

FALL 2021



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**SAN FRANCISCO
VETERINARY MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION**

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE TO SFVMA MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues,

During my internship a hurricane made landfall in Virginia and knocked out power to the majority of Richmond for nearly 1 week. The emergency and specialty hospital I worked at was the only veterinary clinic that continued to operate in the city thanks to 3 generators on the roof. We saw pretty much every dog and cat that needed veterinary care in the entire city for a week. It may not sound like a long time, but when every cage, run, and stacked donated kennel lining 2 entire floors is full, it felt like an eternity. We had every available staff member come in as much as possible, we napped in the clinic or briefly at home in between working horribly long shifts. We ran out of supplies, improvised and borrowed. This was my introduction to disaster veterinary medicine.

The last year has been reminiscent of this at many times. We have never before seen this many pets seeking care with a reduced workforce that continues to dwindle. I work as a relief veterinarian at many different practices and everyone is struggling. Many veterinarians and support staff have quit, walked away from the profession, or cut back on hours due to severe burn out. New grads are already wanting to leave the field. I for one have recently cut back on hours and stopped doing emergency shifts due to burn out. You can only work shifts with 20 pets in the emergency queue, a full hospital, and no breaks for so long. Emergency hospitals now regularly reach capacity and have to close if they have the staff to open to begin with. This is extremely hard for the caring people in our profession to do, but there are simply not enough people to care for these pets sometimes, and we try to send them to some place that still has room.

We all hoped that this would get better with time. While everyone has done their best to make adjustments like saving extra appointment slots for urgent care appointments, taking extra drop offs, closing incoming patients when at capacity, and getting clients back in the building as soon as feasible, we simply cannot keep up in this new world the way that we once did. There are not enough of us, and it is really hard to hold onto support staff that are well trained, working their backsides off and getting yelled at regularly to get paid less than what they could easily make

A MESSAGE TO SFVMA MEMBERS (cont.)

doing something much less stressful. Gone are the days clients could easily make an appointment to be seen on the same day or get into a specialist within the week. Radiograph reports take 5 days to come back in some places now because even our radiologists reading rads from afar are overwhelmed.

This is a marathon not a sprint. We spent so much of last year reacting to changes and hoping things would return to usual. This is now our new normal, and we must adjust. We don't have some magical cache of more veterinarians, techs, assistants and CSRs. We need to take care of the ones we have and train new ones to want to stay. It is unsustainable to ask workers to come into a meat grinder where they are run off their feet and barely have time to visit the bathroom every day. By all means those days happen, but we need to stop it from being normal if we want to avoid burning everyone out.

We need to retrain our clients that this is the new normal, and they will need to wait longer for responses and appointments and should plan accordingly. Maybe practices need to set up days of vaccine clinics for well pets, maybe we need a veterinary version of a nurse practitioner that can be obtained without a lifetime of debt and 8 years of education, maybe we need to combine resources between hospitals to help each other, maybe we need to learn it's ok to say no, maybe we need to utilize telehealth services more to help triage and communicate. At the end of the day, please take care of yourselves, each other, and your staff. We want the profession to survive and Not One More Vet, Vet Tech, Vet Assistant, or CSR to be lost.

Unfortunately, our sponsor and speaker for September had to cancel due to Covid related issues, so there will be no meeting in September. We hope the best for their team and apologize for any inconvenience.

