

**THE CVMA'S 2026 PACIFIC VETERINARY CONFERENCE**

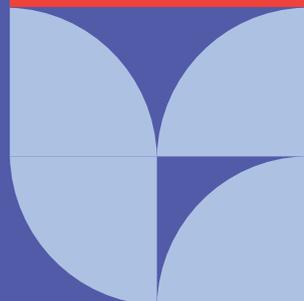
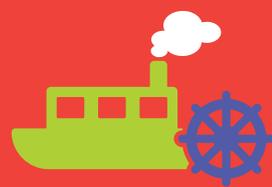
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**JUNE 18-21 • 2026**

Four Days • 25 CEUs • In-Person, Virtual, and Hybrid  
Attendance Options • 13 Tracks • Interactive Labs  
• Two-Day Vet Expo • Networking Opportunities  
• Complimentary Lunch and Learns

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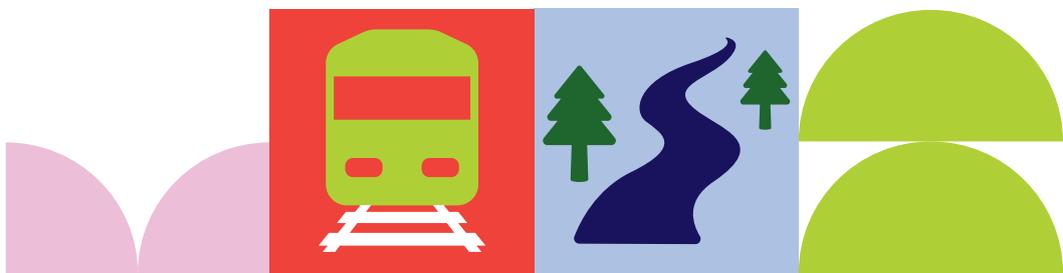
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# ◆ Welcome!



**As President of the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA),** I am delighted to personally invite you to the 2026 Pacific Veterinary Conference (PacVet), taking place June 18–21 in California's vibrant capital city of Sacramento.

PacVet 2026 promises an exceptional blend of education, connection, and celebration. Each year, the conference brings together leading voices in veterinary medicine, industry innovators, and passionate professionals from around the world for an experience that is both inspiring and energizing.

Attendees can choose from over 150 CE sessions, covering a wide range of topics for all members of the veterinary practice, from general practice to specialty care. Hands-on labs and in-depth symposia offer opportunities to refine your skills and gain practical experience. Between sessions, explore the two-day Vet Expo, where hundreds of industry partners will showcase the latest products and services in veterinary medicine. PacVet also offers numerous opportunities to connect and unwind, including the Technician Fair, UC Davis and WesternU alumni receptions, the CVMA Awards Recognition Ceremony, and the President's Reception. You can also personalize your experience through the conference mobile app, which allows you to connect with fellow attendees, exchange contact information, and schedule meetups.

The conference will open with a compelling keynote address by Dr. Krystle Reagan. In "Artificial Intelligence in Veterinary Medicine," Dr. Reagan will discuss what the current landscape of artificial intelligence (AI) in veterinary medicine looks like and how we can best steward this new technology into the future safely. You won't want to miss this timely exploration of AI!

Beyond the conference, Sacramento offers an inviting mix of culture, history, and outdoor experiences. Take a walk along the scenic Sacramento Riverfront, explore Old Sacramento's historic charm, enjoy the city's renowned farm-to-fork dining scene, or unwind in nearby parks and trails that highlight the region's natural beauty.

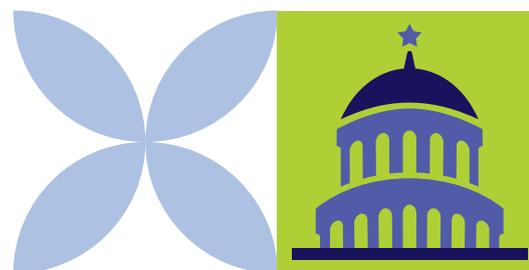
For those unable to attend in person, we are pleased to once again offer a virtual registration option. Virtual attendees will have live access to the Small Animal Medicine, Technician, Emergency Critical Care, and Integrative Medicine tracks, with opportunities to engage with speakers in real time and earn the same high-quality CE as in-person participants.

Additionally, we are thrilled to introduce a new hybrid registration option. Hybrid attendees enjoy the flexibility to switch between in-person and virtual attendance as they please. Maybe you'd like to attend the Vet Expo and a few of the in-person-only sessions, and then spend the rest of the day virtually attending the Small Animal Medicine 1 track from the comfort of your home or hotel room. Hybrid registration allows you to craft the perfect schedule—personalized just for you!

