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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE TO SFVMA MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the holidays and ring in the new year. Hopefully 2022, will continue to be an improvement over the last couple of years. We are excited to announce that we are moving towards returning to in-person meetings this year. After a long search, we are working with McCormick and Kuleto's to return to seeing your wonderful faces for our June meeting. Prior to this, we will have an online meeting March 24th at 7 pm sponsored by Virbac to learn about Stelfonta treatment for mast cell tumors. All attendees who RSVP in advance will be emailed GrubHub gift vouchers for dinner delivery during the meeting.

There are many new veterinarians and new practices springing up in San Francisco, and we look forward to welcoming both new and old faces together. The SFVMA meetings are a wonderful way to meet other veterinarians in the area and network. If you know other area veterinarians who might be interested in joining the SFVMA, please encourage them to do so. We could all use some extra camaraderie and support these days, and a good meal while getting some CE never hurts either.

We are still looking for a CVMA Delegate and alternate to represent San Francisco veterinarians at CVMA meetings, or a treasurer for the SFVMA board. Our current board members have been attending the CVMA delegate meetings as well as their current roles, and we would love to get some more volunteers on board to help us out. You would also get to attend quarterly board meetings that usually involve dinner and wine with some lovely, experienced board members!

We look forward to our next online CE meeting, and to welcoming everyone back in person in June at a new venue!

Sincerely,

Amy Lightstone,
SFVMA President



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UPCOMING VIRTUAL CE MEETING

Please join the SFVMA for an informative webinar on

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM

"Tigilanol Tiglate: Seeing is Believing" **(1.0 hours)**

Presented by: **Scott Weinman, DVM, MBA**



Scott Weinman was raised on a family farm in Minnesota. From a very early age, he dreamed of becoming a veterinarian. After completing degrees in Biology and Chemistry from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, he attended Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine where he obtained his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree. While in practice, he returned to Seattle University-Alber's School of Business and Economics to earn his MBA in Operations Management. Dr. Weinman completed a year-long Fellowship in Shelter Medicine (focus on infectious disease) in 2016 at UC Davis.

His veterinary career has encompassed general and emergency practice, managing veterinary practices, serving on the board of a multi-state practice network, working as a corporate trainer, providing relief veterinary services, and business consulting. Also, he has spent over a decade as a Field Based Technical Services Veterinarian, speaking on a variety of topics from Heartworm disease, Osteoarthritis, Pain Management, Canine & Feline Heart Disease, Atopic Dermatitis, Oncology, Wound Closure & Management, Infectious Disease and Vaccinology, and management topics such as Medical Adherence, Teambuilding and Leadership, and Marketing. Prior to joining Virbac, Dr. Weinman was an urgent care veterinarian at a busy 24 hour emergency practice in the Portland area.

Dr. Weinman currently resides in Davis, CA where he lives with his partner, a labradoodle named "Daisy," and a tuxedo cat named "Pinot Noir." He enjoys travel, outdoor activities, and is an amateur mixologist and chef.

This program is **approved for 1.0 TOTAL hours of continuing education credit** in jurisdictions which recognize RACE. * You must attend the full presentations to receive CE Credit

Zoom Registration link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEld-yhrjooHNxSzxBkTTaT4MqAKiZM6ybQ>

Please **RSVP by Monday, March 21**
to receive a **\$20 GrubHub gift card**

In-Person CE Meetings Return this Summer!

We are pleased to announce our upcoming meetings **will be held in-person** at McCormick & Kulettos in the beautiful Ghiradelli Square the following dates:

- June 16, 2022
- September 15, 2022
- November 17, 2022



STELFONTA®
(tigilanol tiglate injection)



SEEING IS BELIEVING

“Single-injection mast cell
tumor destruction?

I didn't believe it, until
I saw it myself.”

Dr Melissa Wiest,
Veterinarian



Always administer the
recommended concomitant
medications with STELFONTA.



Shaping the future
of animal health

An innovative way to treat mast cell tumors (MCTs) in dogs

STELFONTA® (tigilanol tiglate injection) is an intratumoral injection indicated for use in dogs for the local treatment of MCTs that are:



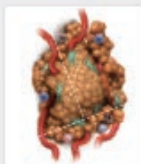
Subcutaneous—
located at, or
distal to, the
elbow or the hock



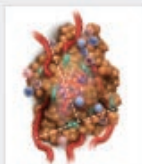
Cutaneous—
located all
over the body

STELFONTA should not be injected into subcutaneous mast cell tumors located above the elbow or hock (eg, on the body, head, or neck) as this may result in accumulation of necrotic debris in the subcutaneous space increasing the risk of systemic adverse reactions, including death, from mast cell degranulation.

