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## MCVMA is pleased to invite you to a Dinner & CE Lecture

**Topic:** **“What Ophthalmology Cases to manage in General Practice and when to call a specialist”**

**Speaker:** **Dr. Thomas Chen, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVO**

**When:** Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** Reception 6:30 pm, Lectures & Dinner 7:00 pm

**Where:** **McInnis Park Golf Center**  
350 Smith Ranch Road  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
(415) 492-1800  
**[www.mcinnisparkgolfcenter.com](http://www.mcinnisparkgolfcenter.com)**



**RSVP:** Space is limited - please RSVP by Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to Jana at **[jana.st7@gmail.com](mailto:jana.st7@gmail.com)**.  
**Please inform of meal choice with your RSVP:**

Hors d'oeuvres during the social hour at 6:30 pm that include Crostini with tomato (vegan) and Goat Cheese and Fig Chutney Crostini.  
**To start with:** House Salad.

**Chicken Valdostana**  
(prosciutto, mozzarella, white wine sage sauce) with veggies and potatoes.

**or**

**Sole Rosmarino**  
(garlic, mushrooms, rosemary) with rice and veggies.

**or**

**Mushroom risotto**  
(acorn squash, mushrooms, Italian rice; vegan).

**Dessert:** Chocolate Bread Pudding ala mode.  
Coffee, tea, water service.

**Fees:** This meeting is generously sponsored by PESCM.  
Members free, non-members \$20.



**Attendees will receive 1 Hr of CE Credit Approved by AAVSB RACE!**



# Look Who's Joining PESCM

**Thomas Chen, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVO**

**Veterinary Degree (DVM):** University of Tennessee, Knoxville

**Internship:** Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, Colorado State University

**Residency:** Comparative Ophthalmology, Colorado State University

**Master of Clinical Science:** Colorado State University

**Board Certification:** Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists



Dr. Chen joined AEC in 2019. He is interested in all aspects of clinical ophthalmology but particularly enjoys treatment of cataract and corneal disease. Most of all, he enjoys educating and working with clients to find the best solutions for their pet's eye issues. In his free time, Dr. Chen likes hanging out with his one-eyed cat, Gerald.

## Ophthalmology





## Dr. Amanda Stolpa

Please join us in welcoming PESCM's newest Emergency doctor, Dr. Amanda Stolpa. Dr. Stolpa was born and raised in Palo Alto, California. She attended UC Davis and earned her undergraduate degree in Animal Science. For veterinary school she traveled to the Caribbean and attended Ross University in St. Kitts. After 3 years of life in the Caribbean she returned to California and completed her clinical year at UC Davis Veterinary School. After graduating Dr. Stolpa completed a one year rotating emergency/specialty internship in Santa Rosa California at Pet Care Veterinary Hospital. Since her internship she has been an associate General Practice and Emergency Veterinarian. She currently lives in San Francisco with her boyfriend (a writer), 3 cats (Gregory, Boots and Dapper) and 1 senior labrador (Stu!). In her free time she enjoys going to the movies, spinning, running, traveling and cooking.

## Notes from the MCVMA President

Happy almost spring everyone,

I hope you all are enjoying the unseasonably warm weather. We've got a few things coming up this month.

We will be announcing the **Nurse Scholarship Award** recipients at the March CE meeting. Thank you to everyone who supported a staff member from their clinic.

It's renewal season! Jana will be taking **membership applications** and renewal fees (check, cash, cards) at the upcoming meeting. I hope that you also see the value in the association and will renew your MCVMA membership for the upcoming year.

And I'm just putting in an early plug for the upcoming **officer elections** in May 😊  
If you've never held an officer position, if it's been a while, or if there are some things you'd like to see the MCVMA doing, please consider running for a position.

I hope to see you all at our CE dinner this month!

Sincerely,

Erin Smythe-Morey  
MCVMA President  
[ensmythe@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ensmythe@ucdavis.edu)





## CAVMRC Disaster Response Training, March 22, 2020 ~~~COME JOIN THE FUN AND RIDE TO SONOMA~~~

**MCVMA is sponsoring a bus** to take those attending the Disaster Response Training day long program in Santa Rosa.

For only \$50 for MCVMA members, non-members \$60, you can ride on the bus and have coffee and bagels on the way up and wine and cheese on the way back!

So far the bus is about half full, but we have another 15 seats left to fill and our hope is to take a full bus of 30 people from Marin County to show our support and have additional trained volunteers at the ready.

