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## Notes from the MCVMA President

Hello members,

I hope everyone is staying safe and sane as the busy summer months are among us. Since we had a talk in June, we will not be holding one this month. Stay tuned for news about our next virtual CE event!

And thank you to those who volunteered for some of the open board member positions. We will need to officially vote them in at our next meeting, but for now, we're excited to announce the candidates:

- **Treasurer:** Nicole Captanian
- **CVMA Delegate:** Kat Danielson

The **CE Coordinator**, **CVMA Delegate alternate** and **President** positions remain open for those who are still considering!

We would also love to have a few general practitioners on the State of Community Committee to help provide that perspective as we work with Marin Humane. This is a great opportunity for collaboration between Marin humane, local general practices, and ER/ specialty to help address the changing needs of our community. Please please please consider joining (just email me)---just like the MCVMA board positions, this is a very small time commitment.

Again, I hope everyone is having a good summer and getting some much-needed R&R!

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

P.S: Ryen and I welcomed our second son, Parker on Thursday 7/15 😊 ...hence why I would like to pass off the president role 😊



## MCVMA Board Positions

These are the open positions that will need to be filled. All of the positions are low stress, not a big time commitment, and are a great way to get to know and serve your local veterinary community. Please consider nominating yourself!

### 1) **President:**

- preside over all meetings of the association and the executive board
- call special meetings of the board when necessary
- appoint special committees
- oversee student and nurse scholarships

### 2) **CE Coordinator:**

- maintain the organization's CE provider status in good standing
- schedule a qualified CE event at each meeting of the Association & provide CE certificates

### 3) **CVMA Alternate Delegate:**

- serve in place of the delegate if they are unavailable

## CVMA delegate meeting 6/25/21

As with many of us, the legislature is very backed up. Many of the bills that we have been following are going to die in the house due to delays. They are sure to be back, so please do consider downloading the CVMA app. That way you will receive notification if letter writing campaign is needed to help pass/ stop bills that are significant to the CVMA . Dr Blackwell gave an informative presentation on Access to Vet Care. Surveys show that most Veterinarians believe that everyone has a right to Animal ownership and access to Vet Care. Rising costs of veterinary care is widening the gap of disparity in our communities.

Emphasis on a sliding scale for those in need as well as incremental care approach can help. Trends toward specialty practice can make veterinary care out of reach for many. General practice can help by offering incremental plans. Taking a stepwise approach to minimize costs. The key is in the records so that you can document that all options were offered but a stepwise approach was utilized to accommodate clients financial constraints.

Stay safe out there.

**Cynthia Steele**  
CVMA Delegate



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Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. (GDB) offers an especially rewarding career for veterinary professionals. As a **Staff Veterinarian** at our beautiful campus in San Rafael, California, you will work at the top of your profession in our compassionate and mission-driven veterinary department. We will rely on you to play a key role in ensuring optimal health for our breeding dogs, puppies, and those selected to become successful guides. Duties include:

- Providing professional veterinary care, including surgery (traditional and laparoscopic), radiology, and internal medicine
- Providing veterinary assistance for the Oregon campus, as needed
- Addressing the specialized medical and surgical needs of all program dogs, including breeding colony, neonates and weaned puppies on campus
- Handling obstetric, neonatal, and pediatric cases
- Providing 24-hour support to non-veterinary staff managing broods through challenging whelps
- Performing cesarean sections
- Participating in the design of protocols and methodologies for diagnosis and treatment of medical issues in our breeding colony and neonates
- Confering with outside veterinarians caring for GDB dogs to assure that their recommended treatment is consistent with our protocols
- Consulting with breeder custodians, puppy raisers, and guide dog users concerning veterinary care
- Participating in GDB research projects
- Supervising, training, and providing guidance to paid and volunteer clinic staff
- Updating veterinary-related concepts through continuing education
- Writing veterinary-related articles for GDB publications
- Returning to campus, when necessary, for medical emergencies

