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VETERINARY MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION**

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT — MARCH 2026

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year. I hope 2026 is off to a positive start for you and your teams.

I'm excited to welcome you to our first San Francisco Veterinary Medical Association meeting of the year and to a timely topic: Nutritional Modulation of the GI Microbiome. What was once an emerging area of research has quickly become central to how we approach gastrointestinal health in veterinary medicine.

In both general practice and emergency settings, GI disease remains one of the most common challenges we manage. As our understanding of the microbiome evolves, so does our ability to use nutrition not simply as supportive care, but as a meaningful therapeutic tool. Thoughtful dietary modulation can influence inflammation, immune response, and long-term gut health, making this topic highly relevant to everyday clinical practice.

SFVMA provides us the opportunity to learn from one another and stay at the forefront of advancing science. I'm grateful for the collaborative spirit of this community and look forward to a year of continued connection, education, and professional growth.

Thank you for being here and for the work you do every day for San Francisco's animals and their families

Warmly,

Emily Adamson, DVM

President, San Francisco Veterinary Medical Association



THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

**"NUTRITIONAL MODULATION
OF THE GI MICROBIOME"**

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SPEAKER:

Dr. Lindsay Huie

Dr. Lindsay Huie earned her BS in Animal Science from University of California Davis and her DVM from The Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine. After a one year small animal internship at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine and time in private practice, she joined Hill's Pet Nutrition as a territory manager in Northern California. Dr. Huie spent 10 years in this role growing the business, cultivating relationships and building Hill's recommendations.

She is now excited to share her knowledge and experience as the Professional Consulting Veterinarian for the Northern California district since 2023.



(Agenda, Menu and RSVP info on page 3)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

Please RSVP with your Meal Choice via the SFVMA website
by **FRIDAY, MARCH 13!** 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

- Crab Louie Lettuce Cups
- Yakiniku Beef Skewers
- Roasted Beet Spoons —
with lemon oil (V)

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)

- 8 oz "Zabuton" Steak —
mashed potatoes, grilled asparagus,
port wine demi-glace
- Grilled Colossal Prawns —
roasted fingerling potatoes, seasonal vegetables,
shishito peppers, pickled cucumber
- Herb Roasted Cauliflower Steak —
caponata, roasted fingerling potatoes,
chimichurri sauce (V)

DESSERT — (choose one)

- Tahitian Vanilla Bean Crème Brûlée —
fresh berries, French cookie wafers
- New York Style Cheesecake —
seasonal fruit topping
- Assorted 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, March 16.**

(Topic and Speaker info on page 2)

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²Fritsch, D.A., et al. Food with Novel Fiber Blend Improves Clinical Outcomes and Changes Gastrointestinal Microbiome Metabolism in Dogs (in a 2-Month Study). *J Vet Intern Med.* 2019;33(5):2513. ©2024 Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. PD9353

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
Karen Truong
for details on
requests for donations:
sfvmatreasurer@gmail.com





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

GIA FUND (GIA)

We are more than halfway through our fiscal year. Please don't forget that any **GIA** funds awarded to your hospital not used by June 15th are returned to the general fund and will be reallocated for the next grant cycle (starting July 1st) to be split among our member hospitals. Our required GIA match is 50%. As with any of our funds, if your hospital would like to match at a higher percentage, that's great. Higher matches help us to stretch the grant dollars so that we can all help more families and their cherished pets.

If not using your funds, let us know. We can transfer them to another hospital that has already used this year's allotment. We want to make sure that we can continue to help as many pets as possible.

GIA+ FUND

If your hospital has utilized all of your allocated GIA funds, you automatically have access to **GIA+** funds. This is a first come, first serve basis pooled fund, with access of up to \$4,000/case and a hospital maximum of \$10,000/fiscal year. The match is a minimum of 50%. Since this is a pooled fund, please check with us to make sure that funds are still available before offering these funds to a client.

TAUBER FUND FOR ANIMALS (TFA)

We are excited to announce that our **TFA** has been funded again this year. Access to these funds is on a first come, first serve basis and is earmarked for higher-cost cases, with a maximum of \$4,000/case and a hospital maximum of \$10,000/year. The TFA match requirement is a minimum of 25%. Our **case criteria** are the same for all SFAfA cases. If you have any questions about whether a case meets our criteria, please feel free to reach out anytime. As the Tauber funds are utilized quickly, please check our website for the fund balance before offering a Tauber grant to a client.

