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**SAN FRANCISCO
VETERINARY MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION**

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

NEW PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT — MARCH 2023

It is an honor to take on the position of SFVMA President for 2023. After being briefed on what challenges Dr. Lightstone has endured during the era of COVID, I am a bit intimidated by her performance in the position. That said, I will do my best to fill her shoes. For those that do not know me, I have been practicing in San Francisco for 15 years. In my off hours I ride anything on 2 wheels, spend as much time fishing as possible, and work out my stress by playing pinball. There is a Border Terrier and two cats that share their home with me as well.

Along with thanks to outgoing President Lightstone, I would like to recognize the rest of the board that worked together to continue online meetings with CE during the Pandemic. Our CVMA representative recently informed me that the SFVMA was our only regional VMA to accomplish this.

Our current venue seems nice but the board welcomes and encourages feedback or suggestions on other potential venues for future meetings. Also, please RSVP early for meetings if at all possible. The deadline is 10 days before the meeting. However, if you wait until the last minute it can be more stressful to prepare for the appropriate number of attendees.

In terms of notifications and volunteer opportunities, I have been asked to mention the following:

1. SF Animal Care and Control is seeing very little compliance by local practices fulfilling the legal requirement to report canine rabies vaccines. In the newsletter there is a note from Director Donohue outlining the requirements.
2. SF ACC remains gravely understaffed. They need doctors to sign up for Rabies clinics. It will require you giving up half of a weekend day. But, the time goes fast and it is exciting to see big dogs dragging owners around on improvised leashes made of extension cord.
3. Toni's Kitty Rescue is our longest acting non profit 501C cat rescue in the city. They have lost all but 1 local option for reduced cost sterilization surgeries. Currently they have 13 cats with permanent homes waiting. But they need to be altered first.
4. Lastly, in case you are unaware there is a monthly meeting at City Hall on the second Thursday of every month for the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare. They require that one of the seven seats be filled by a veterinarian who practices in SF. Topics of discussion are highly varied. Issues around community cats, zoo animals, local wildlife, stolen dogs, vicious dogs, and much more are discussed. Most meetings also have presentations by experts in their field. I have filled the seat for 4 years and it is time for me to step down to focus on the VMA. Please consider applying for my spot in the near future.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on March 16th,

Brian VanHorn,
SFVMA President

UPCOMING IN-PERSON CE MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

"Blood Transfusion Practicalities"

Presented by: **Kate Hopper BVSc, PhD, DACVECC**

*Professor of Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care,
School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis.*

Dr. Kate Hopper

is recognized for excellence in teaching critical care and emergency medicine to professional students and residents, and for her international reputation in continuing professional education.



A professor in the Department of Surgical Sciences and Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, Hopper received her veterinary degree (1991) and MVS in Emergency and Critical Care Medicine (1999) from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and a Ph.D. in Comparative Pathology (2007) from UC Davis.

Recognized with teaching awards (2002, 2003) from DVM students and as an Outstanding Graduate Teacher (2004), her expertise is sought beyond the school, including teaching clinical acid-base and electrolyte physiology to UC Davis School of Nursing students and at Cornell's week-long cardiopulmonary 'boot' camp for critical care residents nationally. Dr. Hopper is internationally recognized for her leadership in conference organization for AVECC and IVECC. Her co-edited/ authored reference text *Small Animal Critical Care Medicine*, now in its 3rd edition, is internationally recognized and essential reading for residents in training and for specialists.

AGENDA

- 6:15 – 7:00 pm **Check-in and Hors d'Oeuvres**
- 7:00 – 7:30 pm **SFVMA Announcements / Updates / Dinner Starts**
- 7:30 – 8:30 pm **CE Lecture**

DINNER MENU

HOR D'OEUVRES

- Vine Ripe Tomato Bruschetta (vegan)
- Ahi Tuna Poke Spoons
- Grilled Shrimp Skewers

FIRST

- Mixed Greens Salad with candied walnuts and blue cheese (can be vegan on request)

MAIN COURSE — (choose one)

- Cedar-roasted Atlantic Salmon with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables ... or
- Center cut Filet Mignon with roasted vegetables and mashed potatoes ... or
- Blackened Cauliflower Steak with toasted almonds, carrots, salsa verde (vegan)

DESSERT

- Crème Brûlée with fresh berries (vegan option available on request)

CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE

Please RSVP with your Meal Choice via the SFVMA website by Friday, March 10: www.sfvma.net/rsvp

Remember: The Association pays for uneaten meals. If you have RSVP'd and will not be able to make it, we need you to send in your cancellation no later than Monday, March 13.



