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Notes from the MCVMA Presidents

Dear MCVMA members,

I cannot believe the holiday season is quickly approaching yet again! I know how busy we all are especially at this time of year. I hope you find the time to relax and enjoy some time with family and friends in the upcoming months.

We are happy to host Dr. Diccon Westworth for our meeting this month. Dr. Westworth will be speaking on sustainability in the veterinary field and we look forward to hearing more about this topic.

If time allows we will also be looking for members who are interested in taking on a leadership role next year. If you are interested please reach out to one of us for more details.

See you all on the 19th!

Best,
Co-President Nicole Eckholm

Becoming a Grief Companion

Workshop

Supporting Mourners through the Loss of Beloved Beings (People & Pets)

WELCOMING COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PROFESSIONALS!

GRIEF IS UNIVERSAL. GRIEF IS PERSONAL. AND GRIEF CAN BE OVERWHELMING.



Francesca Arnoldy
Community Doula,
Educator, Researcher,
& Death Lit Author

Practice and learn:

- How to offer compassionate support and practical assistance to the bereaved with sensitivity through any type of loss.
- Applicable theories and models, including how to use them to understand and normalize the grief journey.



Dr. Ken Gorczyca
In-home Euthanasia
Veterinarian, Speaker,
& Pet Death Doula

10am-4pm on 11/17/24 in San Francisco, CA

HOSTED BY AND HELD AT MUTTVILLE
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"Becoming a Grief Companion" Workshop at the new Muttville campus

Cultivate the skills and sensitivity needed to companion others through loss--without depleting yourself
How can we show up for people enduring loss? What can we say? What can we do? What kind of support is beneficial? And how can we avoid depleting ourselves in the process?

Join **Dr. Ken Gorczyca**, in-home euthanasia veterinarian (**A Gentle Rest**) and pet death doula and **Francesca Lynn Arnoldy**, community doula, grief researcher, and death literacy author, for a special in-person workshop to learn all this and more!

During this informative event, we'll discuss:

- How to offer compassionate emotional support and practical assistance to the bereaved through any type of loss.
- Applicable theories and models, including how to use them to understand and normalize the grief journey
- We will focus on both animal companion and human companion loss
- We will share death bed storytelling technique and obituary

This workshop is for the veterinary community, animal guardians and all humans that want to be more empathetic for the loss of our animals and humans.

DETAILS

This event is being held at the new Muttville campus!

What's included: An engaging, interactive workshop covering grief support skills for any type of loss, plus light refreshments.

When: Sunday, November 17, 2024 from 10am-4pm PST (with a one-hour lunch break)

Please bring your own lunch or plan on eating at many of the local restaurants nearby.

Parking is limited and we recommend public transportation and ride shares. Here is a map

link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/PcPB2Dp34ErYcb9v6?g_st=com.google.maps.preview.w.copy

Where: Muttville - Senior Dog Rescue

750 Florida Street

San Francisco, CA 94110

Cost: \$125 (10% of proceeds will return to Muttville to help continue their mission of changing the way the world thinks about and treats older dogs and creating better lives for them through rescue, foster, adoption and hospice!)

This is not a mental health training or grief support group—it is a community education event meant to help increase our courage, confidence, and connections as human and animal clinicians, staff, neighbors, and loved ones.

A great workshop for veterinarians, veterinary technicians and staff, shelter staff, human hospice staff, pet guardians, dog walkers, boarders, crematorium staff, groomers.

Event page: <https://www.deathliteracyspecialist.com/offers/GuCLHDX5>

Introduction to Francesca and Dr. Ken: <https://youtu.be/k24vIvnXrl4>

Sincerely,

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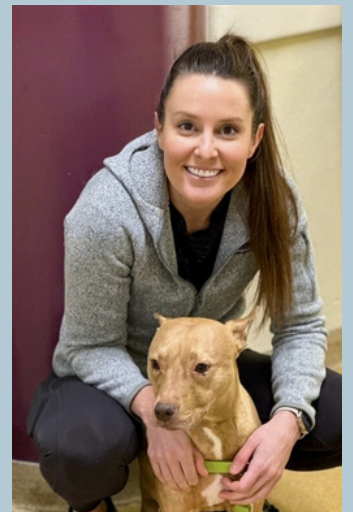
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- Friendly disposition
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Classifieds

Seeking DVM

Point Reyes Animal Hospital is seeking an associate Veterinarian to work in a privately owned small animal hospital in beautiful Point Reyes Station. Well equipped with digital dental radiology, in house lab, and experienced support staff. Wonderful community, small town atmosphere where we are greatly appreciated. Practice quality medicine in a unique rural setting adjacent to a pristine protected National Seashore. Stress free scenic commute.