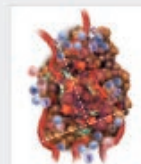
STELFONTA starts working within 2 hours,¹ with tumors typically destroyed by Day 7



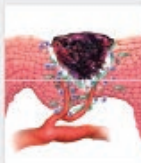
**Before
treatment**



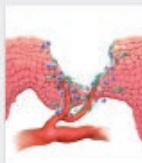
4 Hours
An acute inflammatory
response is observed
with swelling and
erythema to the tumor
margins and immediate
surrounding tissues²



Day 1-3
Increased permeability
of tumor vasculature,
induced by PKC β II
activation



Day 1-7
Tumor
necrosis



1 Week
Full tumor destruction
leaving a "pocket"
or wound where the
tumor once was²



6 Weeks
Complete response; site
fully "healed": Healthy
new skin will grow and
close over the pocket
where the tumor
once was²

Formation of wounds, possibly extensive, is an intended and likely response to treatment with STELFONTA along with the associated swelling, bruising, and pain; these wounds are expected to heal.

For case consultation and prescribing information, contact our Veterinary Technical Support Team at 1-800-338-3659. Visit <https://vet-us.virbac.com/stelfonta> for more information.

4 stages to treat MCTs with STELFONTA®



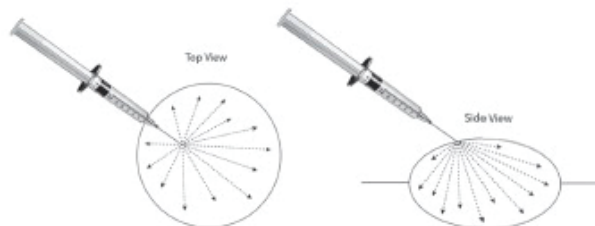
COMPLETE WOUND HEALING

usually occurs within 28–84 days.³ Consider analgesics for pain management. There may be increased cellulitis, bruising, pain, and larger wound formation in some patients, requiring additional treatment.

Calculate the dose and inject STELFONTA directly into the tumor

To administer STELFONTA²:

1. Accurately measure the length, width, and height of the tumor (in cm).
 2. Determine the volume of the tumor: Volume of tumor (cm³) = $\frac{1}{2} \times [\text{length (cm)} \times \text{width (cm)} \times \text{height (cm)}]$.
 3. Then determine the correct dose: Dose (mL) = tumor volume (cm³) $\times \frac{1}{2}$.
- Confirm the dose of STELFONTA does not exceed 0.25 mL/kg body weight.
 - Do not exceed 5 mL per dog, regardless of tumor volume or body weight.
 - The minimum dose of STELFONTA is 0.1 mL, regardless of tumor volume or body weight. If the calculated dose is <0.1 mL, administer 0.1 mL.



To decrease the risk of accidental self-injection, sedation of the dog may be necessary. Accidental self-injection of STELFONTA may cause local inflammation and wound formation.



STELFONTA® (tigilanol tiglate injection) removes 75% of MCTs with a single treatment⁴



Concomitant administration of a corticosteroid, an H1 receptor blocking agent, and an H2 receptor blocking agent is required when treating with STELFONTA to decrease the potential for severe systemic adverse reactions, including death, from mast cell degranulation.

In a separate longitudinal study,⁵ 89% of dogs achieving initial complete response* were still disease-free† at month 12

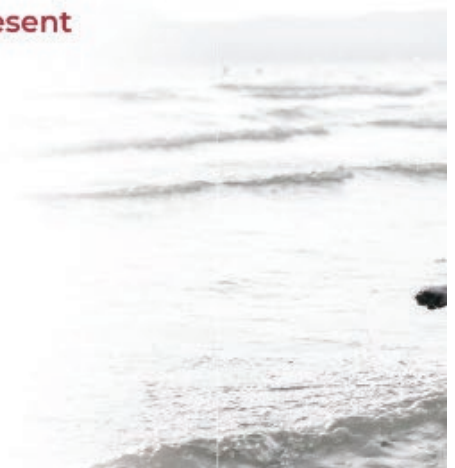


Sixty-four dogs were available for assessment at 12 months after initial complete response to STELFONTA. Fifty-seven dogs (89%) had no evidence of local MCT recurrence.²