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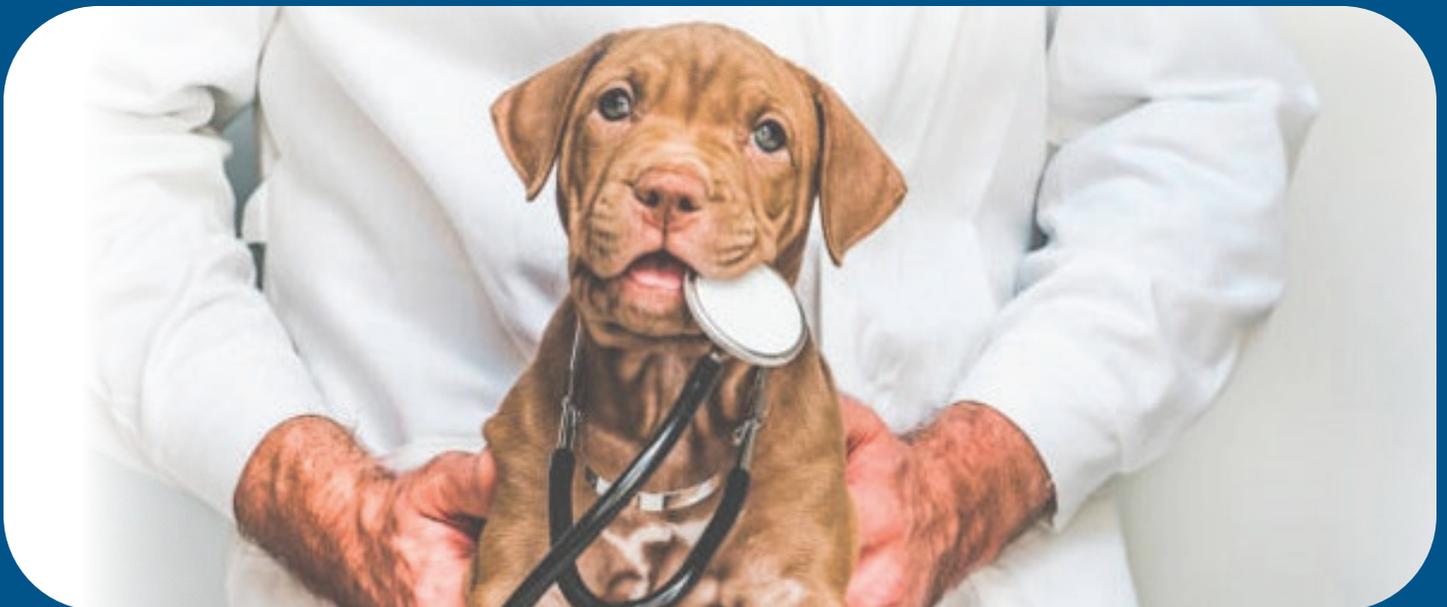
FYE27 STARTS JULY 1, 2026

It's never too early to think about **enrollment for next year**. Our new fiscal year starts July 1st. If you are already a member, please watch for enrollment information that will be sent to you later this spring. If you would like to discuss your hospital joining our program, please reach out anytime.

MEET KITTEN



"Kitten" was seen at Peninsula Avenue Veterinary Clinic at six days of age for a necrotic distal left hind limb. The family was already in love with him and were devastated that they could not afford the care needed to save his life. Dr. Linda Hall offered to help with a Tauber grant and a generous hospital match. Kitten went to surgery and did well after an amputation at the knee. As you can see, he was doing great at his recheck and today is living his best life with his loving family.



SUBMITTING REQUESTS TO SFAfA

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

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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

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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External Relations Manager
hher@ucdavis.edu

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
Maggie Li Puma at
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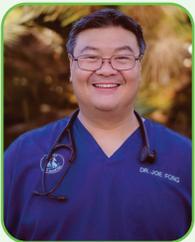
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LETTER FROM ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

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.

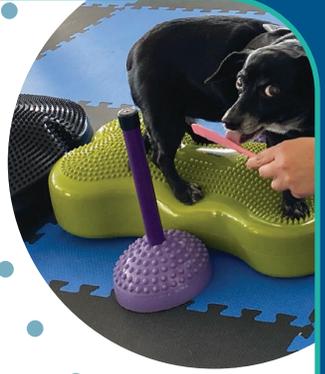
Licensing can now be done online at sfanimalcare.org/services/licensing-your-pet

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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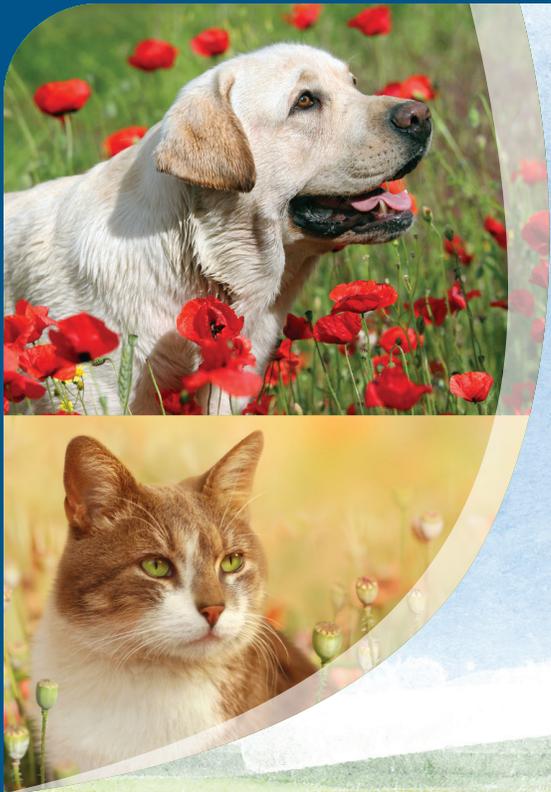


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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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



Veterinary Street Outreach Services (VET SOS) is recruiting volunteers— DVMs and veterinary assistant/technicians — for its monthly mobile clinics serving the companion animals of homeless San Franciscans. Visit www.vetsos.org for more information, including upcoming clinic dates. Support the human-animal bond in this vulnerable population and work with outstanding volunteers from all over the Bay Area!

Voicemail: (415) 355-2237 ■ Email: vetsos@sfccc.org

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,
Walter Campbell for more information and to apply to volunteer:

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