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

Topic: **Show Me Where it Hurts:
Identifying and Managing Pain in Small Mammals**

Speaker: **Molly Gleeson, DVM, DACZM, PETS Referral Center**

When: **Tuesday, January 20, 2025**

Time: **6:00 pm – MCVMA Sponsored Happy Hour!
7:00 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 Sunday, January 18th, 2026
Click the link to **RSVP:** <https://forms.gle/A8iyrqbuv5tkDgBW6>

NY steak or **Chicken** or **Salmon** or **Vegan**
Club Style Toscana Provencal
(balsamic
marinated
onions)

Fees: This meeting is graciously sponsored by 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 President

Dear MCVMA members,

Happy New Year! I hope your year is off to a good start following the holiday season.

Your MCVMA Board is excited to ring in the new year with continued in-person CE events and sponsored social hours. Our 2026 lineup will include fun new topics, such as pain in small mammals, disaster preparedness and response, neurology, cardiology, and orthopedics. The MCVMA has continued and expanded our philanthropic efforts to support Marin County veterinary nurses, UC Davis veterinary students, CVMA PAC fund, and SF Aid for Animals.

As mentioned at the end of last year, we are adding a new position to the **MCVMA Board for a Registered Veterinary Technician Member**. Please consider and recommend any individuals that may be interested - nominations and voting will occur in person at our January meeting prior to the CE lecture. If there are any questions about this role, please reach out to Dr. Kat Olson or myself.

Annual membership renewals may be done in person at meetings or online via our website.

Lastly, please note that the annual **MCVMA Nursing Scholarship application** is due by the January 2026 meeting, so that scholarship recipients can receive sooner benefits! Please refer to the application details as follows.

We look forward to seeing you and welcoming new members!

Dr. Geena Ng
MCVMA President



RVT/ Veterinary Assistant Scholarship Announcement

The MCVMA is proud to continue awarding four scholarships to any RVT or veterinary assistant working at a Marin County veterinary practice who has shown commitment to our field. We have increased the monetary support \$1000 (previously \$500). If you are currently working with someone that you feel would be a good candidate, please refer to the application on our website. Scholarships will be awarded at our March meeting.

Download Application here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6h3rbp>



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: \$1,000 and 1 year waived MCVMA membership dues

Applications Open: NOW!
Available on the MCVMA website at www.marinvets.org.

Applications Due: January 20th, 2026

For more information, please visit our website (www.marinvets.org), our Facebook page, or ask your veterinarian!

Acknowledgement of 2 UCD student scholarships



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December 18, 2025

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Dear Friends,

Here at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, we like to say that we make a little magic happen every day. And you are part of making that magic: our shared purpose of helping the many species that inhabit our planet is what drives us forward every day. On behalf of our school, I want to thank you for your support to the Marin County Vet Med Assoc. Scholarships Fund. Giving the gift of education may be the most meaningful gift of all, and we are so grateful.

Because you are a partner with the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, you know well the critical role that veterinarians play in providing outstanding care to beloved animal companions, agricultural animals, and wildlife across the world. Ranked top in the United States for veterinary schools, the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine provides outstanding education to tomorrow's veterinarians. We can continue to do this, thanks to contributors like you.

Our veterinary students have chosen a path less traveled in many ways – they are pursuing a degree that requires a great deal of their time and resources, all in service of helping animals and other species for their lifetimes. Your gift has created an opportunity that is immeasurable, freeing our veterinary students' time to focus on achieving their goals in veterinary medicine.

As the school looks to the future, our shared mission will continue. Thanks to your partnership, our veterinary students have a chance to achieve their dreams for years to come. A healthier world for animals and people depends upon the dedication and generosity of benefactors like you. We are honored to have you as a partner in our mission and are grateful for your support and friendship.

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and students...thank you.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Ann Jansen" on the left and "Thank you!" on the right, written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lee Ann Jansen
Assistant Dean of Advancement

Mushroom toxicosis alert from CDPH

ALERT:

Toxic mushroom *Amanita phalloides* causing human illnesses in California

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is alerting veterinarians to an **outbreak of amatoxin poisonings** linked to consumption of foraged toxic mushrooms (death cap mushrooms, *Amanita phalloides*). Between mid-November and December 9, 2025, there have been 23 human cases, primarily in the Monterey and San Francisco Bay Areas but risk is expected state-wide, particularly in areas adjacent to hardwoods (such as oaks) and also near some softwoods (such as pines).

Ingestion of *Amanita phalloides* **can be fatal to dogs**. CDPH encourages veterinarians to ask clients about wild mushroom consumption for patients that present with acute onset vomiting and diarrhea and live in, or have recently traveled to, areas where mushrooms are present.

