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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT — SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Colleagues,

I hope everyone is having a great summer!

I'm excited to share that SFVMA recently held our first joint wet lab, and it was a great success. It was wonderful to offer our members the opportunity for hands-on learning and collaboration in a more interactive setting. We're hoping this will be the first of many opportunities to incorporate wet labs and other practical educational experiences into our programming in the future.

For our upcoming meeting, we're excited to welcome Dr. Stephen Jones for a presentation on "Novel Joint Replacement Surgery and the Importance of Post-Surgical Rehabilitation for Best Outcome." This is a fascinating and increasingly relevant topic, and I'm looking forward to learning more about advances in joint replacement surgery as well as the critical role rehabilitation plays in helping our patients achieve the best possible outcomes.

A special thank you to Omega Veterinary Group for sponsoring this meeting and helping us continue to bring high-quality continuing education to our veterinary community.

I hope to see many of you there!

Warmly,

Emily Adamson, DVM

President,

San Francisco Veterinary Medical Association



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

"NOVEL JOINT REPLACEMENT SURGERY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF POST-SURGICAL REHABILITATION FOR BEST OUTCOME"

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SPEAKERS:

Dr. Stephen Jones & Dr. Ilana Strubel

**DR. STEPHEN JONES MVB, MS,
DIPL. ACVS-SA, DECVS, EBVS**

Dr. Jones is an Irish national, hailing from Co. Monaghan in the east of Ireland. He attended veterinary school at University College Dublin, where he graduated with honors in 2009. Following graduation, he moved to Hollywood in South Florida to complete a rotating and a specialty surgery internship, at the Hollywood Animal Hospital. From there, Dr. Jones moved to Gainesville, Florida where he completed a combined residency in small animal surgery and a Master's of Science program at the University of Florida. After completion of his residency in 2015, Dr. Jones spent time as a member of the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Small Animal Orthopedics at The Ohio State University. He later served as the medical director at Bark City Veterinary Specialists in Park City, Utah before moving to the Omega Veterinary Group in San Mateo, CA. Dr. Jones is a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) and the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS).



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UPCOMING IN-PERSON CE MEETING (cont.)

To date, Dr. Jones has written and published 34 scientific papers, over 40 scientific abstracts and has also authored numerous book chapters. Dr. Jones continues to question standard veterinary practices and conventions, and has a number of ongoing and planned clinical research projects that he intends to publish and present at international conferences into the future. As part of his commitment to improve the quality of orthopedic care for his patients, Dr. Jones is an active member of the Veterinary Orthopedic Society and the AO (German for “Association for the Study of Internal Fixation”). He continues to help his patients through the design and development of new surgical implants & instrumentation, and through the development (and publication) of new and innovative surgical techniques.

Dr. Jones has a passion for teaching and is frequently asked to lecture locally, nationally, and internationally. He has given over 350 continuing education lectures and has taught over 100 Laboratories.

Dr. Jones' special clinical interests include the performance of joint replacement, management of cranial cruciate ligament rupture, arthroscopy, minimally invasive fracture repair, medical and surgical treatment of joint disease, and surgical management of angular limb deformities. Outside of work, Dr. Jones loves spending time with his wife Ashley and their dog Liam. He also loves to golf, when time permits!



DR. ILANA STRUBEL MA, DVM, CCRT, CVAT, CVSMT

Dr. Ilana Strubel graduated from the University of Illinois in 1990 with a B.Sc. in Ecology, Ethology, and Evolution and went on to earn her Master's in Marine Biology from Boston University's Marine Program, with a focus on marine mammal strandings along the eastern seaboard and harbor seal behavior in relation to human disturbance. She went on to earn her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Illinois and entered small-animal clinical practice in 1995. Since beginning her career, she has focused on blending her passion for community practice with integrative medicine, an approach combining conventional veterinary medicine with adjunctive therapies to address behavioral problems, chronic pain, and mobility challenges, in an effort to improve

the quality of life for her patients and their caregivers, regardless of their resources.

