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

**Topic:** “Subliminal Bite Triggers in Dogs”

**Speaker:** Dr. Ian Dunbar PhD, BVetMed, MRCVS

**When:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023

**Time:** 7 pm (doors open at 6:30 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 Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to Jana at [jana.st7@gmail.com](mailto:jana.st7@gmail.com).

**Please inform of meal choice with your RSVP:**

**Salmon with** or **Chicken** or **Barbeque** or **Vegetarian**  
**mango papaya** **Parmesan** **pork ribs** **Pasta**  
**salsa**

**Fees:** This meeting is graciously sponsored by **Sirius Puppy Training**  
FREE to members! (you can join at the meeting)  
Non-members \$35.



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

## Notes from the MCVMA President

Hello members!

I hope everyone has had a fun summer and had a chance to get out. We'll host a member meeting later this month featuring an interesting topic, we'll present the MCVMA Nurse scholarship awards to the recipients, and everyone's favorite activity...elections!

Now that things are getting closer to normal (ish), we have a great opportunity to reinvigorate our local Vet Med Association through CE meetings, social events, and even partnered events with surrounding VMAs. As much as I would love to be a part of this, my professional and personal life no longer allow me to dedicate the time I feel the MCVMA deserves. I will be away on maternity leave October through January, and would love to have the MCVMA secure and under the care of new and bright-eyed new officers before then! So please consider volunteering for a position.

Thank you for reading. I hope to see you all at the meeting later this month!

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



## Veterinary Nursing Scholarship

This year's recipients of the MCVMA Scholarship are:

- Jessica Perry (San Anselmo Animal Hospital)
- Tahnee McCabe (Fairfax Vet Clinic)
- Jose Riveros (Fairfax Vet Clinic)
- Marina Mondot (Ross Valley Vet Clinic)

**Congratulations!**

## 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:**

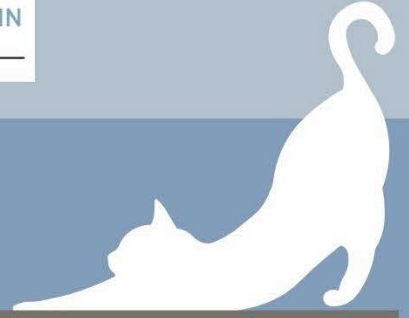
- preside over all meetings of the association and the executive board
- call special meetings of the board when necessary
- appoint special committees
- oversee student and nurse scholarships

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

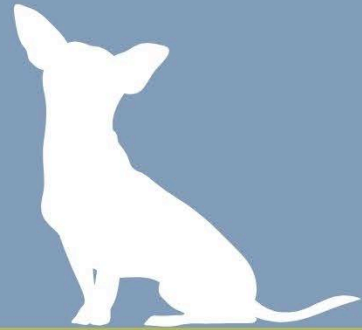
- maintain the organization's CE provider status in good standing
- schedule a qualified CE event at each meeting of the Association & provide CE certificates

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

- serve in place of the delegate if they are unavailable



# ONCOLOGY'S new face



**Welcoming Dr. Kelley Zimmerman, DVM DACVIM (Oncology) , our new full-time oncologist**

**Taking appointments now!**

### Meet our new oncologist

A graduate of the Royal Veterinary College, Dr. Zimmerman completed a small animal medicine and surgery rotation at Louisiana State University. Following a medical oncology specialty internship at Seattle Veterinary Specialists, she completed a three-year residency in medical oncology at the University of Pennsylvania. She has a particular interest in hematologic cancers (lymphoma, histiocytic sarcoma, mast cell tumors) and palliative medicine.

Dr. Zimmerman starts full-time at PESCM August 21

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Email resume and cover letter to [aaronwentzell@hotmail.com](mailto:aaronwentzell@hotmail.com) to apply.

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Please email your resume to: [Info@animalhealingarts.net](mailto:Info@animalhealingarts.net).

**Lily’s Legacy Senior Dog Sanctuary, Petaluma, CA**

We are seeking a part-time RVT or experienced vet tech.

Lily’s Legacy Senior Dog Sanctuary, [www.lilyslegacy.org](http://www.lilyslegacy.org), is a 501(c)(3), volunteer run, nonprofit established in 2009. We provide 24/7/365 care in a safe and loving rural environment for senior large breed dogs that have been displaced from their homes or abandoned for any reason. Our mission is to ensure that each of our senior dogs will live out the rest of his/her life as a well-loved family companion in a forever adoptive home, a foster or hospice home, or here at the Sanctuary. Each dog we rescue receives a thorough medical evaluation and treatment as necessary, as well as temperament/behavioral assessment. If the dog is adoptable, a home is sought that will meet his/her emotional, medical and daily care needs.

