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

Topic: "Ocular Emergencies – When to Refer"

Speaker: Elyse Salpeter, DVM, Doctor in Ophthalmology

When: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Time: 6 pm – Please join us for **complimentary** *** Happy Hour ***
7 pm - Dinner/Lecture

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



RSVP: Space is limited - please RSVP by Monday, December 4th, 2023, to Jana at jana.st7@gmail.com.

Please inform of meal choice with your RSVP:

Salmon or **Chicken** or **Pasta Pomodoro**
Piccata Toscana (vegan)

Fees: This meeting *and* happy hour are sponsored by **Pet Emergency and Specialty Center of Marin.**



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 Presidents

Dear members,

It is our great pleasure to take over the shared duties as Marin County VMA Co-Presidents and we are excited for the year ahead with our new board members. While we will miss our outgoing President, Dr. Erin Smythe-Morey, we appreciate all of her efforts on the board for the past five years and look forward to seeing her at future events.

We are in the process of setting up an excellent lineup of speakers and topics for you in the upcoming year, as well as an Ophthalmology CE by a local specialist to finish out this year!

Two of our primary goals for the new year are to create a stronger community amongst our peers and invigorate membership, including the introduction of a wine social hour prior to CE events. We would welcome any new thoughts, ideas, or requests you all might have.

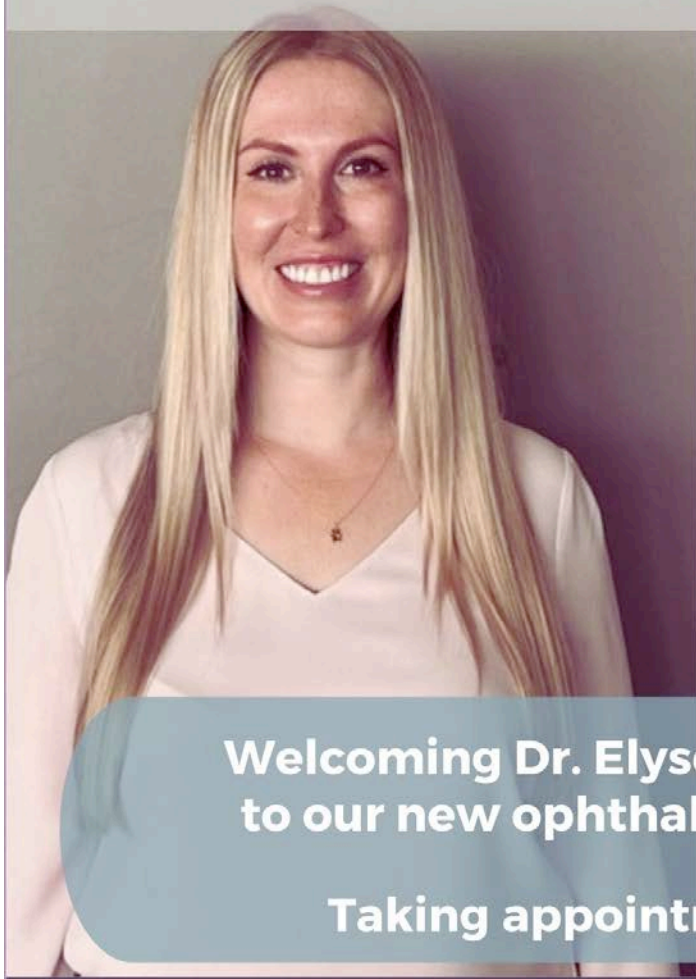
Happy Holidays and looking forward to the year ahead!

Sincerely,

Nicole Eckholm, DVM and Geena Ng, DVM
MCVMA Co-Presidents

Your 2023-2024 MCVMA Board





THINGS
ARE LOOKING UP

**Welcoming Dr. Elyse Salpeter, DVM
to our new ophthalmology service**

Taking appointments now!

Meet our new doctor in Ophthalmology

Dr. Elyse Salpeter is a graduate of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan. Upon graduation, she completed a small animal medicine and surgery internship followed by a medical ophthalmology specialty internship, also at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. She spent a year at the University of Illinois researching the ocular surface microbiome and clinical ophthalmic pharmacology. Finally, she spent four years at the University of California Davis where she completed a residency in comparative ophthalmology.

Dr. Salpeter enjoys both surgical and medical aspects of ophthalmology.

She is passionate about her patients and enjoys building relationships with clients and their pets to develop a team-based approach to patient care.



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

Classifieds

Golden Gate Veterinary Specialists is a boutique specialty clinic in northern Marin providing highly competent and compassionate care to the pets that need us. We currently offer veterinary dermatology, oncology, and surgery, with plans to add internal medicine in December. We are an entrepreneurial, family-focused, doctor-owned practice where helping animals is our mission and taking care of our people is our priority. We are growing, and we are looking for superb **RVTs** and **Veterinary Assistants** that bring a positive attitude and a passion for pet care to join our incredible team.

In the tiring yet rewarding career we've chosen, it's critical we have each other's backs. We're proud of our culture of supporting each other as we all invest ourselves in the care of our pets. What we do is a big commitment, and GGVETS rewards your commitment by offering industry-leading benefits, including high pay, excellent health care plans, a matching 401k, paid holidays, and 3 weeks PTO. I know you have choices, but I truly believe you will not find a better place to work than here.

If you're excited about joining a special practice with an amazing team, or even if you're just thinking about it, then please let me know. I would love to talk to you. Email me directly at **Nicole.Eckholm@ggvets.com**. I look forward to hearing from you..

Animal Healing Arts is seeking a compassionate, intuitive, and passionate, experienced licensed veterinarian, certified in acupuncture to join our amazing team.

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Our practice treatment options include nutrition, micro-biome restorative therapy, acupuncture, chiropractic, homeopathy and more.

We refer out patients that need to be hospitalized and those requiring surgery.

Interested candidates must be certified in acupuncture. Concurrent certification in animal chiropractic preferred." We are looking for a full-time veterinarian who is interested in future ownership. Interested doctors are welcome to come visit to see one or both of our practices.

Please email your resume to: **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, 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.

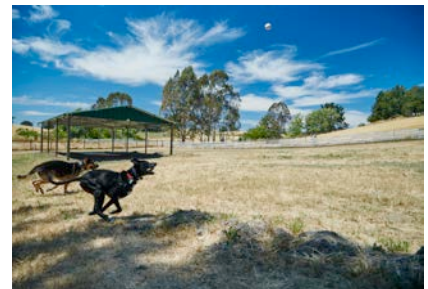
Volunteers are on-site every day to exercise, train, groom, play and cuddle with our dogs.

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.





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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March 8-10, 2024

Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite
1121 CA-41
Fish Camp, CA 93623

CVMA's 2024 Spring Seminar will be held at the Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite. This stunning mountain resort is located in Fish Camp near Yosemite National Park's South Gate entrance. Start your days by earning CE in morning sessions and spend your afternoons hiking, relaxing in the spa, exploring Mariposa Grove's giant sequoias and of course, enjoy the wonders of Yosemite National Park.

Veterinarians, RVTs, and CVMA CVAs can earn 12 CE units. Join us for learning, networking, and relaxation!

Speakers & Program Schedule

The CVMA is pleased to present three fantastic speakers who will enrich your mornings with informative and useful CE you can apply immediately in your practice.

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/266xnx6a>



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