To formalize her knowledge in animal behavior, she completed the Donald G. Low-CVMA Practitioner Fellowship within the Behavior Service at the UC Davis Veterinary Teaching Hospital in 2005 and joined the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB), providing care for animals both in private practice and through volunteering to provide care to underserved communities in the Bay Area.

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UPCOMING IN-PERSON CE MEETING (cont.)

Building upon this integrative approach, Dr. Strubel founded A Well Adjusted Pet in Pacifica, CA, in 2014, where she serves as the Director of Veterinary Rehabilitation. Her practice provides comprehensive therapeutic care, specializing in physical rehabilitation, conditioning and fitness, and pain management to improve and extend her patients' overall quality of life.

Over the course of her career, Dr. Strubel has completed multiple specialized certifications in physical rehabilitation and complementary therapies to support her practice. In 2011, she studied Veterinary Spinal Manipulation Therapy (VSMT) at the Healing Oasis Wellness Center, focusing on functional neurology, and became a certified member of the College of Animal Chiropractors. She completed an animal acupressure certification through the Tallgrass Animal Acupressure Institute in 2012. By 2014, she earned her Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapist (CCRT) credential from the Canine Rehabilitation Institute (CRI), completing advanced coursework in pain management, sports medicine, geriatric rehabilitation, nutrition, and veterinary orthotics and prosthetics. She expanded these modalities in 2018 by completing CRI's medical acupuncture program, becoming a Certified Veterinary Acupuncture Therapist (CVAT) and a member of the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture.

Her clinical work includes a specific focus on assistive mobility devices. As a member of the Association of Animal Rehabilitation Veterinarians (AARV), she has provided custom orthotics and prosthetics to more than 500 animals, including several dogs, a few cats, two goats, and one sheep. This casework includes an international collaboration with the Cheetah Conservation Fund, assisting in the design of a custom prosthetic for a cheetah in Somaliland. Aside from her clinical practice, she is an educator and intern mentor for CRI, instructing physical therapy and veterinary interns during their required 40-hour hands-on clinical modules.

In the public sector, Dr. Strubel has established and supported several community veterinary initiatives. She is the co-founder of Veterinary Street Outreach Services (VET SOS), where she served as Project Coordinator for 12 years and continues to volunteer at free clinics for the pets of unhoused individuals in San Francisco. She is a founding and current board member of The Paw Fund, which provides free veterinary outreach to low-income and homeless pet owners in the East San Francisco Bay Area. Her previous community leadership includes serving on the boards of Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS-SF), San Francisco Aid for Animals (SFAFA), and Rocket Dog Rescue. Additionally, she supports local animal welfare organizations, rescue groups, and farm sanctuaries in rehabilitating animals and addressing mobility problems of the animals in their care.

Outside of her professional obligations, she enjoys walking her menagerie of disabled dogs alongside her wife, Michelle. She actively supports both local and international wildlife conservation, journeying with friends and family to visit and assist field conservationists in Africa and Mexico. She is an avid SCUBA Diver and recently participated in efforts to track coral reef health through citizen science, conducting a fish survey while diving with the Misool Foundation (www.misoolfoundation.org) and Reef Environmental Education Foundation (Reef.org) in the protected coral reef reserve of Raja Ampat, Indonesia—a true bucket-list experience for all SCUBA divers! She dedicates her personal time whenever possible to aiding individuals who protect wildlife across both terrestrial and marine environments.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Please RSVP with your Meal Choice via the SFVMA website
by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4! www.sfvma.net/rsvp

AGENDA

- 6:15 – 7:00 pm Check-in and Hors d'oeuvres
- 7:00 – 7:30 pm SFVMA Announcements /
Updates / Dinner Starts
- 7:30 – 8:30 pm CE Lecture