Meet the newest veterinary specialty hospital in San Francisco

Our board-certified
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Emergency

- SueJin Hwang, DVM
- Karen Truong, DVM
- Emily Wong, DVM

Internal Medicine

- Craig Maretzki, VMD, DACVIM
- Winnie Ybarra, DVM, DACVIM

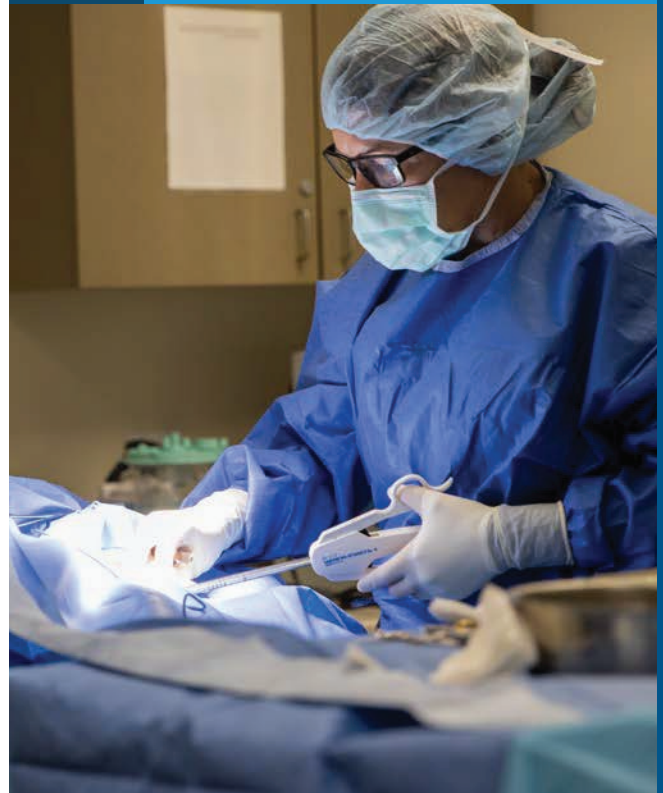
Oncology

- Aarti Sabhlok, DVM, DACVIM

Surgery

- Margo Mehl, DVM, DACVS-SA
- Dan Polidoro, DVM, DACVS-SA

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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 **Brian VanHorn:**
sfvmapresident@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
Karen Truong
for details on
requests for donations:
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SUBMITTING REQUESTS TO SFAfA

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Go to www.sfafa.org



Select 'For Providers' and 'Funding Request Forms' (Password: sfafa)



Complete the GIA or Tauber form online



Scan and email invoices showing in-kind donation to requests@sfaidforanimals.org



SFAfA reviews and confirms application and then has a check issued



Hospital receives grant from Community Initiatives and receipt for donated services

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

LATEST NEWS FROM SFAfA



SFAfA **SAN FRANCISCO AID *for* ANIMALS**

We are more than halfway through our fiscal year and delighted that so many hospitals are using their funds. For those of you who haven't utilized all of your grant funds, don't forget that what you don't use by June 15th is returned to our general fund and awarded to all of our member hospitals in the next fiscal year. We want to help you help as many pets and their families as possible.

We are very pleased that our Tauber Fund for Animals will be available to you again this year. The funds are first come – first served, for more costly cases and have a different matching structure than our Grant in Aid Program. To make it easier for you, the For Providers section of our website shows the real time balance available in the fund. We can be reached anytime if you have questions about what type of cases qualify and how to access the funds.

Please watch your email for enrollment information for our next funding cycle, which starts July 1st. This spring we will be emailing your hospital an enrollment packet for the new fiscal year. Please complete and return it to us. We will inform you at the end of June about your available funding.

