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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE TO SFVMA MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues,

Please join us for our first online continuing education opportunity of 2021. We are grateful to Boehringer-Ingelheim for sponsoring a **2 hour RACE approved** online learning program on **Feline Vaccinations by Dr. Alice Wolf** on **March 18, 2021**. Meals will be delivered to your work or home. We hope you will join us!

We anticipate hosting our quarterly meetings online for now. We recently learned that we are one of only a few local VMAs in California who have continued to offer continuing education during the pandemic. We thank our wonderful sponsors for their support as we pivoted to online events. Hopefully we can gather together again soon.

We are very excited to welcome **Dr. Tiffany Hahn** to the SFVMA Executive Board as secretary. Thank you for volunteering! **Dr. Amy Lightstone** will fill our vacant president position officially, which she has been shouldering for the last year, along with our vice president, **Dr. Anna DeVincenzi**. Elections are planned for our next in-person meeting. Please feel free to reach out to any of us for more details if you are interested in joining the SFVMA Executive Board.

We are still in need of two volunteers for our primary and secondary CVMA representatives.

Recently, many of you struggled to find a location to receive your covid-19 vaccinations despite our inclusion as essential healthcare workers in "tier 1A". When several members emailed the SFVMA asking for assistance, our board acted quickly on behalf of our

A MESSAGE TO SFVMA MEMBERS (cont.)

members and contacted the SF Department of Public Health. Although most of you have been successfully vaccinated by now, anyone who still needs a vaccine can schedule one here: https://sf.gov/get-vaccinated-against-covid-19

The SFVMA granted \$1000 each to San Francisco Aid for Animals (SFAfA) and Veterinary Street Outreach Services (VetSOS) in 2020.

Recipients of our two veterinary scholarships (\$1500) will be announced shortly. We offer this scholarship to one UC Davis veterinary student and one Western veterinary student.

There were no applicants for our 2020 RVT scholarship (\$1000). Please encourage anyone eligible to apply for 2021. Candidates must be currently enrolled in an accredited RVT program, working or have previously worked for an SFVMA member, and have a stated desire to return to San Francisco after graduation.

SFVMA membership dues are \$120 for 2021 only, due by April 15, 2021.

Dues include 4 quarterly meetings. Please remember to **complete an application** regardless of payment method or prior membership. Encourage your colleagues to join the SFVMA. Your membership is appreciated!

Please continue to check your inbox for our quarterly newsletter and other announcements. If you are not receiving our newsletter, please contact **Dr. Tiffany Hahn sfvmasecretary@gmail.com**.

Thank you for your inspiring dedication to your patients, your clients, and your veterinary care teams as we all adjust to new normals.

Warmly,

Dr. Keely Commins, SFVMA Treasurer







Presents a Virtual 2 Hour RACE Approved CE Meeting

ALICE WOLF, DVM, DACVIM, DABVP (FELINE)

Thursday, March 18th 6:30 PM

FELINE VACCINATIONS: WE HAVE THE ANSWERS

Register in advance for this webinar here: <u>https://boehringer.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fdv_6T1WR92_JJhqUGUGSg</u>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Continuing education certificates will be emailed directly to each registered attendee following the meeting.

*Register by March 1st and some authentic tamales will ship directly to your practice from Delia's Tamales in Texas.

Speaker Biography

Alice Wolf, DVM, DACVIM, DABVP (feline), is an emeritus professor of small animal veterinary clinical sciences at Texas A&M University and chief medical consultant for VIN.

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UPCOMING VIRTUAL CE MEETING (cont.)

Please join the SFVMA at <u>our first online CE program of 2021</u> scheduled for

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021

This will be a **2-hour RACE approved CE program** with **Dr. Alice Wolf** on **Feline Vaccinations**

Boehringer-ingelheim is sponsoring this program and will be providing food for you and your clinic **(must register by 3/13/21 — see details below)**.

SFVMA members will have their choice of hand-made tamales or Papa Murphy's pizza (take and bake) to be delivered to your practice (or home) in the afternoon. Both options will require preheating.

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- You must register for the CE using the link provided in the flyer (page 3).
- You must register by 3/4/21 if you want Tamales AND no later than 3/13/21 if you want Pizza.
- If you prefer Papa Murphy's pizza, you will need to email your order (\$25 limit) separately to Dr. Scott Carter, DVM: scott_2.carter@boehringer-ingelheim.com
- When filling out the registration form, please answer the question: Who invited you to the webinar? — Answer: SFVMA

Thank you and we hope you can join us!

Anna DeVincenzi, DVM SFVMA Vice President sfvmavp@gmail.com

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

June 17 • September 16 November 18

LATEST NEWS FROM SFAFA



SFAFA SAN FRANCISCO AID for ANIMALS

We want to remind everyone that despite the pandemic **SFAFA is still going strong**. SFAFA is here to help when you see cases where your clients are unable to afford their pet's care.