Dogs who are not adoptable – for whatever reason – remain at the Sanctuary or in a permanent foster or hospice home for the remainder of their natural lives.

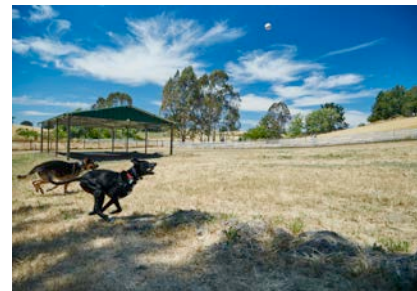
Volunteers are on-site every day to exercise, train, groom, play and cuddle with our dogs.

Other volunteers help with the care of the property, as well as administrative and fundraising efforts. We also have an active and committed board of directors and an exceptional team of veterinarians who treat our senior pups.

We are seeking a **part-time RVT or experienced vet tech** to help with:

- Monitoring general health and well-being of dogs on site, alert for issues
- Answer medical questions from staff and volunteers
- Implement post op protocols and post dental care sheets with restrictions
- Post op care for dogs returning after surgery and dentals (set up run, communicate restrictions white board/check in/dog’s run – check suture sites, e-collars, etc.)
- Ensure and maintain medication and supplement stock in the Barn
- Clean/sanitize runs
- Work with volunteers for biweekly weights on dogs, maintain weight tracking spreadsheet
- Maintain calendar of upcoming medical needs/events for each dog (i.e. vaccinations due, monthly flea/heartworm medication, surgery and follow up, etc.)
- Maintain monthly flea/heartworm spreadsheet, advise other staff when due for dogs
- Ensure enrichment for dogs including (but not limited to) volunteer “cuddle club”, Kongs in Barn and Bunkhouse, off campus “field trips” when appropriate, on property play groups when appropriate, physical therapy and swimming dogs when appropriate. Work with volunteers to provide and add enrichment.
- Ensure healthy environment for our population of barn cats
- Acting as liason between executive director, veterinary hospital partners, and staff
- Special projects/requests as directed

12 - 14 hours per week, flexible schedule, \$25 per hour. Lily’s Legacy is in a serene country setting, with volunteers on site 24/7. Contact Alice Mayn Executive Director at (415) 328-5161 or [alice.lilyslegacysds@gmail.com](mailto:alice.lilyslegacysds@gmail.com).







# Guide Dogs for the Blind

## Staff Veterinarian

Let your **commitment to quality** guide you here.

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 be 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
- Conferencing 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
- 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**

At Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB), we believe that everyone deserves to move through the world safely and confidently – to live the life they want to live. As the largest guide dog school in North America, we have graduated more than 16,000 guide dog teams from across the U.S. and Canada since our founding in 1942. GDB not only improves mobility for our clients, we further inclusion. Join our team of more than 300 employees and share your passion for our mission.

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<https://www.baywoof.org/featured-article/how-dogs-say-thanks>

## Continuing Education

### Working With Difficult Customer Behaviors Online Seminar

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023 | 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 pm**

This interactive course focuses on individual skill development in effectively managing challenging behaviors. There are three things we drive home in this course: respond to behaviors and not people, read and respond with rational thinking, and it is hard for us to learn new ways of reading and responding to behaviors we consider negative or challenging. This course gives you a toolbox of strategies to deal effectively with  
This course qualifies for 1.0 CEU.



More info: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8t2dx5>

### Cybersecurity Framework-Guarding Your Practice Against Cyber Threats Online Seminar

**Tuesday, September 19, 2023 | 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023 | 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm**

While many elements related to cybersecurity are technical, the goal of this presentation is to give you a plan of action to implement and maintain cybersecurity, ensuring your practice is protected and resilient in the face of non-stop threats from cyber-related harm, whether accidental, criminal, or malicious. You will learn:

- Cybersecurity basics – you gotta know this!
- Role of risk management – the process matters
- A common cybersecurity framework to get you started
- Free cyber security resources for business



More info: <https://tinyurl.com/54mdfthp>

## CVMA Fall Seminar 2023

October 6-8, 2023

Everline Resort & Spa  
400 Squaw Creek Road  
Olympic Valley, CA 96146

CVMA's 2023 Fall Seminar will be held at the Everline Resort & Spa (formally Resort at Squaw Creek) in North Lake Tahoe, CA. Start your days by earning CE in morning sessions and spend your afternoons hiking, golfing, or relaxing by the pool. Not able to travel? CVMA will be offering this seminar in a live and interactive virtual format for registrants unable to attend in-person\*. Veterinarians, RVTs and CVMA CVAs can earn 12 CE units. Join us for learning, networking, and relaxation!

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/4d47pvj>



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