Have you considered sponsoring your nurses/staff/fellow veterinarians at your practice? For RVT students in particular, it is only \$25 to attend + \$60 for the bus ride (RVT's and Veterinarian registration cost is \$119 to attend FYI + \$50/\$60 for the bus ride).

To register for the training, click on this link below:

**<https://cvma.net/mc-events/cavmrc-disaster-response-training/>**

To sign up to ride the MCVMA bus to/from the event email Jana at **[jana.st7@gmail.com](mailto:jana.st7@gmail.com)**.

Thank you!

Marcella Harb-Hauser  
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## Update from CVMA Delegate

A tidbit from the CVMA delegates meeting that was in January.

Start early with your license renewal using the BreEZe system!

This year the fingerprint requirement will be in play. You can review the requirement at **vmb.ca.gov**. Look under Announcements, then clarifications. You can upload livescan from the CVMA.net website.

The take home message is that if your info from the form that you fill out for the fingerprint requirement and take to the live scan provider doesn't exactly match your renewal form then you can get "pending message" from the VMB. It will get stuck there and the VMB is so far behind and understaffed that you will have trouble getting it unstuck. The difficulty can arise with hyphenated last names etc.

\*\*\*\*KEEP YOUR RECEIPT AND COPY OF RENEWAL FORM\*\*\*\*

It is legal for you to continue practicing until it is straightened out, but you must keep the proof. If after submitting it says pending for more than a couple of days you have a problem. Good luck.

Cynthia Steele

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## LINK Seminar

Co-sponsored by Marin Humane & Marin County District Attorney's Office

**Friday, March 27 • 10 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Marin Humane Auditorium • 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd, Novato, CA**

### **“The Link Between Animal Abuse and Human Violence: Creating Safer Communities through Species-Spanning Partnerships”**

Compelling links reveal that animal cruelty rarely occurs in a vacuum, but is often connected with domestic violence, child abuse, child sexual abuse, and elder abuse. This program will examine the complex motivations behind animal cruelty, innovative public policy reforms and programmatic innovations, with recommendations for professionals and advocates.

**Cost:** \$10.00 (includes a continental breakfast). Payment due at the door.

**RSVP** no later than Monday, March 16. Email: [cohehir@marinhumane.org](mailto:cohehir@marinhumane.org) or call Catherine O’Hehir at 415.506.6201



Internationally acclaimed lecturer, author and educator **Phil Arkow, Ph.D.**, is coordinator of the National LINK Coalition – the National Resource Center on The LINK between Animal Abuse and Human Violence – and edits the monthly LINK-Letter. He chairs the Latham Foundation’s Animal Abuse and Family Violence Prevention Project. He teaches at the University of Florida, and Harcum College. He has presented over 250 times in 17 countries, 38 states and 9 Canadian provinces, and has authored over 80 key reference works on human-animal interactions and violence prevention.

He co-founded the National Link Coalition, the National Animal Control Association, and the Colorado and New Jersey humane federations. He has served with the AVMA, the ASPCA, American Humane, the Delta Society, the Animals & Society Institute, the National Sheriffs Association, the National Coalition on Violence Against Animals, the National District Attorneys Association, the Academy on Violence & Abuse, and the American Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award from New Jersey Child Assault Prevention.

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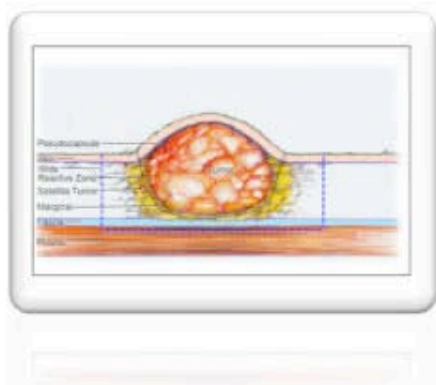


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- **PERI-OPERATIVE CLIENT COMMUNICATION AND GUIDANCE**
- **FORMAL CONSULTATIONS**



## Classifieds

**Mill Valley Pet Clinic** is a privately owned, thriving practice serving Southern Marin County. We're looking to add another enthusiastic veterinarian to our collaborative team!

Our beautiful, updated hospital is well-equipped with an in-house lab suite, digital radiology, digital dental radiology, large surgical suite, dental equipment, and much more! We are a general practice with focus on Preventive Care and a special interest in Dentistry. We also have a Board Certified Surgeon on staff.

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For a confidential discussion about this opportunity, please send resume to Nicole at **NicoleMVPetClinic@gmail.com**.

