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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE TO SFVMA MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues,

I have to admit that over the last year and half, like many others, I have not always been at my best. Between the stress of work, Covid, issues with family, friends, health, pets, it has been challenging for everyone. Something that I have been always grateful for is the camaraderie found in all of the different veterinary clinics that I work at. Veterinarians, veterinary technicians, assistants, CSRs, managers, and kennel techs are some of the kindest, most dedicated and hard-working people that I have had the good fortune to come across. It takes a special kind of person to continue to care for animals, their people, and coworkers during such stressful times with kindness and composure.

No veterinarian could do this job without the support of their hardworking teams. Seriously, to every single person who has continued to engage in animal restraint Twister, pin the needle in the bladder, don't get bit by the angry chihuahua, dodge the anal gland expression, and other intrahospital games, thank you. To every veterinarian who has taken the time to help review labs, radiographs, cytology, weird cases, and helped with call backs and surgeries, thank you. To every staff member who has continue to help clients and pets despite being yelled at or treated with disrespect, thank you.

To every person in the hospital that continues to help lift each other up on bad days, thank you. To every person that keeps a stash of delicious snacks or orders pizza at work for others (and themselves), thank you. To every person who has engaged in some sort of delirious song/dance to try to stay positive during mass overtime, thank you. To every client that has continued to be kind and patient despite a drastic change in wait times and stress levels, thank you. And to every pet that comes in wagging tails, giving kisses, head butting and making muffins, thank you, you are why we do what we do.

This is a very challenging industry to be in, but I will be forever grateful to have met and worked

A MESSAGE TO SFVMA MEMBERS (cont.)

with so many wonderful people over the years. Veterinary people are special breed to be sure. Thank you all for being you. We hope to see everyone in person again soon. Unfortunately, despite reaching out to many restaurants and venues, we have not yet been able to find someone willing to take us on for our quarterly meetings after losing the Cliff House. We will continue our search and hopefully be back in person in 2022.

Sincerely,

Amy Lightstone,
SFVMA President



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CANINE INFLUENZA H3N2 WARNING

Please be aware that Los Angeles county is currently experiencing an outbreak of Canine Influenza. Please let clients know if they plan on boarding their pets over the holidays that they may want to ensure their dogs are up to date on vaccinations and consider dogs with upper respiratory signs and fevers as potentially infected with Canine Influenza.

CANINE INFLUENZA H3N2:

- Over 800 reported confirmed and suspected cases and 7 reported deaths in LA County.
- 2 animal shelters affected.
- Spreading rapidly at pet boarding and daycare facilities located throughout the county.
- Some pets have been infected at dog parks, while on walks, and where they come near other dogs.
- Cases of CIV H3N2 are being reported in the surrounding counties as well.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/InfluenzaCanineH3N2.ht>

UPCOMING VIRTUAL CE MEETING

CE WEBINAR EVENT

Thursday, November 18th, 2021 at 7 pm PST

Suffering in Silence: OA and Chronic Pain in Cats

Program Overview

- ★ Current therapeutic and diagnostic tools in feline pain management
- ★ Exam techniques for early identification of OA in cats
- ★ Cat Friendly Practice Solutions



Julie Cole Shacoski, DVM, DACT, PhD
Professional Service Veterinarian, Zoetis Petcare

Dr. Shacoski is passionate about educating veterinary professionals on how to improve the health of animals and strengthen the bond between veterinarian, client, and patient. Dr. Shacoski received her veterinary degree from the University of Florida and her PhD in comparative pathology from the University of California-Davis. She owned and managed a small animal practice prior to joining Zoetis in 2020.

Program Details:

Date/Time: Thursday, November 18th, 2021 at 7 pm PST

CE Credit: 1.0 RACE CE Hours*

Register: [Follow Link](#) or scan code to register for the event

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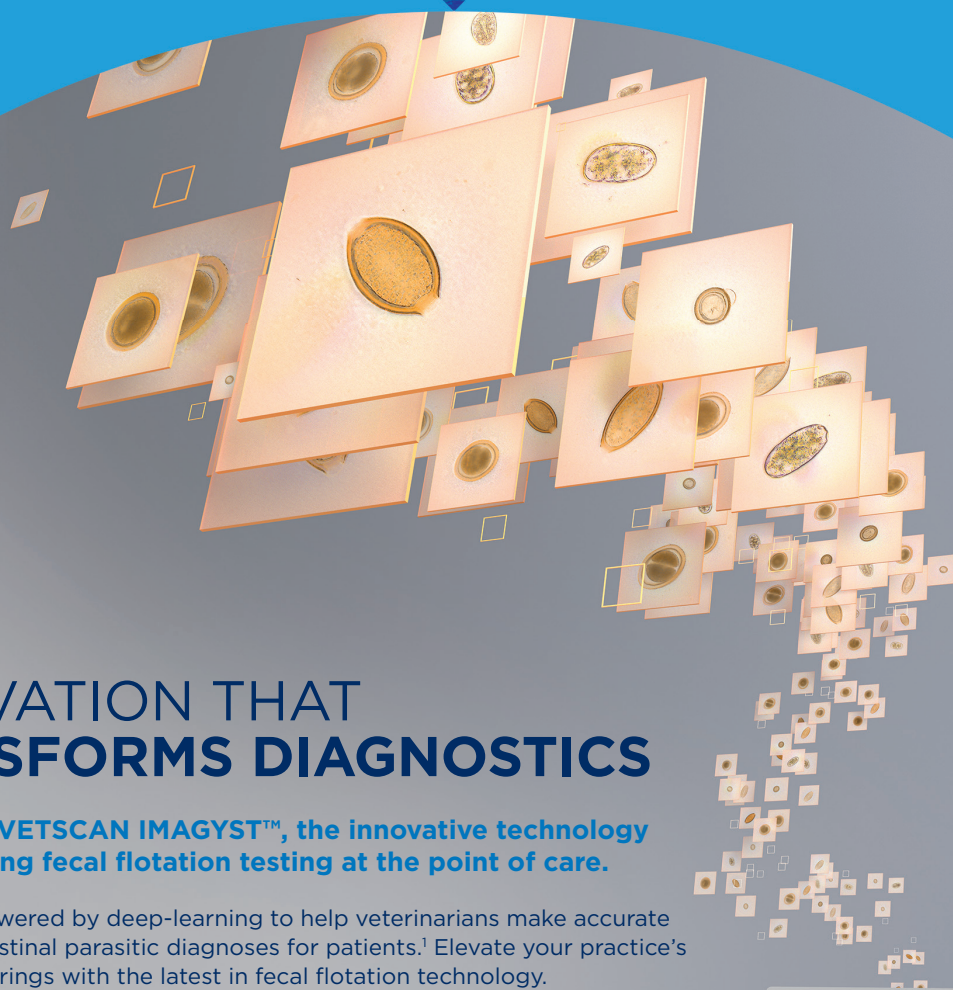