We are continuing to strive to meet you and your patient's needs in this ever-changing environment. Over the last few years, we have expanded our program by adding more San Francisco and Bay Area hospitals. With your feedback, we have been adding new programs and modifying our existing ones to help you better assist your clientele. Our current programs include the Grant in Aid Program, Tauber Fund for Animals, Good Partner Program and Durfee Funds. If you are unfamiliar with any of these programs or want any guidance on how to access these funds, please reach out any time.

We wanted to introduce you to "Toto" a 5-year-old DMH who had a markedly comminuted right humoral fracture. Toto's pet parent was experiencing health issues and financial difficulties. He was declined Care Credit. His pet insurance did not cover the entire bill for surgical repair. Amputation was his only option. Toto's dad reached out for help through our website. We directed him to our member hospitals listed on our website. He was able to connect with Dr. Tong at Lenity. With an SFAfA grant, Toto's leg was repaired. He is doing great at home and is expected to have full use of his leg, a far better outcome than amputation.

Some of the other cases for which we have recently provided funds are a toy poodle who needed a cystotomy, a DSH with a jejunal foreign body, a French Bulldog who needed an enucleation, a DSH with a mammary mass, a chihuahua with a gingival mass and severe dental disease, a DMH with a degloving injury on her tail, a Pit Bull with a pyometra and a toy poodle who had bite wounds after being attacked by a large dog. What amazing work!

We are so proud to be able to partner with such amazing people. You don't hear it nearly enough. Thank you for all of your dedication, hard work and the care that you provide.

Thank you for all that you do!

Best regards from everyone at San Francisco Aid for Animals

SFVMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Veterinary Students

We will offer a scholarship to one UC Davis veterinary student and one Western Veterinary student in 2023. 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**.

Questions should be sent to **Anna DeVincenzi** at sfvmavp@gmail.com



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The CVMA defends your right to practice by actively representing the veterinary profession on proposed federal and state legislation and regulations at the legislature and the Veterinary Medical Board.

<https://cvma.net/membership/>



LETTER FROM ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

Dear Practice Owners/Managers,

Thank you for being part of the San Francisco animal community and caring for the many pets in our City.

We understand that this is a demanding time for veterinary practices. We are writing to remind you that the San Francisco Health Code requires that all rabies vaccination information for dogs must be reported to the Department of Animal Care and Control within 30 days of administration.

To maintain compliance please submit copies of your rabies information to **acc.rabies@sfgov.org** by the 5th of every month. Attached is a sample spreadsheet containing the required information. If your system is unable to produce a report, please provide a pdf version of your rabies certificates. The rabies certificates must contain the following fields:

Owner — Last Name	Animal — Name
Owner — First Name	Animal — Sex
Owner — Email Address	Animal — Breed
Owner — Street Address 1	Animal — Date of Birth
Owner — City Name	Animal — Coat Color
Owner — State or Province Name	Animal — Microchip Number
Owner — Zip / Postal Code	Animal — Date Rabies Given
Owner — Primary Phone	Animal — Rabies Due Date
	Animal — Rabies Serial / Lot #
	Animal — Rabies Manufacturer

Dog licensing is required by law as part of our rabies control program. Licensing also remains an essential tool in returning lost pets to their guardians. It also helps SFACC determine where to focus our outreach and emergency planning efforts.

The city is currently using licenses made by Pet Hub (**www.pethub.com**) that include a QR code where the basic plan enables anyone who finds a dog to scan the code and obtain owner-supplied information about the pet and its family, speeding reunification. Last fiscal year, SFACC reunited 54% of stray dogs with their owners through our lost and found programs.

Licensing can now be done online at **sfanimalcare.org/services/licensing-your-pet**

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this important health and safety issue.