We are a fast paced, growing animal hospital looking for a **full time Client Care Specialist (Receptionist)**.

Some veterinary knowledge is preferred, but we are willing to teach the right individual who is a quick study. We are looking for an individual who is computer literate, loves people and animals, is able to handle multiple phone lines and is a person who works hard to improve the lives of our clients and patients!! Full time employment includes full medical coverage, 401K, vision, life, dental, 2 weeks paid vacation and CE allowance. Full job description provided upon request.

We are located in Northern Marin County and would love interested parties to call or email:

**Kpaserosmah@gmail.com**  
415-892-8387

**Larkspur Landing Veterinary Hospital** is looking to hire two vets:

1) **Full time associate vet** Monday thru Friday and every other Saturday. Must have great client communications and excellent medical knowledge. \$150,000.00 with two weeks paid vacation the first year. Trupanion Pet Insurance and matching 401K.

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The qualifications you'll need:

- California RVT license
- Associate's degree in Veterinary Technology or equivalent from an AVMA-accredited program
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### Apply Now

Visit <https://secure.entertimeonline.com/ta/i.GDB.jobs?JobsSearch=1> and search for Supervising Registered Veterinary Technician in San Rafael, CA, or email your resume indicating position of interest to: [recruiting@guidedogs.com](mailto:recruiting@guidedogs.com)

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### **Small Animal Veterinary Clinic Seeking Associate Veterinarian**

Growing small animal veterinary clinic seeking full to **part time associate veterinarian** in beautiful Marin County. Ideal candidate will work 3 or 4 10 hour days. We are a non corporate, veterinarian owned, community minded clinic that provides personalized care for our clients and their pets while maintaining a fun and collaborative work environment. 24/7 ER nearby for after hour referrals, and we maintain a collaborative relationship with specialists in the area. Newly renovated exam rooms, digital dental x ray, digital X-ray, Dentalaire Progeny machine, Tonopen for eye pressure, and within walking distance to many restaurants. General surgery responsibilities to include spays/neuters, general dentistry, lump removals, and the occasional foreign body explore. We have an awesome support staff and would consider future partnership with the right candidate. Salary will commiserate with experience and benefits include CVMA membership, malpractice and health insurance, CE allowance, paid vacation/sick leave and discounted services for pets.

Please send a cover letter and resume to **DrRachel.CVC@gmail.com**.

**VCA Tamalpais Animal Hospital** located in the heart of the Bay Area is seeking an experienced, seasoned, personable veterinarian to work in a busy small animal practice in Mill Valley.

The hospital has been established for 60 years and has been newly remodeled. We service a very affluent clientele, allowing us to practice a very high level of medicine. We are well equipped with digital radiography, two dental suites, in-house lab, ultrasound, surgical laser and more.

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- Largest provider of Private Practice Internships and Residencies in the U.S.
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- Opportunities to give back through strong Shelter partnerships and VCA Charities.

We offer competitive compensation and great benefits for eligible employees, including medical/dental, generous personal pet care discounts and more!

Contact Chris Jones: 213-440-7808, **chris.jones@vca.com**

**VCA Madera Pet Hospital** is seeking an **Associate Veterinarian** to join our 9-doctor practice in Corte Madera, California. Located in the beautiful North Bay, Corte Madera is a short distance away from San Francisco, the rugged Northern California coastline, and the Coastal Mountain Range.

We are open 7 days per week with extended hours allowing for continuity of care for your patients. We have a board certified internal medicine specialist and surgeon on staff, and a well-equipped hospital with electronic medical records, digital radiography, digital dental radiography, blood analyzers, endoscopes, and ultrasound. This is a great opportunity to build a long-term client base and provide full-service care for pets. Mentoring available for enthusiastic new graduates; both experienced doctors and confident new grad are welcome to apply.

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- WOOF University, offering abundant CE for doctors and staff
- Robust Continuing Education program
- Opportunities to give back through strong shelter partnerships and VCA Charities

VCA Madera Pet Hospital adds value to your compensation package with the following:

- Competitive salary plus bonus potential
- Medical, dental & vision insurance
- Generous CE allowance
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Please contact me at [DKPDVM@mac.com](mailto:DKPDVM@mac.com) or call/text 415-328-7707.