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Date Posted: 2/1/2024

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- In business since 2002.
- Gross over 215K in 2023 with 7 1/2 months in the office.
- Very low overhead
- Voted Best Veterinary Services for five years.
- We are unique in our gentle focused approach with our patients in a quiet and calming atmosphere.
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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 work 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
- Confering 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
- Willing to become Fear-Free certified within three months of hire
- 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!

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What passion will you bring to our practice? We are seeking an **associate veterinarian** who understands the importance of exceptional client service in obtaining good outcomes for our patients. We strive to provide top-notch medical and surgical services for our patients, excellent service to our customers, while maintaining an upbeat and enjoyable work environment. Convenient access to local specialists and emergency services allows us to always provide the very best care for our patients while maintaining work-life balance personally.

Excellent mentoring available. The majority of our associate veterinarians started as new grads or with only 1 or 2 years' experience and have remained at our practice. Our "practice culture" is one of support, compassion, and providing excellent customer and patient care while maintaining a light hearted work environment and a strong work-life balance.

We offer a generous and competitive compensation package with starting salary from \$120,000-\$200,000+, depending on experience level and work schedule. Ample PTO, CE allowance, health insurance including dental and vision, all veterinary organizational membership fees and dues covered, hospital discounts, bonus pay, profit share, retirement plan, flexible work schedule, etc!

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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.

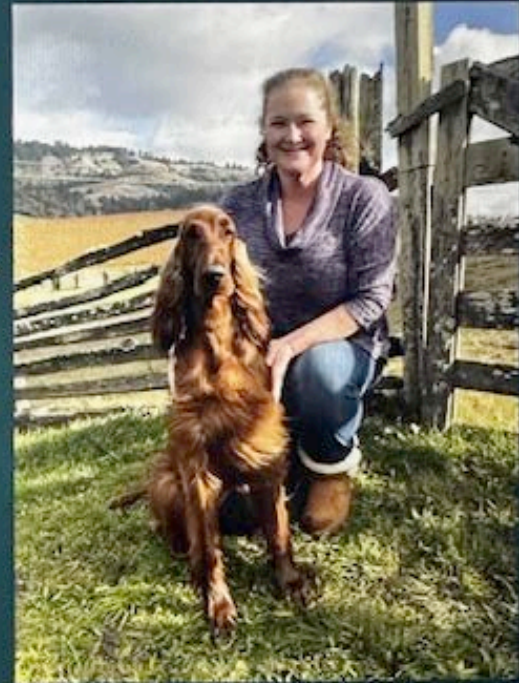
If you're excited about joining a special practice with an amazing team, or even if you're just thinking about it, then please let me know. I would love to talk to you. Email me directly at **Nicole.Eckholm@ggvets.com**. I look forward to hearing from you.

Golden Gate Vet Specialists

Introduces Dr. Caitlyn Glick, Internal Medicine

Dr. Caitlyn Glick received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Iowa State University. She went on to a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery and internal medicine in Rochester, New York, followed by an internal medicine residency on Long Island.

Dr. Glick is originally from California. She moved back to Sonoma County in 2015 and practiced at VCA Animal Care Center, prior to joining GGVETS in 2023. In her spare time, Dr. Glick enjoys traveling, photography, being outdoors and spending time with her dog, Lyra.



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Continuing Education

CVMA Spring Seminar 2025

April 4-6, 2025
Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite
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Veterinarians, RVTs, and CVMA CVAs can earn 12 CE units on the topics of pharmacology by Dr. Dawn Boothe and dentistry by Dr. Curt Coffman. Join us for learning, networking, and relaxation!

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