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

March 19 ▪ June 18
September 10 ▪ November 19

DINNER MENU

HOR D'OEUVRES

- Caponata Toast — Laura Chanel goat cheese
- Dungeness Crab Cakes — basil aioli
- Bacon Wrapped Scallops

FIRST — (choose one)

- Kuleto's Clam Chowder —
clams, potatoes, applewood smoked bacon
- Chef's Journey Salad —
farmer's market greens, vegetables,
herb vinaigrette (V)

COFFEE AND TEA AVAILABLE
CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE

MAIN COURSE — (choose one)

- Free Range Roasted Chicken Breast —
smoked onion mashed potato,
blistered Brussels sprouts, sherry jus
- 8 oz "Hangar" Steak — mashed potatoes,
grilled asparagus, port wine demi-glace
- Herb Roasted Cauliflower Steak —
caponata, roasted fingerling potatoes,
chimichurri sauce (V)

DESSERT — (choose one)

- Flourless Chocolate Lava Cake —
raspberry cabernet sauce, fresh berries (GF)
- New York Style Cheesecake —
seasonal fruit topping
- Trio of Fruit Sorbets (V)

Remember: The Association pays for uneaten meals. If you have RSVP'd and will not be able to make it,
we need you to send in your cancellation **no later than Monday, September 7.**

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- Neurology and Neurosurgery



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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 **Emily Adamson:**
sfvmapresident@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
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for details on
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SFAfA **SAN FRANCISCO AID *for* ANIMALS**

OUR NEW FISCAL YEAR HAS BEGUN

On July 1st we began our new fiscal year. We want to give a big shout out to all of our member hospitals for a smooth reenrollment process this year. Thank you for being so responsive and getting your paperwork back to us so quickly. It helped us get the new fiscal year's funds out to all of you on time.

You should have received notification of your GIA fund amount around July 1st. If you haven't already, you are welcome to start using your funds anytime. We are delighted to see so many hospitals already submitting cases. If you did not receive your announcement or are unsure of how much you have available, please reach out to us at grants@sfafa.org.

We also want to remind you that once you have completely utilized your GIA funds, you have access to both Tauber Funds and GIA+. These are pooled resources available to our hospitals throughout the year. Case selection requirements are the same for both funds and the maximum grant amount is \$4000 per case.

INGRID TAUBER FUND FOR ANIMALS

Our Tauber Fund may be especially helpful for your higher-cost cases as they require a minimum hospital match of 25% of the grant amount. If you are treating an especially high-cost case and your client needs extra help, consider a Tauber grant. Before promising Tauber funds to a client, always check the For Providers page on our website sfafa.org to see if we have the funds available. If you have any questions, reach out to us anytime.

GIA+ FUND

This fund is an extension of our GIA Fund. It has the same match as your GIA funds at a minimum of 50% of the grant amount. With a 50% match, your client can see even more assistance when they need it most. Since these funds can run out, you can reach out to us anytime to learn the current GIA+ Fund Balance.

HAVE YOU UTILIZED ALL OF YOUR AVAILABLE GIA, GIA+ AND TAUBER FUNDS FOR THE YEAR?

Reach out to our grants team. They may be able to help. Some of our member hospitals don't always

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utilize all of their GIA funds before the end of the fiscal year. We may be able to facilitate a transfer of some of those funds for your hospital to use.

THE MORAL OF THE STORY

We never want you to run out of funds when you need them. Please reach out and find out how we can help.

Thanks to everyone from the SFAfA Grants Team:
Daniel, Joanne, Sandra, Lea, Hanna and Anne Marie
grants@sfafa.org

MEET “KYRO”



We would like to introduce you to Kyro, a two-year old male Frenchie. Kyro's mom adopted him from a friend after the friend couldn't care for him anymore. Mom is a single parent with two kids and they had recently experienced housing insecurity. Life is improving for Kyro's family. Luckily, things are looking up.

