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## Notes from the MCVMA President

Hello members,

I hope everyone is doing well. Not much new to report this month. I know we are all looking forward to the prospect of life getting a little more normal, but for now, we will continue to wait on in-person events and reassess in 1-2 months.

Please continue to encourage your support staff to apply for the MCVMA Nurse Scholarship. So far, we only have 1 application for 4 awards! And again, please consider volunteering for an open position on the MCVMA Board; this year will hopefully be more exciting than the last 2 😊

Wishing everyone a Happy Women's History Month!

Sincerely,  
Erin Smythe-Morey, DVM  
MCVMA President  
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*Pippin waiting patiently for the children to go to bed.*

## Veterinary Nursing Scholarship



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### **NOW OPEN: Veterinary Nursing Scholarship**

The goal of this scholarship fund is to provide our local veterinary support staff, including Registered Veterinary Technicians as well as Veterinary Assistants currently employed in Marin County, with resources to advance their individual skillset and knowledge. Funds are expected to be allocated by the recipient for Continued Education, specific skill training, and the pursuance of licensing.

**Award:** \$500 and 1 year waived MCVMA membership dues

**Applications Open:** NOW!

Available on the MCVMA website [www.marinvets.org](http://www.marinvets.org).

**Applications Due:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

For more information visit our website ([www.marinvets.org](http://www.marinvets.org)), our Facebook page, or ask your veterinarian!

**Download** MCVMA scholarship application at [www.MarinVets.org](http://www.MarinVets.org).

## Open 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



## Dermatology

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MS, DVM, DACVD

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### WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND STUDY PATIENTS!!

#### GENERAL CLINICAL STUDY INFORMATION

- The investigational product we are studying is a monoclonal antibody targeting interleukin-31 (IL-31).
- The safety and efficacy of this experimental biologic has not been established by the USDA. KindredBio has previously conducted preliminary product testing on 32 dogs with atopic or allergic dermatitis and all side effects were considered mild and not attributable to the study biologic.
- 7 Study Visits: once weekly for 5 visits and every other week for 2 additional visits
- Placebo controlled study in a 1:1 ratio of Active:Placebo

#### BENEFITS/COMPENSATION-REFERRAL CLINIC

- **\$400** for each referral patient that is screened for this study
- **\$800** additional for each referral patient that is enrolled in the study

#### BENEFITS/COMPENSATION-OWNERS

- **\$200** for study screening
- **\$300** additional for study enrollment
- All study assessments provided free of charge

#### PATIENT PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

- Has been diagnosed with atopic dermatitis
- Has non-seasonal pruritus
- Has **NEVER** been treated with Cytopoint
- Is free of fleas and other external parasites
- Is on a stable diet at least 4 weeks prior to screening and NO changes during the study
- Is otherwise healthy with no evidence of malignant neoplasia or immune suppression
- Does not have an active skin or ear infection



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What sets us apart?

- You will love **supporting our mission** as you ensure the health of our 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.
- You will **love working with our clients** (the feeling will be mutual!) and you'll never have to write another estimate again as our services are provided free of charge for program dogs.
- We **support and appreciate our veterinary technician team** every single day and make a point to show our gratitude.
- 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.
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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

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## Continuing Education

### Sexual Harassment Prevention

Online Seminar

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

Non-supervisors: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Supervisors: 12:00 PM – 2:15 PM

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

Non-supervisors: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Supervisors: 5:00 PM – 7:15 PM

California law requires employers with five or more employees must provide Sexual Harassment Prevention Education and Training for all employees every two years. New supervisory employees must still be trained within six months of assuming their supervisory position, and new non-supervisory employees must be trained within six months of hire. Additionally, temporary, seasonal, and other employees hired to work less than six months require this training within 30 calendar days after the hire date or within 100 hours worked, whichever comes first.

More info: <https://bit.ly/3qB7bSQ>

### Alternatives to Declaw

Online Seminar

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022 | 5:30 PM-6:45 PM**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022 | 12:30 PM-1:45 PM**

In this presentation, we will explore how cat scratching—a normal feline behavior—can lead to one of two unwanted consequences: either the owner seeks a permanent solution and asks for a surgical solution known as “declawing,” or the animal is rehomed or surrendered to a shelter. We will address the importance of cats performing normal behaviors, such as appropriate opportunities to scratch, and will explore humane solutions that are based in understanding the nature of this behavior. We will learn how correct tools, techniques, and newly developed products can positively impact the human-animal bond. This presentation aims to provide the veterinarian with talking points for a welfare-centered communication with owners of cats with scratching problems, hopefully eliminating the need for the very controversial surgical approach.

More info: <https://bit.ly/35KUf57>

## CVMA Spring Seminar

March 11-13, 2022

Yosemite



Veterinarians are invited to join us for our annual Spring Seminar in Yosemite!

This very popular seminar combines three one-half day seminar sessions at the Yosemite Valley Lodge with afternoons free to enjoy the wonders of Yosemite National Park. Join your colleagues in learning from some of the best speakers and have afternoons free to explore all that Yosemite has to offer.

This year's seminar hotel is the **Yosemite Valley Lodge** located in Yosemite Valley. The guest rooms held for our group at the Yosemite Valley Lodge and The Ahwahnee are limited, so reserve your room early. Once our room block is sold out, attendees may need to book rooms at hotels outside the park.

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