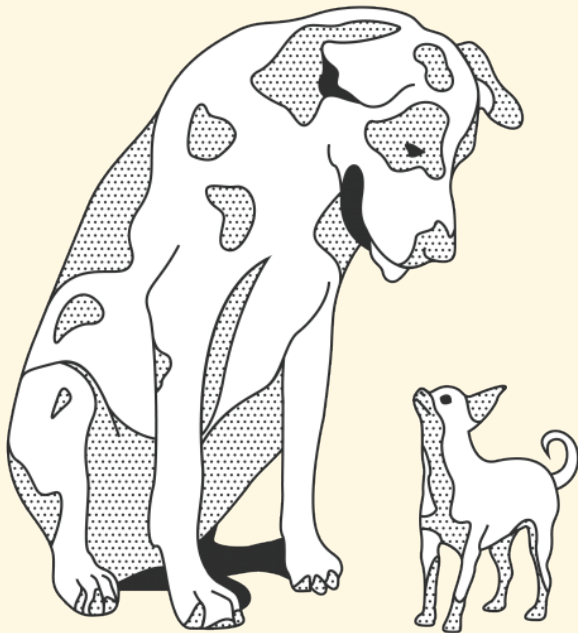
Sincerely,

Amy Lightstone,
SFVMA President



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**Unfortunately, there will be
no CE this quarter due to
COVID related issues!**



Your Dog Could Be a Healthspan Study Scientist

There are still a lot things we don't know about the aging process in dogs, so we've made it our mission to learn more. Enroll in our observational (no drug) study investigating the biology behind how our best friends age.



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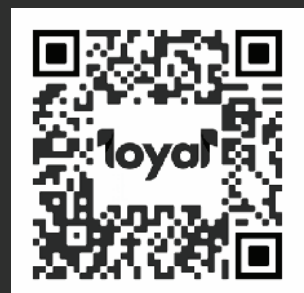
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- are **2-5 years** old OR **7 or more years** old, and
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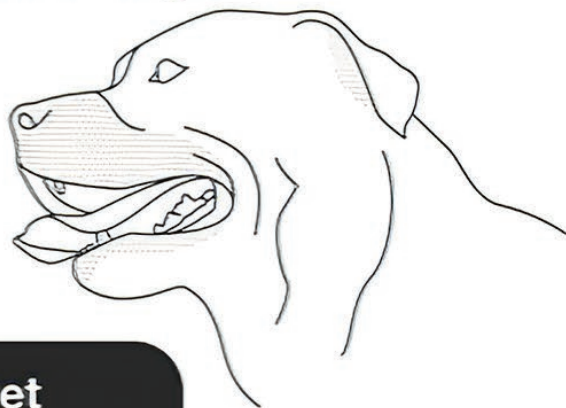




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SFAfA **SAN FRANCISCO AID *for* ANIMALS**

We are so pleased to announce that as of July 1st, **San Francisco Aid for Animals has entered our tenth year of providing grants to Bay Area veterinarians.** Despite a very bumpy year for the entire veterinary community, we were able to hold our own with fundraising and have entered our new fiscal year ready to face the challenges ahead. This past year, with your help and support, **we were able to provide over \$200,000 for life-saving veterinary care for 66 pets.** Our continued success has allowed us to expand our service area and we have added new member hospitals in Sonoma County and the East Bay which gives us the ability to reach more deserving families and their beloved pets. Many thanks to all of you for all of your help and support for this amazing program. Many of you have partnered with us since day one. We couldn't have made it this far without you. Here is to another successful year for all of us! Thank you, thank you, thank you from San Francisco Aid for Animals.

The story of Hank — another success story: We couldn't have done it without all of you!

A pit bull puppy was found abandoned and left for dead in an orchard in the East Bay. He was taken to UnderDog Rescue, was named Hank and was placed as a foster with Molly and her family. It didn't take long before they all fell in love. Hank had found his forever home. Some time later the family noticed some awkwardness in his gait and he was taken to IronHorse VetCare in Dublin where it was discovered that he had ligament tears in both stifles. Underdog Rescue and Hank's new family were committed to funding Hank's bilateral TPLO surgery, but their resources did not completely cover the cost of Hank's care. Luckily, as an SFAfA member hospital, IronHorse reached out to us and a grant was provided to cover the remainder of Hank's medical costs. Hank had a successful surgery and is now recovering well at home.

Molly's family sent us this message:

"We are so beyond grateful that you stepped in to help Hank! He is an absolutely precious boy who loves our family BIG and we love him BIG. It has been love at first cuddle and we can't wait to have him back adventuring with us. Thank you thank you thank you for all you do and for making this chance for Hank possible! (Here he is wishing that he could jump on the couch again – soon enough buddy soon enough!)"

