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

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### Advanced Hematology: Reading between the lines and connecting the dots

This session will present real cases that highlight different and detailed aspects of the CBC. Blood film images with interpretation and other laboratory tips will be discussed to help maximize the diagnostic information in order to provide the best medical care.



**SPEAKER**

Dr. Holly Brown  
DVM, PhD, DACVP

**SESSION DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION**

**Tuesday, October 17th, 2023**

The banquet room at McInnis Golf Club  
350 Smith Ranch Rd San Rafael CA 94903  
Door opens at 6:00p.m. • Dinner and Session begins at 7:00

**Hosted by:**

**Seats are limited!\***  
**Save your spot**  
Register by email: [jana.st7@gmail.com](mailto:jana.st7@gmail.com)

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APPROVED SESSION FOR 1 CE CREDIT

**RSVP:** Space is limited - please RSVP by Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to Jana at [jana.st7@gmail.com](mailto:jana.st7@gmail.com).

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

**Chicken** or **Mushroom** or **Grilled NY** or **Vegan**  
**Picatta** **Risotto** **Steak** **Pasta**  
(vegetarian)

**Fees:** This meeting is graciously sponsored by **ANTECH**.  
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

Dear members,

It's been an honor to be part of the MCVMA board for the past 5 years. Marin County is a special place to be a veterinarian, and I feel lucky to cross over with many of you in my professional life at PESCM and through my work on the Board. I am excited to pass the baton to a new and energetic class of board members who will breathe new life into the Association.

Thank you to the new co-presidents, Dr. Geena Ng and Dr. Nicole Eckholm for taking over my role. And good luck to Dr. Audra Pompeani and Dr. Kat Olson, who will be your new CE coordinators. Also, shout-out to Dr. Ben Otten for taking on the CVMA delegate position (not the first time in his career). It takes a village to keep this Association going, and I know this new team will do a great job.

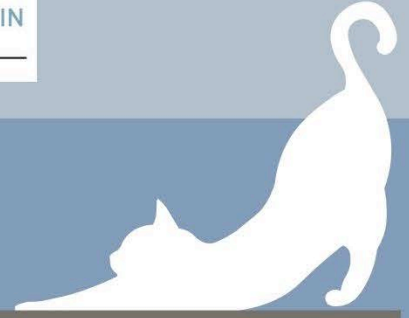
I will look forward to seeing you all at future meetings and social events in a less official capacity.

Sincerely,

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



*I'm off to spend time with these two...soon to be three!*



# 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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How Dogs Say Thanks by Ken Gorczyca, DVM:  
<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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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](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.

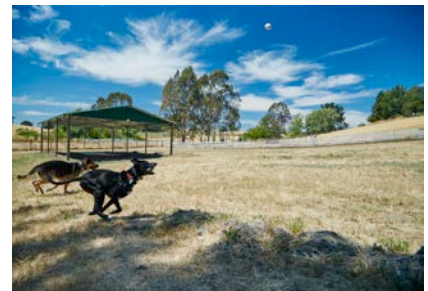
Volunteers are on-site every day to exercise, train, groom, play and cuddle with our dogs.

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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## Continuing Education

### **Perfectionism, People-Pleasing, and the Imposter Phenomenon** Online Seminar

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023 | 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023 | 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm**

Some of the attributes that contributed to our objective success in school—and perhaps continue to contribute to our effectiveness in practice—have a dark side. Perfectionism and people-pleasing tendencies mean that someone else is receiving the best of us, with little left over to invest in mental health or wellness. The imposter phenomenon amplifies this imbalance by telling us we must perform at maximum capacity or risk being found out as incompetent or unworthy. In this webinar, we will unpack each of these personality traps, review how to recognize them, and understand their current role in our mental landscape. We will imagine a life without the pressure of each and outline a strategy to work towards that goal. 1.5 CEUs

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/8mywnths>

### **Setting Boundaries: An Essential Skill to Finding Work-Life Harmony** Online Seminar

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023 | 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023 | 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm**

Exploring the concept of boundaries is a multifaceted discussion. Many of us who are attracted to a helping profession tend to put the needs of others (family, friends, colleagues, clients, patients) before our own. While this quality can serve us well in many ways, it can also be a disservice if we deplete ourselves of energy and time. Setting boundaries is often the first step towards a healthier work-life harmony for long-term continued functioning. In this session, we will learn what boundaries are, how we can create them to meet our needs, what to do when others test those boundaries, and how to revisit and revise our boundaries as needs shift over time. 1.5 CEUs.

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/4zannn4p>

## CAVMRC Online Disaster Response Training

Sunday, November 5, 2023 | 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

### *Animals in Disasters – Common Medical Conditions (7.5 CEUs)*

This course provides detailed information on emergency/critical care topics that can benefit you in everyday practice as well as during a disaster response. Course instructors are Tracy Julius, DVM; Grant Miller, DVM; Ashley Patterson, DVM; Jessica Robertson, DVM, DACZM; and John Madigan, DVM, DACVIM, DACAW.

Course topics:

- The Basics of Poultry Husbandry, Handling, and Veterinary Care
- Housing Considerations for Poultry in Emergency Shelters: Zoonotic Disease Considerations
- The Ins and Outs of Large Animal Disaster Response
- Burn Management
- UC Davis CVET Team: Working with the CAVMRC to Help Animals in Disasters
- Deployment in the CAVMRC

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