### Qualifications:

- California veterinary license and USDA license for interstate and international health certificate
- Current and renewable Drug Enforcement Agency license, Class II, IN, III, IV, V
- Willing to become Penn Hip certified and APHIS accredited within six months
- Desire to train in both laparoscopic and non-laparoscopic surgical techniques
- Excellent analytical, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Availability for weekend rotations and/or on-call work

**What sets us apart?**

- You'll **become an expert** on our yellow and black Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, and Lab/Golden crosses – incredible patients who do not require muzzles.
- GDB is deeply committed to the care and well-being of our program dogs, and you will be empowered to deliver all the care that you deem necessary **with minimal financial constraints**.
- You can hone and **expand your knowledge** in a wide variety of areas like neonatal care, breeding, canine reproduction, spaying/neutering, laparoscopic surgery, ultrasound, and more.
- We support continuing **education and professional development** that aligns with our goals.
- **Teamwork** at GDB is exceptional, both within the veterinary department and across the organization. Because we all share the same passion for our mission, you'll experience strong support from colleagues and make meaningful connections.
- We offer **balance**, flexibility, and reasonable schedules, with ample time off.
- Our **generous benefits** package includes medical/dental/vision/life/disability insurance, 403(b), tuition reimbursement, and great wellness perks like yoga, circuit training, and an onsite gym.
- You can **bring your dog to work!**

**Guide Dogs for the Blind**

The largest guide dog school in North America, Guide Dogs for the Blind creates inspiring partnerships between people, dogs, and communities. With exceptional client services and a robust network of instructors, puppy raisers, donors, and volunteers, we prepare guide dogs to serve and empower individuals who are blind or have low vision, throughout the U.S. and Canada. Our team includes approximately 300 employees and 3,000 volunteers, supporting more than 2,000 working teams (clients and guide dogs).

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At Guide Dogs for the Blind, we respect, value, and appreciate all differences. We welcome all qualified candidates irrespective of your race, color, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status. Individuals with disabilities, especially those who are blind or visually impaired, are encouraged to apply. If you have a disability and need assistance and/or accommodation with applying for a job, please feel free to contact Human Resources.



# Guide Dogs for the Blind

## Registered Veterinary Technician

Let your **drive to learn** guide you here.

Work with top Veterinarians, learn countless new skills, and help support our mission to improve the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired. This is just some of what you'll experience when you join the team at Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB). As a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) on our beautiful campus in San Rafael, CA, you'll maintain optimal health for our amazing dogs in their journey to become successful guides and beyond.

As a Registered Veterinary Technician on our beautiful San Rafael campus, you'll be a part of our team of dedicated and experienced RVTs and Vet Assistants. You'll work hands on with our dogs providing care and supporting our team of 4 veterinarians. We are a full-service hospital providing daily routine and urgent care to our dogs and puppies. Day to day tasks include surgery, radiology, ultrasound, endoscopy, dentistry, appointments, instrument sterilization, vaccination, deworming and more.

The qualifications you'll need:

- California RVT license
- PennHIP certification within six months of hire
- 3+ years of position-related experience is desirable
- Ability to work holidays, weekends, and on call as required

What sets us apart?

- You will love **supporting our mission** as you ensure the health of our yellow and black Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, and Lab/Golden crosses through all stage of their lives.
- You'll have the **opportunity to continuously learn** with excellent support and mentoring from our exceptional Veterinarians.
- You can hone and **expand your knowledge** in a wide variety of areas like neonatal care, breeding, canine reproduction, spaying/neutering, ultrasound, and more.
- We have **state-of-the-art facilities** and resources to provide excellent care to our dogs, which makes this a great place to work and learn.
- We support continuing **education and professional development** that aligns with our goals and can help you earn your certification.
- Our **generous benefits** package includes medical/dental/vision/life/disability insurance, 403(b), tuition reimbursement, and great wellness perks like yoga, circuit training, and an onsite gym.
- You can **bring your dog to work!**
- Easy access to SMART train – it stops at our back gate!