SUBMITTING REQUESTS TO SFAfA

HAVE A FAMILY WHO CAN'T AFFORD THE CARE FOR THEIR PRECIOUS ANIMAL?

San Francisco Aid for Animals Can Help You Save a Life

SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR FUNDING



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

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Tiffany Hahn at sfvmasecretary@gmail.com
if you are interested in helping
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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
for details on requests for donations:
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HOSPITAL STANDARDS SELF-EVALUATION CHECKLIST

Below is a link to the Veterinary Medical Board's Self-Evaluation Checklist. This could assist your practice with being prepared for the possibility of premise inspections.

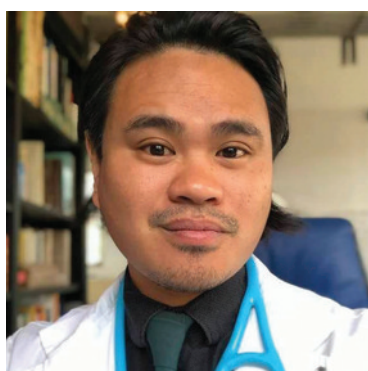
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San Francisco Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship

\$1,500

HermanMax Salvosa-Chua, DVM 2024 2021 Recipient



Thank you, San Francisco Veterinary Medical Association, for this scholarship. I am extremely thankful and humbled.

I will do my best in classes so that I can apply what I learn to provide the best standard of care. I take with me the pride of San Francisco and all that I have learned there to make sure that these standards go beyond just our animal patients... they extend to the people that take care of them. As I work with my teammates and the community at WesternU, I'll keep in mind

one of the last lessons I learned from Dr. Hazanow before I moved down to start school..."Is it kind? Is it true? Is it useful?"

Even though I was born and raised in Long Beach and Orange County, San Francisco will always be my hometown. I am Bay Area proud with my undergraduate diploma from CSU East Bay hanging on the wall. The education I received in those classes in Hayward and in the streets of the City formed my drive to do more to help the community. The way WesternU incorporates science, caring, and humanism mirrors what I've experienced living in San Francisco.

One approach that I've come to appreciate in the WesternU CVM program is their integration of "Veterinary Issues" as a class starting from year one, week one. I get excited to share and discuss with my cohort, my experiences from living in the Bay. While visibility and celebration of diversity, equity and inclusion are danced about and normalized in the City, for others in my class, these are still just words. Many of the issues discussed in class (such as animal welfare, personal wellbeing, legislation, policy, and malpractice... to name a few) were just everyday conversations that I had with people in San Francisco; and now we get to dive deeper into what that means for veterinary professionals and how the care we provide can be affected.



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I will continue the next year in the positions of treasurer of our SC-ACVP and secretary of our SC-AAAP, guided by the collaboration and goal-oriented skills I learned from watching the doctors at Seven Hills. And as I take on more duties as chair-elect of the Government Affairs Committee within the SAVMA House of Delegates, I hope to accurately, empathetically, and justly represent the needs of my fellow student doctors. I hope that we can help introduce initiatives to help support mental wellbeing in our field.

Pathology residency is still at the top of my list of goals. And I look forward to the challenge of more studies, opportunities, and externships to sway that pursuit. This scholarship is keeping me motivated while keeping me grounded. In a way it is a symbol of the combined effort from all of us. And I will do my best to pay it forward when I can.

Again, thank you so much!

Ingat ka lagi,

HermanMax O. Salvosa-Chua
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ABOUT YOU: As a Veterinarian, you've chosen a career Shelter Medicine because of your devotion to improving the outcomes for homeless animals. You have practical experience and repeated success with population management and disease control. You are a highly skilled surgeon. You understand patient flow and pathways for shelter animals. You are smart, driven, and make your decisions by combining evidence-based research with your eye on practical solutions and results. You are committed to the on-going development of your team, the organization and yourself. You are a unique Veterinarian who recognizes your ability to successfully, think outside of the box and beyond the present, to find solutions. You are excited about the opportunity to work in an organization with over 45 Veterinarians who have an incredible range of expertise.

