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

**Topic:** **“Wounds and Antibiotics”**

**Speaker:** **Sabrina Barry, DVM, DACVS**

This lecture will discuss the rationales for managing wounds: Should this wound be closed today or left “open” with a dressing? For open wounds, visualize the microscopic environment of the wound in different stages of healing, and use that to guide dressing choice and frequency of bandage changes. It will also focus on guidelines for when to take cultures, and when to use antibiotics and for how long. Real case examples to stimulate discussion and remember how amazing are the natural wound-healing powers of mammalian tissues.

**When:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023

**Time:** 7 pm - 8:30 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, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to Jana at [jana.st7@gmail.com](mailto:jana.st7@gmail.com).

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

**New York Steak** or **Chicken Parmesan** or **Puttanesca**  
 with Mushroom Ragu (vegetarian)

**Fees:** FREE to members! (If your membership has lapsed you'll have an opportunity to re-join at the meeting)  
 Non-members \$20.

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

## Notes from the MCVMA President

Happy March members,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe in all of this wacky weather we're experiencing. As promised, we're continuing with our in-person events, and have an exciting talk by Marin's own Dr. Sabrina Barry later this month. This talk is sponsored by the MCVMA and is free to members, so please join us! Dr. Barry is an excellent lecturer...I promise you won't be disappointed.

Please continue to encourage your support staff to apply for the nurse scholarships. So far, we don't have any applications, so the odds are really good!

We'll plan to hold elections for all open positions at the May meeting, but if anyone feels the calling before then, please let me know!

Hope to see you all in a few weeks!

Sincerely,

Erin Smythe-Morey, DVM  
MCVMA President  
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## MCVMA 2023 Membership

### **It's time to renew your MCVMA membership!**

Membership gives you access to local and state resources, free dinner at sponsored CE events, and the chance to interact with veterinarians in our community.

You can download the application from our website, or fill it out at the next in-person event!

Download Membership Application here: <https://bit.ly/3x116Ed>

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## 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

## 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!

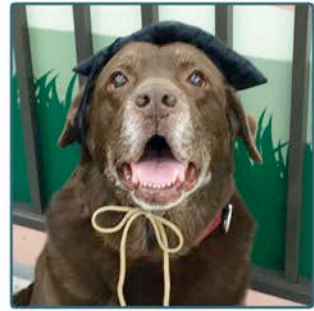
Available on the MCVMA website [www.marinvets.org](http://www.marinvets.org).

**Applications Due:** April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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).

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## Classifieds

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**Associate Veterinarian**

We are a small, well established veterinary hospital located in Petaluma CA. We are looking for a full time vet to join our AAHA accredited practice. We put high value on our staff's work life balance and do all we can to support their mental health. We offer a very generous benefits package. Salary negotiable, with production pay. Relocation fees negotiable. If a busy but fun and compassion based hospital sounds like a good fit for you, please check out our website for information about us, [www.centralanimalhosp.com](http://www.centralanimalhosp.com) and email our practice manager Brittany Klopp, at [bklopp@centralanimalhosp.com](mailto:bklopp@centralanimalhosp.com).

**Grace Bransford.** Just sold my practice and available for small animal relief work. Over 20 years experience.

Contact me at 415-238-3069, call or text.

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Contact: 415-686-6092, or [mwillett@ucdavis-alumni.com](mailto:mwillett@ucdavis-alumni.com).

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

Please contact me at [DKPDVM@mac.com](mailto:DKPDVM@mac.com) or call/text 415-328-7707

**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.

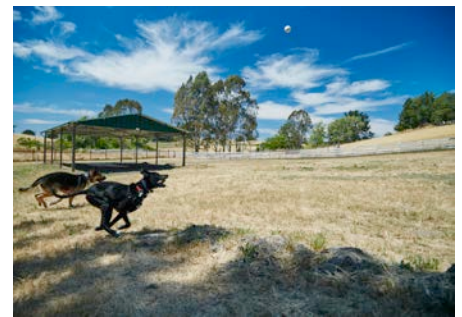
Volunteers are on-site every day to exercise, train, groom, play and cuddle with our dogs.

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.
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## Continuing Education

### **Sexual Harassment Prevention Education and Training Information Online Seminar**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

5:00 – 6:00 pm (non-supervisor) | 5:00 – 7:15 pm (supervisor)

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

12:00 – 1:00 pm (non-supervisor) | 12:00 – 2:15 pm (supervisor)

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/3juqwo5>

### **California Animal Blood Banking Requirement**

**Online Seminar**

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023 | 12:30 – 1:30 pm**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm**

Assembly Bill 1282, the California Pet Blood Bank Modernization Act, went into effect in 2022. This law aims to address the shortage of animal blood available for veterinary transfusion medicine in California and transition the state from closed-colony blood banks to community blood banks. In this webinar, we will cover requirements for starting a community blood bank for animals as well as discuss the CDFA Animal Blood Banking Guidance Resource. 1 CEU.

More info: <https://bit.ly/40HtTsh>

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A vibrant, geometric graphic for the PacVet 2023 conference. The background is a mix of teal, yellow, and orange triangles. In the top left, there's a sun icon with rays and the text 'PACIFIC VETERINARY CONFERENCE'. A white speech bubble in the center contains the text 'Plan your Vetcation!'. Below the speech bubble is a stylized brown dog. At the bottom, the text 'PacVet 2023' is written in a large, white, brush-stroke font. Below that, the dates 'June 9-12, 2023' and the location 'Long Beach Convention Center Long Beach, CA' are listed. At the very bottom, a red banner contains the text '4 Days | 200+ Sessions | Up to 28,5 CEUs | 2 Day Vet Expo' and 'Hosted by the California Veterinary Medical Association'.

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