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

Topic: **Beyond the Twitch:
A Clinical Approach to Feline Hyperesthesia Syndrome**

Speaker: **Alison Gerken, DVM, DACVB**
San Francisco SPCA Veterinary Behavior Service

When: **Tuesday, July 14, 2026**

Time: 6:00 pm – **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, July 12th, 2026.
Click the link to **RSVP:** <https://forms.gle/sNzBTGbnL2ydroQD8>
Meal choices:

NY Steak **or** **Salmon** **or** **Pasta** **or** **Vegan**
Toscana **Piccata** **Primavera**

Fees: This meeting is graciously sponsored by Zoetis.
- 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,

Thank you to all who attended our social event Saturday June 27th!
We had warm summer night and lots of fun at the San Rafael Pacific's game. MCVMA member and nursing scholarship recipient Bella Vaca threw out the first pitch!

Dr. Kathleen Olson
MCVMA President



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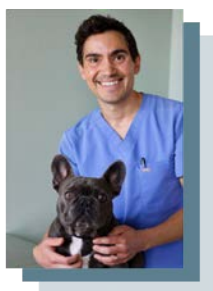
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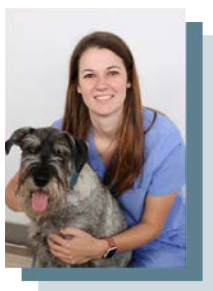


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Classifieds

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

Woman-owned | Non-corporate | No weekend or after-hour shifts | Unbeatable quality of life

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- Collaborative, experienced support staff
- Competitive compensation, benefits, and flexibility

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Learn more: www.westmarinpethospital.com

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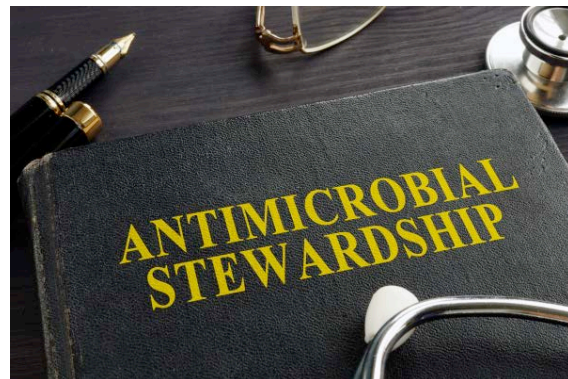
Antimicrobial Stewardship in Clinical Practice Webinar

July 28, 2026, 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Antimicrobials are critical tools of veterinary medicine, and we all want to use them as judiciously as possible. In this talk, we will cover tips and tricks for effectively introducing antimicrobial stewardship into your daily clinical practice and highlight recent literature on the topic.

This course qualifies for 1.5 CEUs and satisfies the California CE requirement on the judicious use of medically important antimicrobial drugs.

More Info: <https://tinyurl.com/mwunsfb5>



Snakebite Envenomations: They Are Not Just Bad Bee Stings

September 9, 2026, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

This session is geared towards general practitioners and emergency veterinarians looking to better understand the principles of treatment of snakebite envenomation, especially the use of antivenom, and those unfamiliar with current standards of care of snakebite envenomations. We will explore venomous snake species, symptoms and effects of envenomation, and initial treatment recommendations for supportive care and pain control. The session will also cover inappropriate treatment and the contraindications for using steroids, antihistamines, NSAIDs, and prophylactic antibiotics, as well as the mid-to-long-term effects of envenomation—such as necrosis, devitalization, and sloughing of tissue—especially in cases with delayed and inappropriate treatment. Lastly, we will review the controversial rattlesnake vaccine, including its history and recent articles evaluating its efficacy. Does it have significant potential benefits, or is it snake oil that can actually make things worse?



This course qualifies for 2 CEUs.

More Info: <https://tinyurl.com/3ktt3hfr>

CVMA Fall Seminar

October 16-18, 2026

Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Beach in Oxnard, CA

The CVMA's 2026 Fall Seminar will be held at the Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Beach in Oxnard, CA. Start your days by earning CE in morning sessions and spend your afternoons taking a refreshing dip in the pool, exploring the coastline with a complimentary two-hour adventure gear rental, including beach and sports equipment, then unwinding completely with a signature massage at Float Spa followed by a relaxing soak in the bubbling jacuzzi.



As evening falls over California's top-rated beach, settle in around the inviting Dunes Pyre firepit, sip on a handcrafted cocktail, and enjoy live music drifting through the open-air patio.

Veterinarians, RVTs, and CVMA CVAs can earn 12 CE units on the topics of Soft Tissue Surgery by Dr. Erin Gibson and Anesthesia by Dr. Ciara Barr. Join us for learning, networking, and relaxation!

More Info: <https://tinyurl.com/4xk9a2fr>

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