**Lily's Legacy** is a non-profit dedicated to the rescue of senior, large breed dogs. Our sanctuary is located in a bucolic setting in Petaluma, CA, where we strive to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome dogs in a comfortable, home-like setting. All dogs receive comprehensive medical and surgical care as appropriate, as well as comfort, love, and affection by our dedicated team of volunteers. Most dogs are successfully placed in foster or forever homes, while some are placed in hospice or live out their days at our sanctuary with love and compassionate care.

We are seeking a **veterinary technician** or experienced **veterinary assistant** for a newly created paid position. Responsibilities will include managing onsite care of dogs, coordinating care with volunteers and foster homes, transporting dogs to and from veterinary appointments and implementing treatment plans, consulting and coordinating with executive director, and other related task. Position will require 20-25 hours per week, rate of pay commensurate with experience.

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**San Marin Animal Hospital** is looking to grow and strengthen our team with a **Full Time Associate Veterinarian**. We are currently a three doctor, Small Animal, privately owned practice with a growing support staff. Through consistent growth, based on the quality of our service and care, we now have the opportunity to welcome a new team member. We offer interesting, diverse and challenging cases, with manageable caseloads and a fair Work-Life Balance in one of the most beautiful and progressive areas in the country.

We are looking for an outgoing and compassionate veterinarian who enjoys practicing high quality care, with a focus on exceptional communication and client education, in a collaborative team environment. Experience and an interest in surgery is preferred but not required and we feel we can offer a unique and supportive learning environment for new graduates. The ability to work in a fast-paced environment while maintaining a sense of humor is a must! We offer digital radiography, digital dental radiography, ultrasound and in-clinic blood analyzers, along with a great support team to help. If you're looking for a long-term position to really grow and thrive in a fantastic community, we would love to hear from you. We offer competitive wages and an excellent benefit package including medical, dental, life insurance, CE stipend and a matching 401k plan.



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## Continuing Education

### **Introduction to Cannabinoid Medicine: What Veterinarians Need to Know**

Online Seminar

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020 | 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020 | 12:30 PM – 1:45 PM**

This lecture will discuss the cannabis plant and include a review of common cannabis terminology, provide a detailed explanation of the endocannabinoid system (all components), as well as a description of endocannabinoid deficiency. It will also review the components of the plant in detail including phytocannabinoids, terpenes, and flavonoids; delve into some clinically relevant applications (supported by pertinent publications); and review dosing, delivery, product selection, potential toxicities, and contraindications.

This course qualifies for 1.5 hours of interactive learning.

More info: <https://bit.ly/37WrjCz>

### **CAVMRC Disaster Response Training Information**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

Hyatt Regency Sonoma Wine Country  
170 Railroad Street  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

As part of the CAVMRC's mission to train and credential veterinary professionals to support animal and public health during a disaster, the CAVMRC is offering a low-cost, one-day classroom continuing education course to veterinarians, RVTs, and veterinary assistants.

#### ***Animals in Disasters – Common Medical Conditions***

This course provides detailed information on emergency/critical care topics that can benefit you in everyday practice as well as during a disaster response. Course instructors are Dorrie Black, DVM, MPVM, DACVECC, Melinda Mayfield, DVM, WCHP-AH, and Grant Miller, DVM.

7.5 CEUs. The CVMA is a statutorily-approved California CE provider.

More info: <https://bit.ly/2wroRGW>

## Judicious Use of Medically Important Antimicrobial Drugs

Online Seminar

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 | 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM**

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | 12:30 PM – 1:45 PM**

This course will provide an overview of antimicrobial resistance and address mechanisms for both reducing and improving antimicrobial use in our practice. Risk factors for some of the most common and troublesome resistant pathogens will be discussed as well as interpreting culture and MIC results. **This webinar is geared for small animal practitioners.**

This course satisfies the one hour of California CE requirement on the judicious use of medically important antimicrobial drugs.



More info: <https://bit.ly/3atWqXu>

## Look Like a Wizard: Lifting the Spell on Orthopedic Evaluations and Canine Movement

Online Seminar

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM**

In both humans and canines, dysfunction of the musculoskeletal system affects overall quality of movement and promotes the development of compensatory movement. In canine patients, compensatory movement patterns associated with physical imbalance develop over time and may affect patient quality of life. By using normal canine gait and functional movement patterns, understanding how structural characteristics of the thoracic and pelvic limbs affect movement, and objective outcome assessment measurement tools, practitioners will be able to recognize common compensatory postures and identify abnormalities when using therapeutic exercises to screen for imbalances.

*This seminar is geared toward technicians.*

This course qualifies for 1.5 hours of interactive learning.



More info: <https://bit.ly/2PLZir1>



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