*Complete response was defined as complete removal of the tumor.⁴

†No evidence of tumor recurrence at the site of STELFONTA treatment

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Second-intention healing with more than half of tumor sites fully healed by Day 28³

Percent of wounds healed (n = 117)⁵

57%

28 days

78%

42 days

96%

84 days

In a controlled clinical study³:



Antibiotics were not prescribed in most cases (70/117)



Only 1 of 117 dogs used an Elizabethan collar



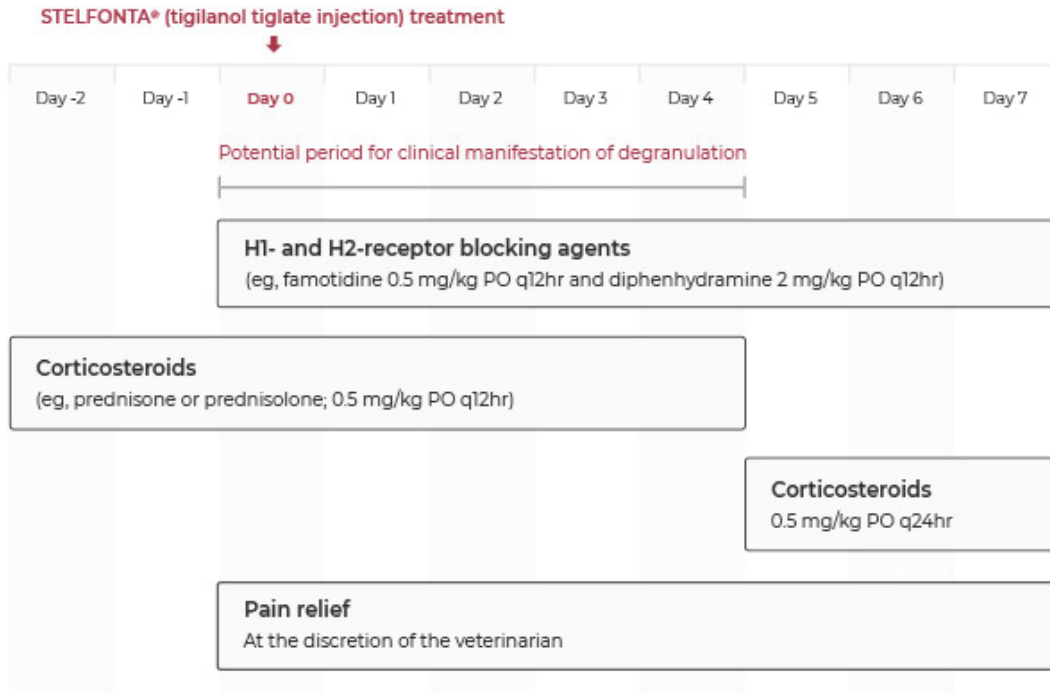
Only 1 of 117 dogs was bandaged

Treatment with STELFONTA[®] has been associated with cellulitis and severe tissue sloughing extending away from the treated site, resulting in extensive wounds that require additional treatment and prolonged recovery times.



 **STELFONTA[®]**
(tigilanol tiglate injection)

Concomitant medication dosing schedule²



q12hr: twice a day; PO: by mouth; q24hr: once a day

Always administer a corticosteroid (eg, prednisone or prednisolone), an H1-receptor blocking agent (eg, diphenhydramine), and an H2-receptor blocking agent (eg, famotidine) when treating with STELFONTA® (tigilanol tiglate injection) to decrease the potential for severe systemic adverse reactions, including death, from mast cell degranulation.



Reassure pet owners by letting them know what to expect



Ensure

owners give the concomitant medications as prescribed.



Explain

to pet owners what to expect at each stage. Refer clients to STELFONTA pet owner brochure and video for more information.



Observe

second-intention healing and regularly monitor the healing process.