With its outstanding education, networking opportunities, and welcoming destination, PacVet 2026 offers something for everyone. Veterinarians, RVTs, practice managers, hospital team members, and veterinary and RVT students will all find the conference rewarding, engaging, and informative.

I hope to welcome you to Sacramento this June.

**Peter Bowie, DVM**  
CVMA President



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## Important Dates

### ■ Early Bird Registration Deadline

**Save over \$100±!**

**March 18, 2026**

### ■ Last Day to Advance Register

**June 4, 2026**

### ■ Packet Pick-Up for Pre-Registered Attendees\*

**June 17, 2026**

5:00–6:30 PM

### ■ CE Sessions

**June 18–21, 2026**

### ■ Vet Expo Open\*

**June 19–20, 2026**

*\*Applies to in-person and hybrid attendees only.*

*±Based on a full conference veterinarian registration*



# Discover PacVet Your Way!

PacVet 2026 is offered three ways: **in person**, **virtual**, or **hybrid (new for 2026!)**. Please carefully consult the full PacVet schedule before making your choice, as not all tracks and events are offered virtually.



## In-person Attendance

In-person registration includes:

- Up to 25 CEUs across all PacVet tracks (see pages 12-21)
- Admission into the Vet Expo
- Continental breakfast all four days
- Complimentary lunches in the Vet Expo (Friday and Saturday)
- Complimentary refreshment breaks
- NEW! Access to the DemoZone in the Vet Expo
- Conference bag and goodies
- Access to speaker lecture notes
- Labs\*
- Access to special events, networking opportunities, and lunch and learns
- Rabies titer testing\*
- Raffle prizes
- Discounted group registration
- And more!

*\*Must be purchased separately.*



## Virtual Attendance

Virtual attendance includes:

- Up to 25 CEUs across five live and interactive virtual tracks (see pages 12-14):
  - » Emergency Critical Care
  - » Integrative Medicine
  - » Small Animal Medicine 1
  - » Small Animal Medicine 2
  - » Technician
- Access to the keynote presentation
- Access to speaker lecture notes
- Live interaction with speakers during Q&A
- Connection with other attendees via the PacVet mobile app
- Raffle prizes
- Discounted group registration
- Complimentary virtual lunch and learn



## NEW FOR 2026! Hybrid Attendance

Hybrid attendance includes:

- Flexibility to attend in person or virtual as you like
- CEUs across all tracks when in person, and five virtual tracks when virtual (see pages 12-14 for in-person and virtual tracks, and pages 15-21 for in-person-only tracks)
- All benefits of being an in-person attendee when you come on-site, including:
  - » Admission into the Vet Expo
  - » Complimentary meals and refreshments
  - » Conference bag and goodies
  - » Labs\*
  - » Rabies titer testing\*
  - » And more!

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## Register



Register for the 2026 Pacific Veterinary Conference!  
Register online at [PacVet.net](https://PacVet.net).



If you need help with registration, call 800.655.2862 for staff assistance.

# Conference Highlights

## **The Most Important Meal of the Day...on Us!—Thursday-Sunday**

A delicious continental breakfast will be served each morning (for registered attendees only).

## **CVMA Awards Ceremony, Board Induction, and Keynote Presentation\***

### **—Thursday, 8:00–9:55 AM**

Help us open the conference by honoring the 2026 CVMA Award recipients and formally inducting the new CVMA Board of Governors, led by the CVMA President. Following the welcome ceremony, join us for the keynote presentation. In "Artificial Intelligence in Veterinary Medicine," Dr. Krystle Reagan will explore the current landscape of AI in veterinary medicine, unpack complex questions, and learn how we can safely and most effectively steward this new technology into the future.

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## **CVMA President's Reception—Thursday, 5:30–7:00 PM**

We welcome all attendees to join the CVMA in celebrating the CVMA President. This complimentary event will include fun activities, light appetizers, and a live band!

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## **Complimentary Lunches in the Vet Expo—Friday and Saturday**

Discover the newest products and services in veterinary medicine and enjoy a complimentary lunch while you explore (for registered attendees only).

## **Alumni Receptions—Friday, 5:30–7:00 PM**

Catch up with your fellow WesternU and UC Davis alumni over appetizers and a no-host bar.

## **Technician Fair—Friday, 5:30–7:00 PM**

Attention RVTs and veterinary assistants: mingle with fellow professionals, explore opportunities with industry partners and NAVTA-approved academies and societies, and enjoy appetizers, a no-host bar, and exciting raffles!

*Sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition*

## **Selfie Zone—Friday**

Say cheese! The Selfie Zone in the Vet Expo is a space to memorialize your conference experience. Grab your colleagues, use any of the fun props provided, strike a pose, and make sure to use #PacVet2026 when you post your fun pics on social media!

