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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT — JUNE 2026

Dear Colleagues,

As I write this month's letter, I'm doing so with a newborn sleeping beside me. Two weeks ago my husband and I welcomed our daughter Abigail into the world, and this new chapter has already given me an even deeper appreciation for compassion, teamwork, and the importance of community support.

Those qualities are also at the heart of veterinary medicine. One of the things I value most about the San Francisco veterinary community is the way we continue to support one another while also prioritizing lifelong learning and growth within our profession.

I'm especially excited about our upcoming meeting featuring Dr. Sherman Canapp and his lecture, "Canine Forelimb Soft Tissue Injuries and Osteoarthritis — What Can You Do In Your Practice?" Dr. Canapp will discuss practical approaches to diagnosing and managing these common conditions, including the use of Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy (ESWT). I anticipate this will be an informative and clinically relevant talk for both general practitioners and emergency clinicians alike.

In addition, SFVMA will be hosting an Intraarticular Injection Workshop for the Treatment of Osteoarthritis on June 28. This marks the first wet lab hosted by SFVMA, and we are thrilled to offer members an opportunity for hands-on learning and skill development. We hope this will be the beginning of more interactive educational opportunities for our community in the future.

Thank you all for the work you do each day for your patients, clients, and teams. I continue to feel honored to serve as President of SFVMA and look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events

Warmly,

Emily Adamson, DVM
President, San Francisco Veterinary Medical Association



UPCOMING IN-PERSON CE MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

"CANINE FORELIMB SOFT TISSUE INJURIES AND OSTEOARTHRITIS — What Can You Do in Your Practice?"

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SPEAKER:

**Dr. Sherman Canapp, DVM, MS, CCRT,
DACVS-SA, DACVSMR (Past President)**

Dr. Sherman Canapp is an internationally recognized pioneer in canine sports medicine, minimally invasive arthroscopy, orthopedic surgery, and regenerative medicine. He is widely known for advancing the diagnosis and treatment of complex orthopedic, osteoarthritis, and soft tissue injuries in canine athletes, working dogs, and active companion animals.

Dr. Canapp is double board-certified as a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and a Charter Diplomate and Past President of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation.

In 2006, he co-founded the Veterinary Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Group (VOSM), one of the first specialty veterinary practices in the United States dedicated exclusively to canine sports medicine, rehabilitation, orthopedic surgery, and regenerative medicine.

Today, Dr. Canapp practices at The Sams Clinic and HART for Animals, where he focuses on complex and often difficult-to-diagnose musculoskeletal injuries in canine athletes, working dogs, and active companion animals. While he is particularly recognized for diagnosing and



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UPCOMING IN-PERSON CE MEETING (cont.)

arthroscopically treating forelimb injuries involving the canine shoulder and elbow, his clinical work spans the full spectrum of orthopedic and sports medicine conditions. One unique area of focus includes the use of minimally invasive diagnostic arthroscopy to identify early and partial cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) injuries that may benefit from regenerative medicine therapies and proactive joint preservation strategies.

One of the advanced technologies Dr. Canapp has integrated into The Sams Clinic is objective temporospatial gait analysis technology, which helps identify subtle lameness and movement abnormalities that may not always be detectable during a traditional orthopedic examination. By objectively measuring stride characteristics, limb loading, weight distribution, stance time, and movement symmetry, this advanced gait analysis system provides valuable data for early injury detection, baseline performance assessment, treatment planning, rehabilitation monitoring, and long-term management of orthopedic and osteoarthritis conditions. This performance-based and data-driven approach is one of the many factors that distinguishes the advanced sports medicine and orthopedic care program at The Sams Clinic.

Dr. Canapp has authored more than 50 peer-reviewed publications and is a frequent invited lecturer and workshop leader at major national and international conferences including the ACVS Surgery Summit, VMX (NAVCA), Western Veterinary Conference (WVC), ESVOT (Europe), BVOA (UK), and advanced orthopedic and sports medicine programs throughout Australia, Asia, Europe, and North America.

In addition to his clinical and educational work, Dr. Canapp has developed and clinically validated veterinary technologies in orthobiologics, minimally invasive diagnostics, arthroscopic systems, and orthopedic instrumentation. His work includes canine-specific platelet-rich plasma (PRP) and bone marrow aspirate concentrate (BMAC) platforms, needle-scope technologies, and the design of the Everest LibertyLock TPLO plate system.

He previously served as the founding National Director for Sports Medicine, Rehabilitation, and Regenerative Medicine for Thrive Pet Healthcare, a national network of more than 350 veterinary hospitals, and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for Johns Hopkins Medicine's Howard County General Hospital.

Sherman O. Canapp Jr., DVM, MS, CCRT

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THE SAMS CLINIC
Veterinary Specialists

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

Please RSVP with your Meal Choice via the SFVMA website
by **FRIDAY, JUNE 12!** 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

- Grilled Lobster Skewers
- Mango Cocktail Prawn
- Baked Camembert Caramelized Onion Tart

FIRST — (choose one)

- **Lobster Bisque** —
with sherry cream
- **M&K Wedge Salad** —
bacon, heirloom cherry tomatoes, pickled red onions,
Pt. Reyes blue cheese, blue cheese dressing
(vegan on request)

COFFEE AND TEA AVAILABLE
CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE

MAIN COURSE — (choose one)