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Brief Summary: Before using STELFONTA® (tigilanol tiglate injection) consult the product insert, a summary of which follows:

CAUTION: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

WARNING: SEVERE WOUND FORMATION IN HUMANS; EXTENSIVE WOUND FORMATION, MAST CELL DEGRANULATION, AND DEATH IN DOGS DUE TO MAST CELL DEGRANULATION

Human Safety

• Accidental self-injection of STELFONTA® may cause severe wound formation. To decrease the risk of accidental self-injection, sedation of the dog may be necessary (see Dosage and Administration, Human Warnings and Adverse Reactions on the product insert).

Dog Safety

- Always administer a corticosteroid (e.g. prednisone or prednisolone), an H1 receptor blocking agent (e.g. diphenhydramine), and an H2 receptor blocking agent (e.g. famotidine) when treating with STELFONTA to decrease the potential for severe systemic adverse reactions, including death, from mast cell degranulation (see Contraindications and Dosage and Administration on the product insert).
- Do not inject STELFONTA into subcutaneous mast cell tumors located above the elbow or hock (e.g. on the body, head, or neck). This may result in accumulation of necrotic debris in the subcutaneous space increasing the risk of systemic adverse reactions, including death, from mast cell degranulation (see Contraindications, Warnings and Adverse Events on the product insert).
- Treatment with STELFONTA has been associated with cellulitis and severe tissue sloughing extending away from the treated site resulting in extensive wounds that require additional treatment and prolonged recovery times (see Warnings, Precautions and Adverse Events on the product insert).

Indications: STELFONTA injection is indicated for use in dogs for the treatment of:

- non-metastatic subcutaneous mast cell tumors located at or distal to the elbow or the hock
- non-metastatic cutaneous mast cell tumors

Concurrent Medications: Administer the following medications to decrease the potential for severe systemic adverse reactions from mast cell degranulation:

- **Corticosteroid (e.g. oral prednisone or prednisolone at anti-inflammatory dose):** Start medication 2 days prior to STELFONTA treatment and continue for 8 days post-treatment (10 days total).
- **H1 receptor blocking agent (e.g. oral diphenhydramine):** Start medication on the day of STELFONTA treatment and continue for a total of 8 days.
- **H2 receptor blocking agent (e.g. oral famotidine):** Start medication on the day of STELFONTA treatment and continue for a total of 8 days.

Dosing Instructions: STELFONTA is injected into the tumor at a dose of **0.5 mL per cm²** of tumor volume, as determined by measuring the tumor and calculating the dose based on **0.5 x length x width x height**.

The Tumor Volume is not to exceed 10 cm³. The dose of STELFONTA is not to exceed 0.25 mL/kg body weight. The dose is not to exceed 5 mL per dog, regardless of tumor volume or body weight. The minimum dose of STELFONTA is 0.1 mL, regardless of tumor volume or body weight. If the calculated dose is <0.1 mL, administer 0.1 mL.

Contraindications: Do not inject STELFONTA into subcutaneous mast cell tumors located above the elbow or hock (e.g. on the body, head, or neck). This may result in accumulation of necrotic debris in the subcutaneous space increasing the risk of systemic adverse reactions, including death, from mast cell degranulation (see Adverse Reactions on the product insert).

WARNINGS: NOT FOR USE IN HUMANS. KEEP THIS AND ALL MEDICATIONS OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

Caution is required during treatment to avoid accidental self-injection. Dogs undergoing treatment with STELFONTA should be adequately restrained and sedation used if necessary. People with known hypersensitivity to tigilanol tiglate or to any of the excipients should avoid contact with STELFONTA.

Wear disposable gloves when cleaning the treated tumor site to avoid contact with any residual drug. Thoroughly wash your skin that comes in contact with the treated tumor site, wound, or wound discharge.

STELFONTA may cause side effects, even at the prescribed dose. Ensure the dog receives their prescribed medications to decrease the potential for severe, life-threatening side effects from mast cell degranulation. Counsel owners to monitor the dog during the healing process and contact their veterinarian if they notice excessive pain, lameness, tiredness, refusal to eat for more than one day, repeated vomiting or diarrhea, trouble breathing, changes to the treated tumor site (including increased or excessive swelling and bruising, extensive wound formation, increased irritation) or any other symptoms that concern them.