Kyro's family loves him dearly and he is treated as a very important member of the family. Over time, mom noticed that he was having more difficulty breathing, especially after exercise or when it was warm. She brought him to a vet for an exam and was told that he would need BOAS surgery. She did not have pet insurance and was declined Care Credit. Any treatment beyond the basics was out of his mom's reach and she had to decline the surgery.

Mom contacted SFAfA to see if there was anything that we could do to help. Luckily, Twin Cities Veterinary Hospital in Corte Madera recently joined SFAfA. They had heard about us from Mission Pet Hospital and were interested in a partnership. When Twin Cities joined, they were concerned that many of their clientele would not need SFAfA's help. They suggested that if we received inquiries and the client didn't have a regular vet, they would help by treating SFAfA cases. This was a perfect solution to Kyro's problem. Dr. Curtis Press from Mission Pet volunteered to do the surgery at Twin Cities. With help from Dr. Press, the excellent team at Twin Cities, Twin Cities generous match and an SFAfA grant, Kyro was able to get the surgery he needed. He is doing great at home and his family is delighted.

Sometimes it takes a village to save a life!

Thanks to all of our member hospitals for everything that you do every day.
We are so grateful and proud to be a part of such a wonderful group of terrific human beings.

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 thrombocytopenia
- 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

UPCOMING IMMERSIVE THEATER EVENT

CELEBRATE THE HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND — ON STAGE!

More than half of American households share their lives with a pet. Yet when that beloved companion dies, we're often expected to grieve quietly and alone. No funeral. No bereavement leave. Sometimes, not even acknowledgment that the loss can be profound.

Our Loving Companions, premiering at **The Marsh San Francisco October 15–18**, followed by **The Marsh Berkeley October 22–25**, is changing that conversation — with **humor, heart, and a whole lot of love.**

This 90-minute immersive theater experience celebrates the extraordinary bond between people and their animal companions—the laughter, devotion, ridiculous joy, and, inevitably, the grief. For veterinarians and veterinary teams, it's a chance to see the human-animal bond we witness every day reflected back in a surprisingly entertaining and moving way. And it's a terrific experience to recommend to clients who know firsthand just how much a beloved animal can mean.

Come see it yourself — and tell your clients about it! The production is co-produced by SFVMA's own **Alan Stewart** and **Grief Dialogues**, a theater and arts organization dedicated to using storytelling to change the conversation around death, dying, and loss.

Even better: this show gives back. All profits from these productions will directly benefit Bay Area animal nonprofits that provide grants for emergency veterinary care — helping families access the care their animals need when they need it most.

THE MARSH SAN FRANCISCO

1062 Valencia Street

October 15, 16 & 17 at 7:30 PM

October 18 at 3:00 PM

THE MARSH BERKELEY

2120 Allston Way

October 22, 23 & 24 at 7:30 PM

October 25 at 3:00 PM

TICKET PRICING: \$ 35 General Admission | \$ 50 Reserved

TICKETS & INFORMATION: griefdialogues.com/our-loving-companions

**Come celebrate what we already know:
Our animals aren't “just pets.” — they're integral to who we are!**

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OUR LOVING COMPANIONS



Stories of love, loyalty, and the animals who share our lives



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A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT NON PROFIT BAY AREA EMERGENCY ANIMAL CARE RESOURCES

PRODUCERS Alan Stewart, DVM, DACVIM & Elizabeth Coplan
DIRECTOR Pamela Hollings ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR Anna Takayo
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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 2026. 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 UC DAVIS 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
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**If you haven't already
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becoming a CVMA member.**

The CVMA defends your right to practice by actively representing the veterinary profession on proposed federal and state legislation and regulations at the legislature and the Veterinary Medical Board.

<https://cvma.net/membership/>



LETTER FROM ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

Dear Practice Owners/Managers,

Thank you for being part of the San Francisco animal community and caring for the many pets in our City.