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### Pathway to Ownership:

**Terra Linda Veterinary Hospital**, an AAHA accredited practice, seeks an associate with interest in transitioning into ownership as the current owner slowly transitions out. Well equipped facility, supportive culture. This is your opportunity to ease into ownership. All inquiries confidential.

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**Diana K Phillips, DVM** is available for small animal relief work.  
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### Job Description

West Marin Pet Hospital is a small animal practice located in beautiful Fairfax, Marin County, CA. West Marin Pet Hospital believes in providing gentle care, high quality medicine and surgery and promoting the bond between animals and their people. Gentle care means taking time to learn animal behavior and cues and recognizing the needs of every animal on an individual basis.

This is a unique opportunity to join a new facility and be part of the team for a new practice with state of the art equipment. We welcome new or experienced graduates with a valid California License. Enthusiasm for the career, the animals and their people is a must. Full or part time position available.

Toys include digital radiology, digital ultrasound, I care tonovet, rigid nasal scope, digital dental radiology, BAIR hugger, in house lab, state of the art monitors and much more. We work closely with local specialists to provide the best possible care for our patients and to continually improve our knowledge and experience.

The position includes paid vacation, CE allowance, journal and association allowance, medical and vision insurance, 401K, a flexible schedule and a competitive salary.

Marin County is home to endless hiking trails, close access to the beaches and Point Reyes national seashore. It is a little slice of paradise to live in, close to the vibrant city of San Francisco.

For newer graduates mentorship is available from an experienced seasoned veterinarian who loves to teach.

To excel in this role, you'll need:

- a love of the profession, the animals and the people who own them
- California veterinary license or ability to get one
- Advanced communication skills and exceptional bedside manner

*What we believe:*

*We believe that our pets are family. We face challenges with optimism. We practice great medicine. We offer ideas and solutions for our team, our community, and our clients. We constantly improve our practice and ourselves. We are life-long learners. We are open to new ideas. We do what we say we are going to do.*

### **Dr Shay Redfield**

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**Hospital Name:** VCA Madera Pet Hospital

**Location:** Corte Madera, CA 94925

**Position Title:** Are you a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) Who Wants To Work Where You'll Be Respected & Valued??

**We asked our Tech Team, "Why do you like working at VCA Madera Pet Hospital?"**

**Here are some of the reasons they gave:**

- The people
- The respect of the DVMs
- The non-competitive environment
- The chance to grow
- The sharing of knowledge “ No one has too much pride to ask a question, even the DVMs”

No wonder many of them have been here for so many years!

VCA Madera Pet Hospital is a 10 DVM practice in Corte Madera, California (Marin County). We are just across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco – a reverse commute. We are looking for a Registered Veterinary Technician or Credentialed Veterinary Technician to join our team.

**Why We Need You**

You've worked hard for your credentialing and we want you to use the knowledge that you've invested your time and talent in. **Every place says you'll get to use your skills. This is some of what you'll do as an RVT at VCA Madera:**

- Anesthetic drug calculation, induction, intubation, maintenance, and recovery
- Hands-free radiographs (patients are sedated if needed)
- Dental prophyl, including radiographs (DVMs do most extractions)
- IV catheter placement & venipuncture
- Be a member of the surgery team (we even have a Boarded surgeon)
- Place bandages
- Discharge patients
- Maintain records via EMR
- And, you won't be filling prescriptions. We have 3 FT pharmacy techs doing that

**Why You Should Consider Us**

At VCA, your passion for medicine and compassion for pets and people is matched with a commitment to your professional growth.

- You will enjoy exposure to a diverse and stimulating caseload, employ the most advanced imaging and monitoring tools, and tap into the expertise of more than 4,500+ doctors, including 600+ boarded specialists.
- You will sharpen your skills—and even learn some new techniques—and explore career options that only VCA can offer, such as continuing education, transfer, specialization, and leadership opportunities.

**Benefits:** We offer competitive compensation along with a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental, vision and paid vacation/sick days, 401(k), generous employee pet discounts and more!

