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

**Topic:** “Do You See What I See?  
Identifying Common Dental Anomalies”

**Speaker:** Drs. Milinda Lommer, Tanner May and Colin Boyd

**When:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 pm – social hour (sorry, no sponsored happy hour this time)  
7:00 pm - Dinner/Lecture

**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, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to Jana at [jana.st7@gmail.com](mailto:jana.st7@gmail.com).

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

**Salmon**                 or             **Chicken**                 or             **Penne Pomodoro**  
**Picatta**   **Parmesan**

**Fees:** This meeting is sponsored by **Aggie Animal Dental Center** and the **MCVMA**.

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

Happy fall! We hope that everyone enjoyed their summers and had a chance to enjoy the weather and quality time with loved ones.

We are excited to host a local specialist, Dr. Milinda Lommer, for a dentistry CE later this month. As national elections approach, we would also like to encourage our members to consider an officer position next spring. If you are interested in learning more about a position and/or would like to join in a board meeting, feel free to reach out to Nicole or myself.

Starting in the new year, our DVM membership fee will be increasing from \$110 to \$150 per year. The other membership fees (RVT and hospital staff) will remain the same. This is the first membership increase in over a decade, and we plan to begin contributing to the CVMA PAC Fund as well as reinstate an MCVMA scholarship for UC Davis students.

We hope to see you at our meeting later this month!

Geena Ng, DVM  
MCVMA Co-President

Dr. Nicole Eckholm  
MCVMA Co-President



*Koa, my little foster failure, is soaking up the last of this beautiful summer weather!*

## CVMA Update

The CVMA House of Delegates met again 7/14/24 at PAC Vet. CVMA defeated a lot of concerning legislation for the 2023 season. The 2024 legislative season is still daunting with 6 bills on CVMA's radar. Many are scope creep (other professions trying to make it legal for them to perform veterinary practices) and some are bills with fiscal impact on our profession. SB 1233 cleared it's first hurdle. SB 1233 is sponsored by the CVMA and authored by Senator Scott Wilk. This seeks to fund high-quality, high-volume spay-neuter (HQHVSN) certification programs at both of California's veterinary schools. These programs would be offered as elective courses to students and as continuing education to existing licensees, teaching veterinarians and veterinary students HQHVSN surgical techniques while focusing on surgical preparation, assisting, and recovery skills for RVT participants. This improves access to care while also addressing a surgical training gap.

There are three new regulatory updates from the Veterinary Medical Board to be aware of.

As a member you can access the CVMA watchdog page with more information on new regulations.

**<https://cvma-watchdog.net/>**

It is now more important than ever to be a CVMA member to keep up with the lightening fast pace of the new legislation rolling through. This update is necessarily succinct as a four page newsletter wouldn't be enough to have you be fully aware of the changes and activity going on affecting our profession. You will hear me say this on repeat but if you are not scared about what is happening with our profession you aren't paying attention. Become a CVMA member and read the newsletters at a bare minimum.

I must also ask that you considering contributing additional funds to the CVMA PAC fund. Our \$200K annual budget was stretched very thin last legislative season and it was a miracle that we were able to defeat the bills we defeated.

I made a motion at the last board meeting for MCVMA that our board contribute \$200 this year to the CVMA PAC. This motion was approved. I am hoping in future years we can increase this contribution.

Feel free to reach out with any more specific questions.

Kat Olson  
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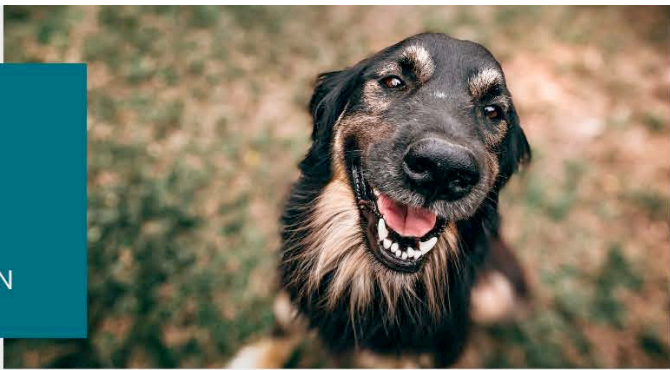