- **Sugar Spiced Salmon** —
cedar plank roasted, mashed potatoes,
seasonal vegetables, citrus beurre blanc
- **8 oz “Hangar” Steak** —
mashed potatoes, grilled asparagus,
port wine demi-glace
- **Pasta with Red Sauce** —
seasonal vegetables (V)

DESSERT — (choose one)

- **Tahitian Vanilla Bean Crème Brûlée** —
fresh berries, French cookie wafers
- **Triple Chocolate Mousse Cake** —
fresh berries
- **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, June 15.**

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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 **Emily Adamson:**
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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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for details on
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SFAfA

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As our fiscal year wraps up, we wanted to say a big THANK YOU to all of you, veterinarians, techs and support staff, for your dedication, hard work and for the care that you provide for families and their beloved pets every day. We also wanted to say a big THANK YOU to our member hospitals for your dedication and loyalty to San Francisco Aid for Animals. This year alone, with your help, we have provided over \$200,000 in life-saving veterinary care and have saved over 75 little lives. This is a wonderful accomplishment. Thank you so much to all of you! We have heard recently from a number of hospitals that the veterinary landscape has been changing over the last few months. With the economic uncertainty that we are all facing, you may see an even greater impact on your clients' ability to afford needed veterinary care. We don't ever want you to turn away a client due to their inability to pay for life-saving veterinary care. Please don't forget that we are here to help. As a member hospital, you have access to GIA, GIA+ and Tauber funds. If you are not a member hospital and are interested in joining our program, please feel free to reach out. Our new fiscal year starts July 1 st . We would be happy to explain more about our program and how you could partner with us.

END OF FISCAL YEAR 2026

Just a reminder to our member hospitals that our fiscal year ends on June 30th. Please check your records to make sure that you have used your GIA allotment for the year. Please submit all grant requests by June 15th . Any unused GIA funds at the end of the fiscal year go back into the general pool, to be distributed next year. If you are not sure about your fund balance, have an active case that you won't be able to submit until after 6/15 or have any questions, please feel free to contact us anytime. Also, if you don't think that you will be utilizing your funds by 6/15, please consider transferring those funds to another hospital that has already used their allotment. We would be happy to facilitate that transfer. We don't want any deserving pet missing out on the urgent care that they need if we can help.

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GIA+ FUND

Even if your hospital has utilized all of your allotted GIA funds, you may have up to \$10,000 in GIA+ funds available through the end of the fiscal year. This fund is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please check your records or check with us to make sure that you still have funds available. But don't forget to reach for them the next time your client needs help!

ENROLLMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

In early May, we sent out enrollment packets for the new fiscal year, which starts on July 1st. If you didn't receive your packet and would like to enroll again this year, please contact us. We will let everyone know about their grant allotments for FYE27 by the end of June. If you are not currently partnering with SFAfA and would like to find out more about being a member hospital, please reach out to one of the grant team at: grants@sfafa.org Daniel Kubo, Joanne Nguyen, Sandra Roman, Lea Del Rosso, DVM, Anne Marie Benfatto, DVM The Grants Team of San Francisco Aid for Animals.

MEET "LEILA"



"Leila" is a 13 year old f/s Chihuahua cross. Poor "Leila" had an incident at her groomer earlier in the day. She came to Veterinary Vision on emergency with a left eye proptosis and needed immediate surgical intervention. Her family could not afford "Leila's" surgery. Luckily, Veterinary Vision reached for assistance from San Francisco Aid for Animals. They were able to offer the client a Grant-in-Aid and with a 100% hospital match, "Leila" was able to go straight to surgery for surgical repair.

Post-surgery, her repair was better than expected. The globe was well-positioned with signs of useful vision, like a positive PLR and menace response. Her doctors and her family were delighted with her outcome.

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
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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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<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:

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| 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.

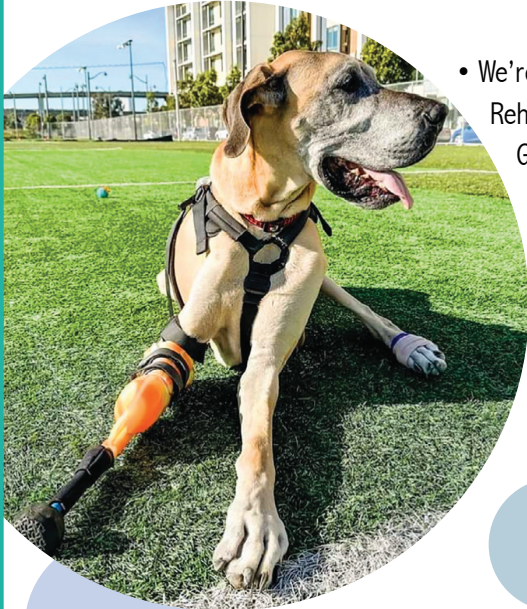
Licensing can now be done online at sfanimalcare.org/services/licensing-your-pet

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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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!

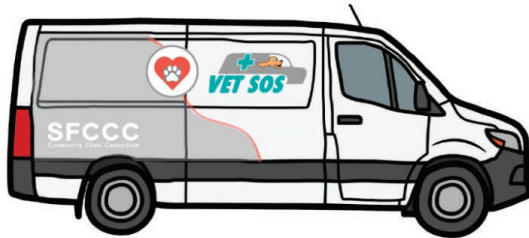
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Volunteer Vet Techs assist one of our licensed Volunteer Veterinarians with exams and nail trims at our Ask The Vet consultations. Our vet exam room is located in the PAWS building in the Mission neighborhood of San Francisco.

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.

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

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