The information in this position description indicates the general nature and level of work to be performed. It is not designed to be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, and qualifications required of employees assigned to this job. Management reserves the right to revise the job description or require that other tasks be performed when the circumstances of the job change (for example, emergencies, change in personnel, workload, or technical development).

**If interested in this opportunity, please click here: <https://bit.ly/3cBMkYv>**

You will be taken to the job description on VCAcareers.com, where you can learn more and apply online.

**Gualala calls:**

Do you dream of living and working on the coast; perhaps having an ocean view from your clinic? Well, here is your chance to make that dream come true: the Gualala Veterinary Clinic is looking for the next generation of veterinarians.

Gualala is situated on the Pacific Coast just north of the junction of Sonoma and Mendocino counties on So. Hwy 1. We serve the communities of Gualala and Sea Ranch as well as many outlying areas up and down the coast. We have a maritime climate with a privileged "banana belt" microclimate. It is a wonderful community in a gentle climate with an affluent base clientele from the area and beyond.

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We are aiming to transition the practice including real estate in the next 1-2 years.

My goal is to find a couple of **veterinarians interested in ownership** who will increase the service hours to the community. Being able to stay in the apartment within the clinic eliminates the immediate need for housing expenses.

Price is negotiable, based on a professional unbiased evaluation to determine the cost of the real estate and the practice.

I am willing to continue to work after the sale in a reduced capacity or on a relief type basis for a period of time.

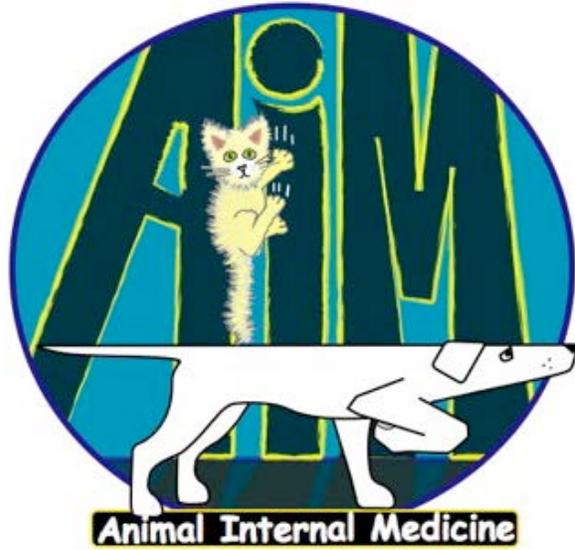
If you are interested, please **respond** to **GVC@mcn.org**. A site visit can be arranged on weekends.

We look forward to supporting the next generation of veterinarians on the Gualala coast!

Carl and Robin Pfeil

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### Diversity & Inclusion in the Veterinary Profession: Why It Matters

Free Online Seminar

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 | 5:30 PM-6:45 PM

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 | 12:30 PM-1:45 PM

The veterinary profession is one of the least diverse professions in the United States with regard to underrepresented and historically marginalized populations. This webinar will highlight historic and current trends in the veterinary profession. Participants will appreciate why creating more diverse and inclusive veterinary teams is critical to the profession's endurance and to the people and patients it serves. Participants will gain an understanding of the meaning of popular terminology related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Dr. Suzie Kovacs will demonstrate how individuals can reflect on their own biases and come to understand that uncomfortable conversations may be a necessary component of progress. Through sharing some of her personal experiences, Dr. Kovacs hopes to be of benefit to others who are on a similar journey. This webinar will be of interest to those who are new to DEI discussions, as well as anyone committed to working with others to create a healthier and more robust veterinary profession.

This course qualifies for 1.5 hours of interactive learning.

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

### The California Licensing Curriculum (CLC)

September 12-14, 2021

The **California Licensing Curriculum (CLC)** is a 3-day virtual course offering a total of 27 CEU hours designed to meet the requirements of the California Curriculum for qualified veterinarians to obtain a permanent veterinary license in California without taking the state board examination.

The curricula will focus on small and large animal diseases consistent with the current proportion of small and large animal veterinarians practicing in the state.

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

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