetings are currently slated to be online for the year, we will begin searching for a new venue moving forward. If anyone has ideas (or connections), we would love to hear about them.

We are also continuing to look for a CVMA representative and CVMA alternate representative. This is an opportunity to get involved and help advocate for our profession.

Please join us for our upcoming online meeting June 17th with Elanco to learn about Elura and feline Credelio!

Sincerely,

Amy Lightstone,
SFVMA President



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UPCOMING VIRTUAL CE MEETING

Please join the SFVMA at our second online CE program of 2021!

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021

7:00PM – 8:30PM

"Inappetence and Weight Loss in Chronic Disease — Why Treatment Matters"

Presented by: Ryan Goupil, DVM

Please join for an evening learning about why treatment matters when treating inappetence in chronic disease during which will introduce Elura (capromorelin for cats) to manage weight loss in cats with CKD and revisit Entyce for dogs. At the beginning, we will provide a brief overview of the recently launched, first oral treatment for both fleas and ticks: Credelio Cat.



Ryan Goupil joined Elanco Animal Health following the acquisition of Aratana Therapeutics, where he began in 2017 as the Veterinary Medical Liaison for the West Coast, and has now assumed the role of Specialty Consulting Veterinarian. Prior to this, he was a member of the ER/CCU team at Sage Veterinary Centers in the San Francisco Bay Area, completed an internship at Oradell Animal Hospital in Paramus, NJ and completed his undergraduate and veterinary studies at Cornell University. He has past industry and academic research experience in the areas of immunotherapies for hematologic malignancies, graft-vs-host disease as well as exploring NSAID and nutraceutical treatments for various cancers.

7:00PM – 8:30PM via Microsoft Teams Meeting

Phone Conference ID: 474 699 15#

Meeting Connection Details will be emailed and accessible on the SFVMA website: www.sfvma.org/meetings

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Currently there are **very few changes in our Grant Program** and those that we have made will streamline the process even more. If you are a member hospital one of our board members has likely already contacted you to discuss the changes. *If you haven't heard from a board member please let us know.*

We have made some **updates to our Website and Donation platform** and will continue to accept checks (made out to **San Francisco Aid for Animals**), credit cards and have added PayPal as a donation option. The donation page of our website (**SFAFA.org**) has been updated to reflect this information.

Our **In Memoriam program** is going strong. If you would like more information or might be interested in participating please contact us.

Let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information about these changes. We are so happy and appreciative of the partnership that we have with SFVMA and all of our member hospitals and want to make sure to keep you informed.

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SFAfA Grant Examples

General Guidelines

(GIA and Tauber Funds are available for any case, please use all of your funds)

- 1 The pet must have an urgent need for medical care.
- 2 The case has a good prognosis.
- 3 If it's a long term problem, the clinic must be able to provide ongoing care.
- 4 Your client must have exhausted all other financial options.
- 5 Your hospital will provide a matching or greater discount/donation of in-kind services
- 6 Your client must reside in, or have significant connection to, the San Francisco Bay Area.

Condition Examples

(List is not all inclusive. Please reach out to us with any questions!)

- Infectious diseases (Parvo virus, feline panleukopenia, influenza, anaplasmosis...
- Hepatitis / Liver Disease
- Gastro-enteritis, hemorrhagic gastro-enteritis, inflammatory bowel disease
- Acute Pancreatitis
- Respiratory disease
- Abscesses
- Blood transfusions if good prognosis
- Immune mediated thromocytopenia
- Corneal ulcers
- Skin conditions (Demodex, scabies,...)
- Toxin exposure
- Initial workup for any condition with good prognosis
- Cushings Disease
- Feline urinary obstruction
- Fractured bones
- Trauma cases (hit by car, fire...)
- Amputations
- Skin tumors
- Wound repair
- Skin grafts
- Severe dental disease
- Enterotomy
- Cruciate ligament repair, TPLO, Back Surgery
- Lens luxations
- Pyometra

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SPONSOR A FUTURE MEETING

In order to continue to 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 **Amy Lightstone**: sfvmapresident@gmail.com



RABIES CLINICS



RABIES CLINICS FOR 2021 TO BE ANNOUNCED...

... 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 will still be needed for the upcoming 2021 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



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
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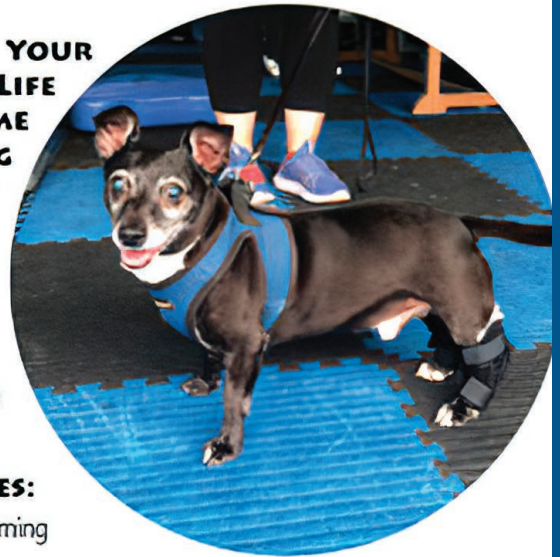
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Volunteer Vet Techs do not need to be licensed vet techs, but must have a minimum of one year experience working in a veterinary environment, and feel comfortable performing animal restraint and animal handling tasks within a limited clinic environment.