PRECAUTIONS: STELFONTA® (tigilanol tiglate injection) has not been evaluated in dogs with signs of systemic disease due to the mast cell tumor(s). STELFONTA is not intended for the treatment of metastatic mast cell tumors. The safe and effective use of STELFONTA has not been evaluated for simultaneous treatment of more than one mast cell tumor. The safe and effective use of STELFONTA has not been evaluated in dogs with a mast cell tumor volume >10 cm³.

Use STELFONTA with caution in tumors located within mucocutaneous regions (e.g., eyelids, vulva, prepuce, and anus) as tumor necrosis could cause a change in morphology of the mucocutaneous region resulting in loss of functional integrity.

Use STELFONTA with caution in mast cell tumors with significant ulceration as leakage of the drug from the ulcerated area may occur following treatment potentially reducing effectiveness.

The safe use of STELFONTA has not been evaluated in dogs with concurrent diseases that may result in delayed wound healing. After treatment with STELFONTA, dogs may require additional care of the treated site to aid in the healing process. An Elizabethan collar or a non-constricting dry gauze bandage may be needed to prevent the dog from self-traumatizing the treated site.

After treatment with STELFONTA, separation from other household animals may be necessary to prevent grooming and trauma to the treated site.

The safe use of STELFONTA under conditions of use has not been evaluated in dogs younger than 3.5 years old.

The safe use of STELFONTA has not been evaluated in dogs that are pregnant, lactating, or intended for breeding.

Adverse Reactions: In a field study, the most common adverse reactions seen out of 117 dogs included wound formation (94%), injection site pain (52.1%), lameness in the treated limb (24.8%), vomiting (20.5%), diarrhea (20.5%), and hypoalbuminemia (18%). Wound formation, vomiting, and diarrhea were mainly observed within the first 7 to 10 days after treatment. Injection site pain and lameness in the treated leg were mainly observed within the first 2 days after treatment. Hypoalbuminemia was mainly observed within the first 28 days after treatment. All dogs received concomitant medications as noted in the Effectiveness section of the product insert.

Wound Formation

Tumor observations were conducted at 2, 4, 8, and 24 hours and 4 days after treatment. The 81 dogs treated with STELFONTA on Day 0 were reported most frequently with swelling, bruising, pain and heat at all tumor observation timepoints. The following were reported at 24 hours post treatment:

- Swelling: 97.5% (79/81 dogs)
- Bruising: 91.4% (74/81 dogs)
- Pain: 69.1% (56/81 dogs)
- Heat: 53.1% (43/81 dogs)

At 24 hours post treatment, intact skin was reported in 71.6% (58/81 dogs) of STELFONTA treated dogs. On Day 4 intact skin was reported in 17.3% (14/81 dogs) of STELFONTA treated dogs. On Day 4, the following observations were reported with the highest frequency:

- Necrosis: 55.6% (45/81 dogs)
- Crater pockets: 37.0% (30/81 dogs)
- Exudate: 37.0% (30/81 dogs)
- Eschar: 28.4% (23/81 dogs)
- Ulceration: 11.1% (9/81 dogs)

A wound healing assessment was performed on the effectiveness dataset which included 80 dogs in the STELFONTA group and 38 dogs in the untreated control group. Wounds developed in 92.5% (74/80) of STELFONTA treated dogs and 2.6% (1/38) of untreated control dogs by Day 7. On Day 28, the presence of wounds was 40% (32/80) in the STELFONTA group and 2.6% (1/38) in the untreated group. On Day 42 and Day 84, the presence of wounds was 27.1% (16/59) and 1.8% (1/57), respectively, in the STELFONTA group.

Effectiveness: See full prescribing information for details on effectiveness.

Contact Information: To report suspected adverse reactions, to obtain a Safety Data Sheet (SDS), or for technical assistance or case consultation, call 800-338-3659. For additional information about adverse drug experience reporting for animal drugs, contact the FDA at 1-888-FDA-VETS or www.fda.gov/reportanimalae.