We understand that this is a demanding time for veterinary practices. We are writing to remind you that the San Francisco Health Code requires that all rabies vaccination information for dogs must be reported to the Department of Animal Care and Control within 30 days of administration.

To maintain compliance please submit copies of your rabies information to **acc.rabies@sfgov.org** by the 5th of every month. Attached is a sample spreadsheet containing the required information. If your system is unable to produce a report, please provide a pdf version of your rabies certificates. The rabies certificates must contain the following fields:

Owner — Last Name	Animal — Name
Owner — First Name	Animal — Sex
Owner — Email Address	Animal — Breed
Owner — Street Address 1	Animal — Date of Birth
Owner — City Name	Animal — Coat Color
Owner — State or Province Name	Animal — Microchip Number
Owner — Zip / Postal Code	Animal — Date Rabies Given
Owner — Primary Phone	Animal — Rabies Due Date
	Animal — Rabies Serial / Lot #
	Animal — Rabies Manufacturer

Dog licensing is required by law as part of our rabies control program. Licensing also remains an essential tool in returning lost pets to their guardians. It also helps SFACC determine where to focus our outreach and emergency planning efforts.

The city is currently using licenses made by Pet Hub (**www.pethub.com**) that include a QR code where the basic plan enables anyone who finds a dog to scan the code and obtain owner-supplied information about the pet and its family, speeding reunification. Last fiscal year, SFACC reunited 54% of stray dogs with their owners through our lost and found programs.

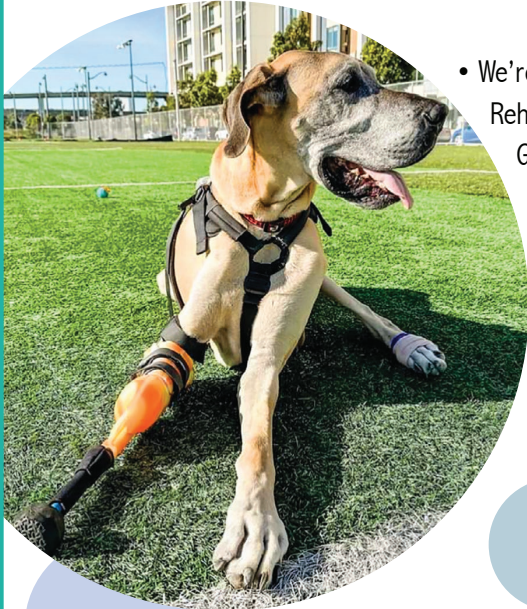
Licensing can now be done online at **sfanimalcare.org/services/licensing-your-pet**

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this important health and safety issue.

Virginia Donohue

Director, San Francisco Animal Care and Control

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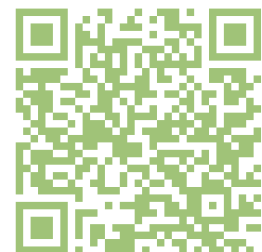
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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/

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Join the Vet SOS volunteer team!

We're looking for veterinarians, vet techs, and experienced veterinary assistants to help provide free veterinary care to the pets of unhoused San Franciscans at our twice-monthly pop-up clinics.



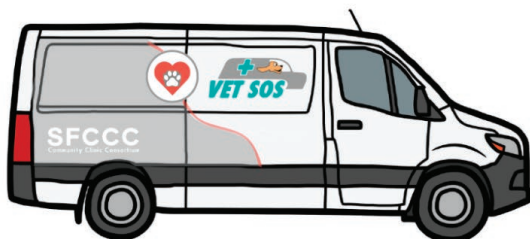
Fill out an application online or contact us for more info at:



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<https://www.sfccc.org/volunteer-sfccc>



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

PAWS mission is to preserve, support and nurture the human-animal bond for those most vulnerable in our community, low-income San Francisco residents who are seniors (over 60 years old) and/or persons living with a disability, with pet food and vet care, among its services.

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.

Please contact Program Coordinator, Volunteer Services,
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