Virginia Donohue
Director, San Francisco Animal Care and Control

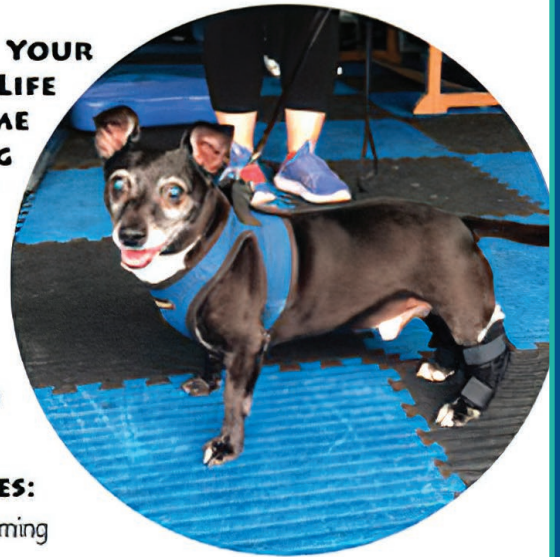
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If you're the ideal candidate, you'll:

- Have earned a DVM or equivalent degree
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- Thrive in team-oriented environments (think hospital retreats, team dinners, happy hours and more!)
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Contact: talent@VEG.vet or www.veg.vet/careers

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Fairfax Veterinary Clinic

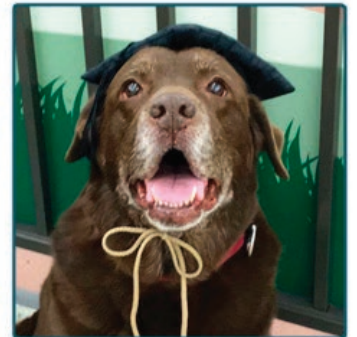
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Established in 1989, our hospital honors the health and happiness of all pets and people, and it is our firm belief that you can't put a price on doing the right thing. As a full-service hospital, we take great pride in the extensive range of services our doctors have to offer and are always excited to expand our ability to better serve our patients and clients. We have a terrific team of support staff and are well-equipped with advanced medical devices such as digital dental & standard radiography, ultrasound, endoscopy, in-house lab, & a paper lite operating system.

Our ideal candidate will have 2+ years of DVM experience but we will consider more recent graduates with the right attitude and interests. We are currently looking to fill 3-4 shifts per week, have the flexibility to consider FT or PT candidates, and can offer a set weekly schedule with no on-calls, ever! We are looking for someone to bond with us and our community. NSAH also strives to nurture doctors seeking to hone their skills in niche areas of veterinary care.



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Our compensation and benefits plan are generous, competitive, and commensurate with experience.

Our package includes:

- Signing bonus and relocation assistance, up to \$100,000
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- Health, dental, vision, and life insurance
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Jackson Creek Veterinary Clinic is seeking a full- or part-time associate to join our 2-DVM, small animal general practice in Northern California. We have served our loyal clientele since 1990 and take pride in our many long-lasting relationships within our community, including many local animal rescues. We provide a wide range of services including soft tissue surgery, digital and dental radiography, ultrasound, and in-house labs. We are located an hour away from the many referral facilities in the Sacramento area and we work with nearby specialists when needed, but we also have more exposure to complex medical & surgical cases when clients prefer to keep their pets in-house. Whether you're an experienced doctor or a new graduate, Jackson Creek is the perfect place to hone your craft as a well-rounded clinician. Our growing, enthusiastic team of assistants and RVT support our associates in all facets of patient care, allowing you to focus on practicing medicine.

Candidate Requirements

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**Want to do something that saves lives,
feels good and helps your community?
Then volunteer to help animals when
disasters strike in California!**



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/

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!

Voicemail: (415) 355-2237



Email: vetsos@sfccc.org

Volunteer Vet Techs Needed at PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support)

PAWS mission is to preserve, support and nurture the human-animal bond for those most vulnerable in our community, low-income San Francisco residents who are seniors (over 60 years old) and/or persons living with a disability, with pet food and vet care, among its services.

Volunteer Vet Techs assist one of our licensed Volunteer Veterinarians with exams and nail trims at our Ask The Vet consultations. Our vet exam room is located in the PAWS building in the Mission neighborhood of San Francisco.

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.

Please contact Program Coordinator, Volunteer Services,
Walter Campbell for more information and to apply to volunteer:

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