If cases of mushroom toxicosis are suspected, amatoxin testing (mushroom, urine, or liver samples) is available for a fee at the **UC Davis California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory**. Additionally, urine and mushroom samples can be tested for free at the California Department of Public Health (Terri.Jackson@cdph.ca.gov).

Please address any questions about mushroom toxicosis in your area to your **local public health department**.

Veterinary Sustainability Alliance Green Paw Vet Clinic Certification

Start 2026 off right! Veterinary Sustainability Alliance (VSA) is pleased to roll out the Green Paw Program – a certification process designed to support veterinary clinics in taking action to make their practices more sustainable. This program is accessible with 10 easy steps to follow and a minimal fee. Clinics who complete the program will receive a “Green Paw Certified” sticker for their clinics and be celebrated as a leader in veterinary sustainability by VSA.

Through the Green Paw Program, veterinary clinics across the USA and Canada can learn together, celebrate progress, and strengthen a growing sustainability community. And this is just the beginning: we envision Green Paw as the first in a future series of tiered certifications that will continue elevating sustainability across the veterinary profession. We appreciate the collaboration with American Veterinary Medical Association and Canadian Veterinary Medical Association in developing the initial **Pathway to a More Sustainable Clinic** in the fall of 2024 as well as the foundational support from Mars Veterinary Health.

Invitation to Bubbling Wells Tour

Hi everyone,

We are inviting veterinarians and veterinary staff to a guided tour and discussion at Bubbling Well Pet Memorial Park on February 20 from 3-5 pm.

The tour will offer an opportunity to better understand the cremation and aftercare process so we can more confidently support clients during a difficult time. This is intended to be informative, gentle, and collegial. When I surveyed your associations my, only 20% had visited a crematorium. This will be an opportunity for staff too.

More details will be shared next week, but I wanted to extend an early invitation to your association.

Warmly,
Ken Gorczyca, DVM
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Contact Mary Whitney DVM, 415-497-7256, docwhitney@att.net

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

Mark Willett, DVM. Experienced relief veterinarian. Small animal and exotics. Contact: 415-686-6092, or mwillett@ucdavis-alumni.com.

Pet Portrait Paintings by Veterinarian Ken Gorczyca

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Associate Veterinarian – West Marin Pet Hospital (Fairfax, CA)

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New Laws for 2026

Online Seminar

January 22, 2026, 5:30–7:00 pm

January 27, 2026, 12:30 PM–2:00 pm

With several new laws taking effect in 2026, it is important for veterinary practices to have a clear view of the legal landscape to ensure continuing compliance. This talk will cover new and important laws pertaining to veterinary practice, as well as new general employment laws that apply to California businesses. The course qualifies as continuing education credit for the purpose of California veterinarian and registered veterinary technician license renewal.

This course qualifies for 1.5 CEUs.



More Info: <https://tinyurl.com/49zfcwsz>

Treatment of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP): Updates and Best Practices in 2026

Online Seminar

March 3, 2026, 5:30 PM–7:00 PM

The use of antiviral therapy for Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) is a transformative and rapidly evolving phenomenon in feline medicine. This session will update attendees on the current use and best practices for antiviral therapy in the treatment of FIP, including the indications, protocols, and expected outcomes. In particular, this session will emphasize the therapy's transition from the black market to legally available products, discuss some common misconceptions, and review frequently asked questions. This course qualifies for 1.5 CEUs.



More Info: <https://tinyurl.com/26xcstes>

CVMA Spring Seminar

April 10-12, 2026

CVMA's 2026 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 then spend your afternoons hiking, relaxing in the spa, exploring Mariposa Grove's giant sequoias and enjoying the wonders of Yosemite National Park.

Veterinarians, RVTs, and CVMA CVAs can earn 12 CE units on the topics of dermatology by Dr. Mollie Mesman and behavior by Dr. Melissa Bain. Join us for learning, networking, and relaxation! Can't make it to Yosemite? No problem! Join us for our live virtual option, where you can earn the same CE and interact with speakers in real time.

More Info: <https://tinyurl.com/48z28m5j>

CVMA Large Animal Medicine Seminar

April 10-12, 2026

The CVMA's 2026 Large Animal Medicine 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 then spend your afternoons hiking, relaxing in the spa, exploring Mariposa Grove's giant sequoias and enjoying the wonders of Yosemite National Park. The 2026 Large Animal Medicine Seminar is an in-person-only event.

Veterinarians, RVTs, and CVMA CVAs can earn 12 CE units. Attendees will have the opportunity to deepen their expertise across a range of large animal topics, connect and network with colleagues from around the country, and participate in a town hall-style discussion addressing current challenges and trends in the field.

More Info: <https://tinyurl.com/487njy78>

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