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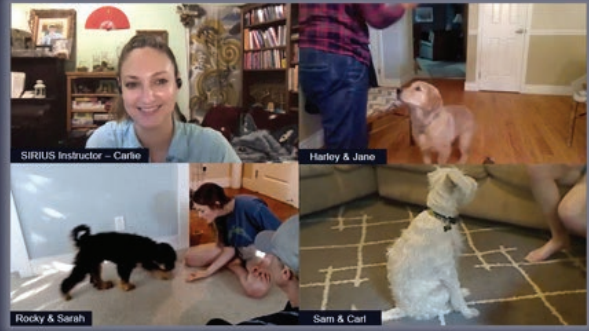
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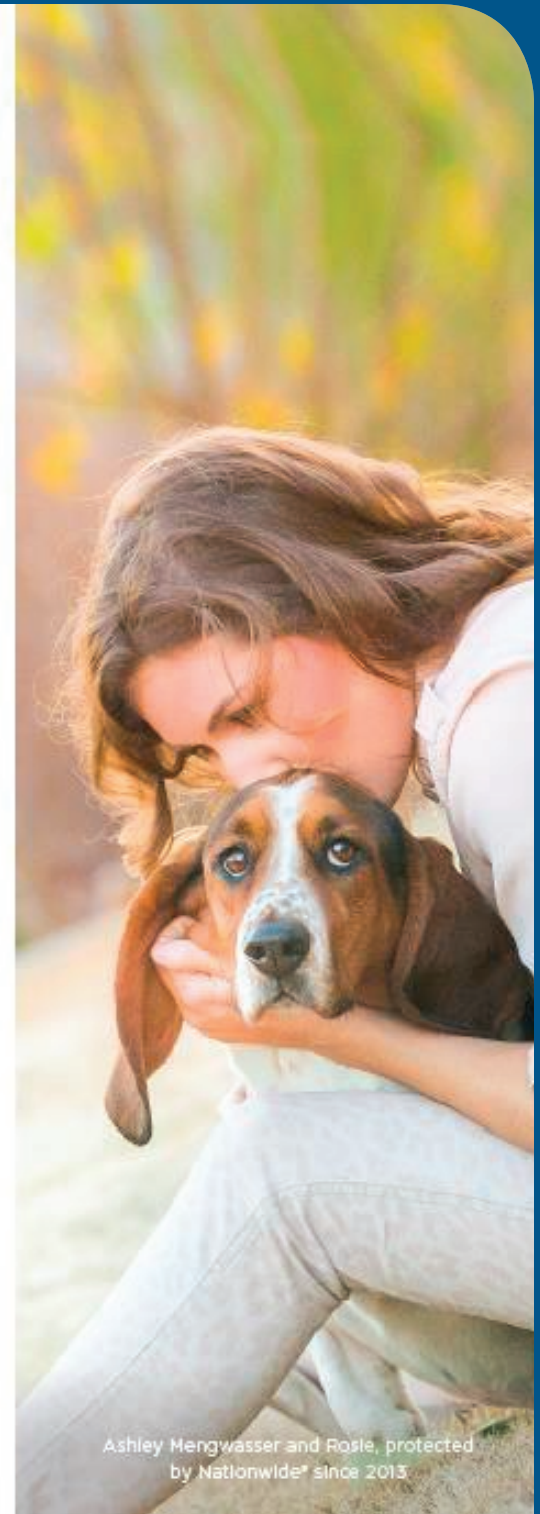
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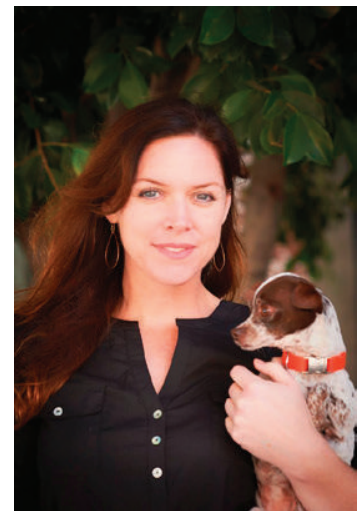
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HELP US HELP YOUR CLIENTS IN FINANCIAL NEED!

SAGE Compassion for Animals prevents suffering and euthanasia by providing financial assistance to families with companion animals in medical crisis (www.sagec4a.org). We received our 501c3 status just as Shelter in Place was announced for the San Francisco Bay Area. Our Board Members are veterinarians, veterinary technicians, non-profit consultants, and have deep ties with animal shelters and rescue groups and understand the financial constraints that some pet families are limited by in making best decisions about their pet's health. We are passionate about providing financial assistance for veterinary care and educating communities about how to prevent and reduce illness. We recognize and acknowledge that compassion fatigue in veterinary medicine is compounded with pet parents have limited financial resources.

We are looking forward to partnering with veterinary practices in the San Francisco Bay Area to help provide financial assistance to your clients in need that have a companion animal in an acute medical crisis. We are looking for guidance from you if your client and their pet meets our eligibility requirements and that you are willing to offer at least a 25% discount on your services.

That is all that is required to become a veterinary partner and listed on our site provide (<https://www.sagec4a.org/veterinary-partners/>)! If your client is awarded a grant, we send the check directly to your office.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Want to do something that saves lives,
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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/