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Hospital receives grant from Community Initiatives and receipt for donated services

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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**We need a new CVMA
Delegate and alternative
to represent San Francisco
veterinarians!**

Please reach out to
Tiffany Hahn at sfvmasecretary@gmail.com
if you are interested in helping
represent our community!



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 2022 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 2022 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:
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

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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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If this sounds like a place you would like to work, please email **Chris Sterns** at:

chrissterns@rocketmail.com



BluePearl Veterinary Partners Seeking Full-Time ER Doctors

BluePearl Veterinary Partners in Daly City, CA is seeking two Full time ER doctors (12 shifts/month) to work in our 24/7 Specialty and Emergency hospital. You would be working alongside three other full time experienced ER doctors and one part time ER doctor. We have a fully equipped hospital for high-level care. Immediate openings available, we would love to hear from you!

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Contact:

Mary Press, DVM

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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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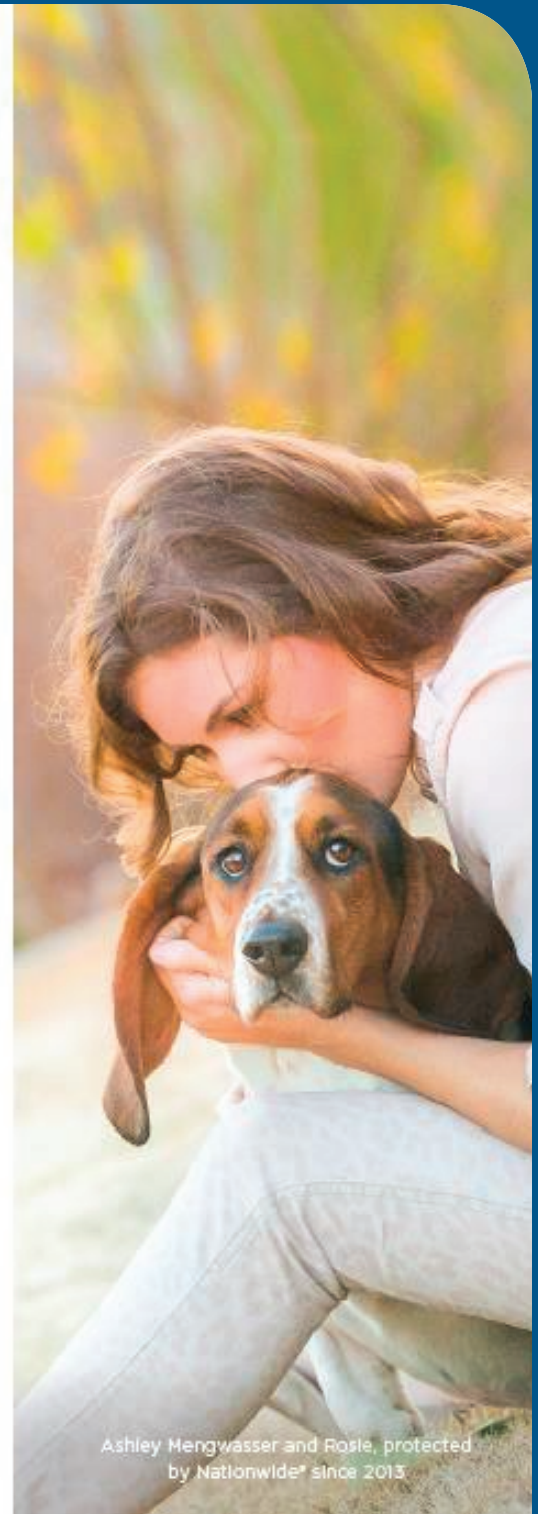
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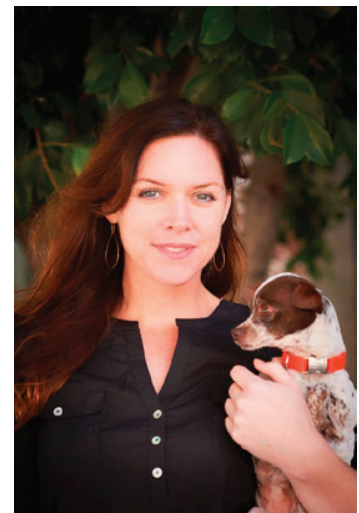
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HELP US HELP YOUR CLIENTS IN FINANCIAL NEED!

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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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/