

# **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

# A MESSAGE TO SFVMA MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to announce that we will be continuing to offer online continuing education in place of our quarterly meetings until that fine day we can all come together once again at the fabulous Cliff House. November 19th, Dechra will be sponsoring an online meeting with Dr. Julie Kluxdal speaking about veterinary dermatology. Links will be added to the website and emailed to members prior to the meeting. We hope you all will join us.

As what feels like the longest year ever heads into holiday season, I hope that everyone is hanging in there. Between COVID-19, fires, elections, and social justice issues, this has been a year unlike any other for most of us. It seems almost everyone is struggling with some degree staffing issues amongst childcare, new babies, moves, and the confusion of veterinary professionals actually calling out sick. As veterinarians, most of us have rarely ever called out sick. We don't want to let our clients and sick pets down that have likely had to wait an unusually long period of time to get an appointment, or we are working as an emergency veterinarian where the clinic may actually have to shut down if we don't come in. We don't want to let our staff down who will have to call and reschedule all of our appointments or who have to organize transfers to other hospitals. COVID-19 has changed that. We have to protect our staff and clients. We also want to avoid having to shut entire hospitals down if there is an outbreak as this is far more detrimental.

I called out sick for the first time in years a couple months ago. I had a headache, a sore throat, and was very fatigued. Normally, I would have headed into work without thinking twice even though I felt like rubbish, but these are not normal times. I navigated the UCSF COVID-19 consulting system, had my first human telemedicine experience, and got to experience the fine deep nasal and pharyngeal swab from the comfort of the driver's seat. Happily, I tested negative for COVID-19 and only missed one day of work. I also discovered that you actually feel better way more quickly when you stay home and rest when sick, and the entire vet hospital doesn't come down with whatever you had. Fancy that. Perhaps we should consider keeping this new trend of staying home when ill in the future.

Please remember to take care of yourselves, your staff, clients and people in your lives. Everyone is struggling right now. It is easy to get caught up and stressed, but sometimes we need to take a deep breath and remember how crazy everything is for so many people right now. Who knew there would be such an explosion of work in veterinary medicine during a human pandemic? I'm still confused as to where all these new puppies came from, but at least most of them are pretty darn cute. Wishing everyone the best of luck through turkey day pancreatitis, various foreign bodies, and chocolate ingestions.

We are still looking for a new President or Secretary if anyone is interested. You would be working with 3 lovely veterinarians who have backyard wine meetings! :)

Sincerely,

Amy Lightstone, BVSc SFVMA Secretary



# **UPCOMING VIRTUAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020** 

# "Veterinary Dermatology — Being Proactive: A Multimodal Approach to Success"

Presented by: Julie Kluxdal, DVM

**Professional Services Veterinarian, Dechra Veterinary Products** 



**Dr. Julie Kluxdal** is a 1998 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. She spent eight years in clinical practice. Her practice experience includes canine, feline, emergency, exotic pet and wildlife medicine. Her career transitioned to the animal health industry when she accepted a position as a Field Technical Services Veterinarian in 2006 and most recently joined Dechra Veterinary Products as a Professional Services Veterinarian in November 2019.

Outside of work Julie enjoys spending time outdoors with her family hiking and biking at home in California. When they can, they enjoy visiting other parts of the United States and the world. Her family includes her husband, son, a house full of cats and one snake.

Thursday, November 19, 2020
Presentation begins at 7:00 PM PST

Private CE for San Francisco VMA members

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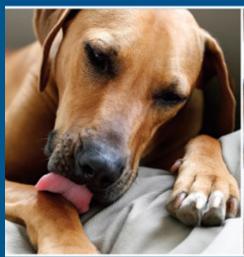
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We have used all of our **Tauber Funds** for 2020. When more funds become available, we will let you know.



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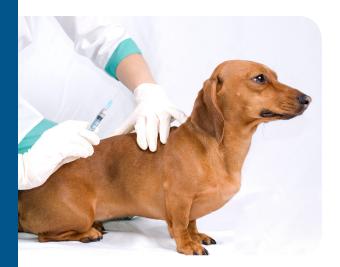
# SPONSOR A FUTURE MEETING

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 **Anna DeVincenzi**: sfvmavp@gmail.com



# **RABIES CLINICS**



# **DECEMBER'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 will still be needed for the upcoming 2021 Rabies Clinics. Sign up today!

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) from 10am-1pm.

Please contact Anna DeVincenzi if you have any questions or would like to volunteer: sfvmavp@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.

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# 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**

### 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 \$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.

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- ▶ Pacific Heights Hospital Associate Veterinarian

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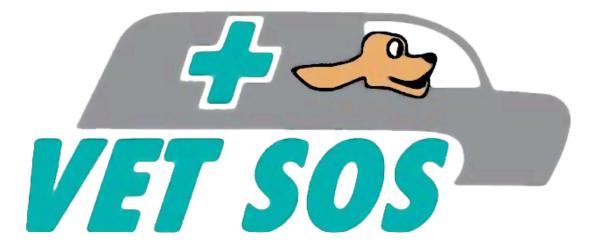


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animals, and wildlife also need assistance during and after disasters like earthquakes, floods, and wildfires.

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
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### **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/