Don't forget that if you work in a member hospital you have been pre-approved for funds to help your clients. We are very happy to report that **Ingrid Tauber has provided us with a very generous grant of \$45,000** to refund the Tauber fund for 2021 to help with your larger cases.

Also included in this newsletter are a one-page flow chart to help you navigate our program and a sheet detailing some of the types of cases that we cover. Please download them and post them in your treatment rooms and doctors' offices. We want you to remember SFAFA when you are working with a client whose pet has an urgent need for care and a good prognosis and the client can't afford the bill.

As in previous grant cycles **you have access to your GIA funds until June 15**. Any funds not utilized by that date are returned to the general fund. They do not roll-over. Tauber funds are available on a first come, first served basis for the entire calendar year.

Later this spring we will contact all SFVMA members with enrollment information for our next fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2021.

If you have any questions about whether a case would qualify for our program, how to submit a request for funds or any other matter please contact us either through our website: **www.sfafa.org** or directly via the email addresses below.

We are here to help you provide the best possible care for your patients and their families. Thank you for being part of the SFAFA family and for all of the good work you are doing for the Bay Area community. Stay well.

Anne Marie Benfatto, DVM annemarie@sfafa.org

Hanna Lee hanna@sfafa.org

LATEST NEWS FROM SFAFA (cont.)

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

LATEST NEWS FROM SFAFA (cont.)

SFAfA Grant Examples

General Guidelines

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

The pet must have an urgent need for medical care.

- The case has a good prognosis.
 - If it's a long term problem, the clinic must be able to provide ongoing care.
- 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
- Abcesses
- 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 **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.

> 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

Tim McPheron Director of Development College of Veterinary Medicine tmcpheron@westernu.edu

CONTACT FOR UC DAVIS VET. STUDENTS

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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Gualala is looking for You!

Do you dream of living and working on the coast; perhaps having an ocean view from your clinic? Well, here is your chance to make that dream come true: the **Gualala Veterinary Clinic** is looking for the next generation of veterinarians.

Gualala is situated on the Pacific Coast just north of the junction of Sonoma and Mendocino counties on So. Hwy 1. We serve the communities of Gualala and Sea Ranch as well as many outlying areas up and down the coast. We have a maritime climate with a privileged "banana belt" microclimate. It's a wonderful community in a gentle climate with an affluent clientele from the area and beyond. Visit <u>www.gualala.com</u> for local info, or <u>www.ruffimage.com</u> for a photographic impression from a local artist.

The 3,700 sq ft building was built in 2008 on a 1/2 acre parcel and includes 700 sq ft of separate living quarters. The equipment is up to date and plentiful; we are paperless, using Intravet practice management software; there is portable ultrasound, digital radiology, sophisticated ophthalmoscopic equipment, a dental station incl. digital dental radiology, a full Idexx lab suite and more.

We currently operate only 4 days per week — Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri from 9am to 4pm (doctor leaves at 4pm, office is open until 5pm). As a one doctor practice we produce \$700K plus per year, with an average invoice amount of \$200. There is an untapped potential for 3 more service days and, if desired, after hour or night service. The potential to double the gross is very real.

We are aiming to transition the practice including real estate in the next 1-2 years.

This practice is ideal for a couple of veterinarians or group practice interested in ownership. We hope to increase the service hours to the community. Being able to stay in the apartment within the clinic eliminates the immediate need for housing expenses.

Price is negotiable, based on a professional unbiased evaluation to determine the value of the real estate and the practice.

I am willing to continue to work after the sale in a reduced capacity or on a relief type basis for a period of time.

If you are interested, please respond to GVC@mcn.org.

A site visit can be arranged on weekends. Pictures will be accessible on demand.

We look forward to supporting the next generation of veterinarians on the Gualala coast!

— Carl and Robin Pfeil



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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.

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

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Contact: Mary Press, DVM (415) 461-6133 larkspurlandingvet@yahoo.com



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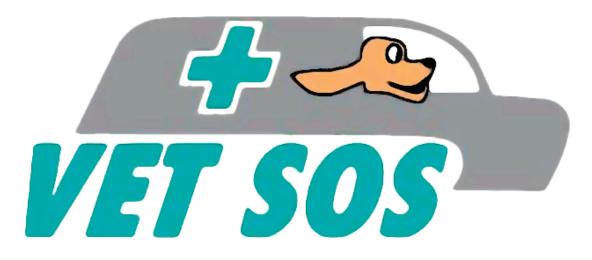


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HELP US HELP YOUR CLIENTS IN FINANCIAL NEED!

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.

If you are interested in being recognized as a SAGE Compassion for Animals Veterinary Partner, please email us at info@sagec4a.org and our Executive Director, Dr. Julie D. Smith, will be happy to discuss!

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/