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See STELFONTA® (tigilanol tiglate injection) in action



Case summary

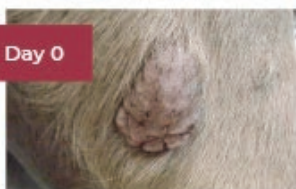
- 12-year-old, mixed breed, male dog (82 lbs)
- Cutaneous, nonmetastatic MCT on thigh

Treatment

Tumor volume: 2.7 cm³
Tumor size: 1 x 3 x 1.8 cm
Calculated dose: 1.4 mL (0.038 mg/kg)

Complete response achieved with 1 treatment and second-intention healing

Day 0



- MCT on the right thigh

Day 1



- Mild inflammation on shaved area around tumor site

Day 4



- Necrotic tumor tissue present
- In some cases, an odor may be detectable

Day 7



- Non-pitting edema around wound
- Drainage/exudate

Day 28



- Complete response, full wound resolution

Day 42



- Minimal scar formation

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of mast cell tumors
removed with just
one treatment¹



Complete
response

+



Wound heals via
secondary intention

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Rapid return of
quality of life

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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:**
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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
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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

SFVMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Veterinary Students

We will offer a scholarship to one UC Davis veterinary student and one Western Veterinary student in 2022. 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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2022 CVMA LEADERSHIP FORUM

Dear SFVMA Members,

In January, I attended the CVMA Leadership Forum and the CVMA House of Delegates Meeting in Costa Mesa. The CVMA Leadership Forum featured Dr. Lisa Greenhill presenting **Unconscious Bias: The Science, the Impact, and the Mitigation**. The presentation was excellent and essential. I was struck by the contrast in appearance between the audience and our own SFVMA. More broadly, there was a stark contrast between the audience and the population of the state of California. I'm glad these topics are being discussed in organized veterinary medicine. We certainly have a long way to go, yet perhaps a couple strong, diverse voices from San Francisco can contribute to the conversation on the state-wide level.

The afternoon of the Leadership Forum included reports on the CVMA Legislative efforts, UC Davis and Western student reports, UC Davis and Western Dean's reports, Committee Chair reports, the President's report, and the Executive Director's Report. There are several **CVMA Committees and Task Forces**, which provide additional volunteer opportunities for those who want greater involvement in veterinary medicine on the state level.

I was particularly interested in reports by the **Access to Veterinary Care Task Force** and the **Inclusion and Diversity Committee**. The **CVMRC Steering Committee** gave an inspiring report as well.

Our CVMA President, Dr. Elisabeth Klapstein from Delta VMA, is motivated to create more communication between local members and the CVMA. One of her new efforts is quarterly "Cocktails and Conversations" Zoom meetings between local VMA volunteers and CVMA leadership to facilitate better discussion on statewide issues and more effective local advocacy. (I attended the first one — ask me for more details if interested!)

Sunday was devoted to reviewing the CVMA 2022 Action Plan and seeking comments from delegates. Key items on the agenda included:

- Foster diversity, equity, and inclusion within the veterinary profession
- Increase access to veterinary care
- Cultivate and maintain vibrant and diverse leadership
- Promote local association engagement
- Maintain and promote Wellness resources for members (see **LifeWorks.com**)

There were many other important action items on the agenda which I am happy to share with all those interested (sfvmatreasurer@gmail.com).

We are **actively recruiting** any interested SFVMA members for two House of Delegate volunteer positions (primary Delegate and Alternative Delegate). The SFVMA has not had a House of Delegate Representatives since about early 2018 or so. Our SFVMA Executive Board has alternated attending these important meetings. The next meeting is on **June 2, 2022 in San Francisco** at the Union Square Hilton (during the PacVat Conference).

2022 CVMA LEADERSHIP FORUM (cont.)

The role of the Delegate is to represent our SFVMA members when creating the CVMA Action Plan. The CVMA House of Delegates serves as an advisory board to the Board of Governors on matters of local and regional interest, and on matters of policy affecting the practice of veterinary medicine and its branches. In their two-year term, Delegates attend all meetings of the House of Delegates (twice each year in January and June, alternating between northern and southern California. Some travel expenses are reimbursed). The SFVMA Delegate should also attend SFVMA Executive Board Meetings and SFVMA General Meetings to gain a rich understanding of our memberships' concerns.

If you are interested in volunteering as Treasurer for the SFVMA Executive Board I will gladly hand over that position to volunteer as Delegate. We are happy to have help, so please contact any SFVMA Board Member if you want to get involved!

Warm regards,

Keely
Dr. Keely Commins
SFVMA Treasurer

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- Networking and information sharing opportunities with veterinary team members across the state.

WHO CAN JOIN THE CAVMRC?

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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/