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- Healthy weight of over 10 pounds
- Friendly disposition
- Indoor only
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## Classifieds

### Seeking DVM

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Date Posted: 2/1/2024

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- 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
- Conferring 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.
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- 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**

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Come join our team in wonderful, charming, quirky Fairfax! We are a growing and thriving, privately/locally owned practice that is currently expanding into a spacious state-of-the-art facility. With our team of 6 DVM's, we offer a collaborative and supportive environment where you can create and define your own niche, enabling you to have the career you imagined, back when you first decided you wanted to become a veterinarian. Some of our associates focus on cats and dogs exclusively, some see exotics and birds, or small mammals and pocket pets. Some of us have a passion for surgery and dentistry, others for acupuncture, internal medicine, or preventive care.

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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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.

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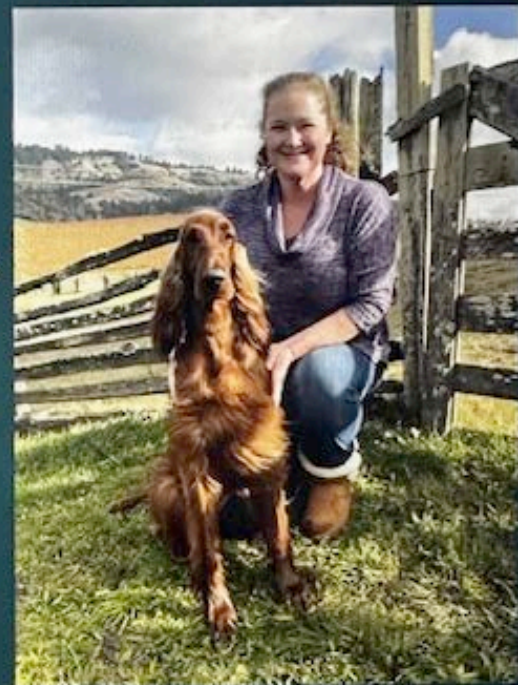
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### Introduces Dr. Caitlyn Glick, Internal Medicine

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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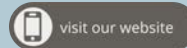
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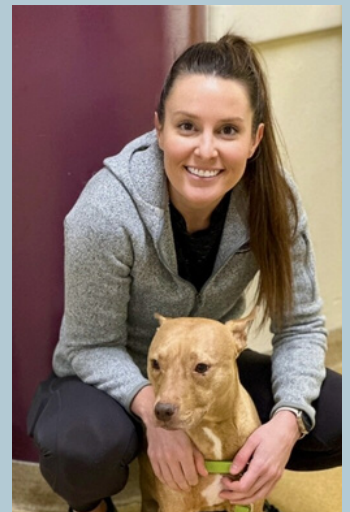
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**October 4-6, 2024**

**The Westin San Diego Bayview**

**400 W Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101**

Join us in San Diego, CA for the 2024 CVMA Fall Seminar!

CVMA's 2024 Fall Seminar will be held at the Westin San Diego Bayview in San Diego, CA. Start your days by earning CE in morning sessions and spend your afternoons shopping, 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.

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/2zhf9bxm>

### Understanding Perfusion Parameters for the Veterinary Technician

**Online Seminar**

**Thursday, October 24, 2024 | 12:30 PM–2:00 PM**

**1.5 CEUs**

This course will outline perfusion, help registered veterinary technicians understand and interpret patient vitals, and explain utilization of those vitals in conjunction with assessing patient vitals. RVTs will understand how temperature, heart rate, respiration, and blood pressure are representations of the patient's cardiac output and oxygenation status. We will also cover how to utilize this information to assess for shock and prevent early compensated shock patients, who may present with vague signs, from going into decompensated shock.

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/336wvdwy>

## CAVMRC Online Disaster Response Training

**Sunday, November 3, 2024**

**Class: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM | Lunch: 12:30 PM-1:00 PM**

### *Animals in Disasters – Common Medical Conditions (7 CEUs)*

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- Housing and Husbandry Considerations for Birds in Disaster
- Refreshing That Fourth Year Clinical Rotation: Equine and Small Ruminant Field Triage and Stabilization
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- Local Disaster Preparedness: Are You Ready?
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