THE ROLE: You will work closely with the Shelter Medicine Team to provide excellent medical care to the thousands of homeless animals that enter the SF SPCA shelter each year. Collaboration with the Director of Shelter Medicine and Shelter Medicine nursing team is essential to assess, create, maintain, improve and implement effective protocols for preventive care, treatment, population management, and operational processes. Performing high-quality surgical procedures and developing ongoing treatment plans that coincide with continuous efforts to reduce length of stay in order to meet adoption goals. We will count on you to ensure compliance with all laws regarding the practice of veterinary medicine and animal welfare.

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BluePearl Veterinary Partners hospital in Daly City, CA is a state-of-the art 7,500 square foot facility. It is big enough to have top of the line equipment, but still small enough for clients to receive personalized, comprehensive care and service. Built in 2013, the hospital is located in the rapidly growing area of Daly City and is easily accessible.

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Contact for more information: **Dr. Sonja Olson** — **sonja.olson@bluepearlvet.com**

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Contact:

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

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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.

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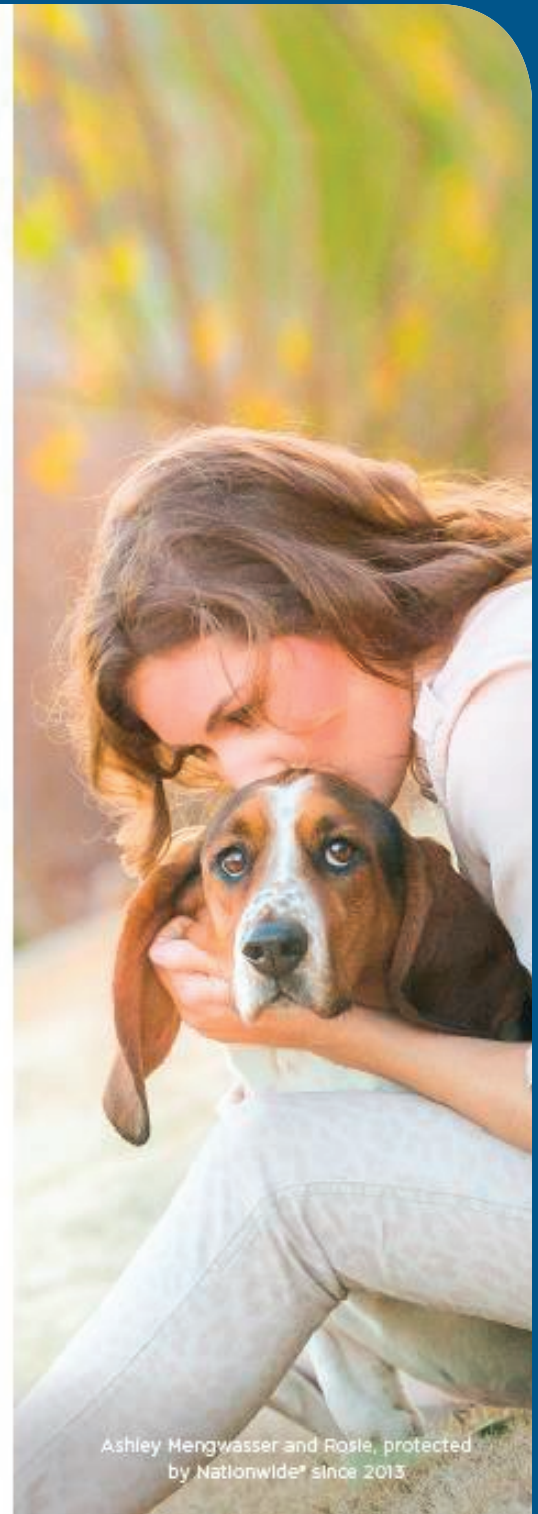
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HELP US HELP YOUR CLIENTS IN FINANCIAL NEED!

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,
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/