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## **Recharge Park—Friday and Saturday**

Located in the Vet Expo, the PacVet Recharge Park gives attendees a space to decompress, recharge their phones and minds, and chat with colleagues.

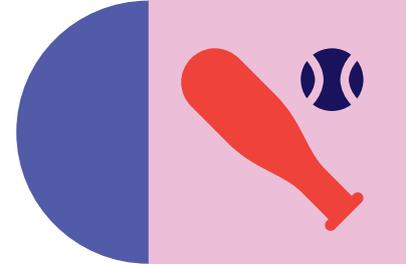
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## **Raffles, Raffles, and More Raffles!—Friday and Saturday**

Don't miss your chance to win valuable prizes in the Vet Expo!

*\*Offered to virtual attendees as well.*





### **“June Madness” Game—Friday and Saturday**

Participate in this year’s Vet Expo game, “June Madness”! Get the autographs of all participating vendors by visiting their booths. In exchange for a completed card, you will score more tickets to increase your chances at securing a slam dunk raffle win on Saturday!

### **Sports Zone—Friday and Saturday**

Sacramento is the proud home of several major sports associations: the Sacramento Kings, the A’s, Sacramento Republic FC, and the Sacramento River Cats. Do you have what it takes to compete? Step up to the plate and play an assortment of sports-themed games in the Vet Expo between CE sessions. Let’s play ball!

### **NEW FOR 2026! DemoZone—Friday and Saturday**

Step into the new DemoZone at the Vet Expo and see innovation in action! This demonstration space features 15- and 30-minute live sessions where leading companies showcase new devices, techniques, and hands-on solutions in real time. Whether you’re looking to explore the latest technology, sharpen your skills, or experience products up close before making decisions, the DemoZone delivers interactive learning you won’t get from a booth alone. Stop by, ask questions, and discover what’s possible!

### **Student Posters—Friday and Saturday**

Visit UC Davis and WesternU veterinary students during breaks in the Vet Expo as they share poster presentations and answer questions about their research.

### **Rise and Shine with Yoga—Saturday, 7:00–8:00 AM**

Embrace the third day of sessions with a reinvigorated, tranquil mind! Join our gentle morning yoga session to stretch, breathe, and set a positive tone for the day ahead. Perfect for all levels—no experience needed!

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### **Rabies Titer Testing—Saturday**

Schedule an appointment to get your rabies titer test. Onsite phlebotomists will collect serum samples from previously immunized veterinarians and their staff. Details can be found under the Special Events tab at [pactvet.net](http://pactvet.net).

*Sponsored by IDEXX*

### **Relaxation Station—Saturday**

Back-to-back CE sessions can be taxing! Treat yourself to the ultimate self-care experience by getting a massage from a professional message therapist in the Relaxation Station located in the Vet Expo. Melt away your stress, soothe your muscles, and return renewed and refreshed for another amazing day of CE!

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### **Early Career Veterinarians Reception—Saturday**

Early career veterinarians are invited to join us for a fun, free evening reception that is specially designed to connect you with other emerging practitioners! All veterinarians who have graduated veterinary school within the past five years are welcome.

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# ◆ Sacramento: One of California's Most Exciting Destinations



Known for its walkable downtown, rich history, thriving farm-to-fork culinary scene, and relaxed atmosphere, Sacramento offers an ideal setting to forge impactful memories and round out a dynamic conference experience. There is no shortage of entertainment sources in Sacramento, from historic sites and museums to parks and family-friendly attractions. Named by Travel + Leisure as one of the 50 best places to visit, Sacramento has all the benefits of a metropolis—a flourishing food scene, major entertainment and sports venues, a bustling art community, a lively night life—but with more greenery and access to nature, and a laid-back, friendly vibe!

**Old Sacramento**



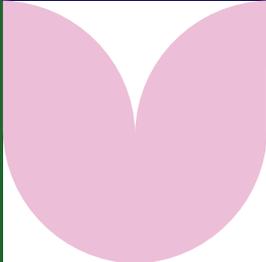
**Sutter Health Park**



**Water Toy Rentals at Lake Natoma**



**California Capitol**



State Railroad Museum



Crocker Art Museum



Golden 1 Center



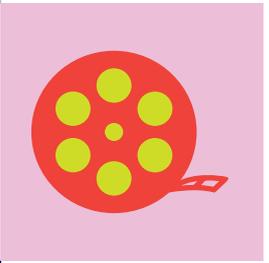
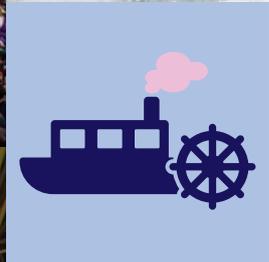
Whitewater Rafting Along the American River



Cronan Ranch Regional Trails Park



Sacramento Zoo

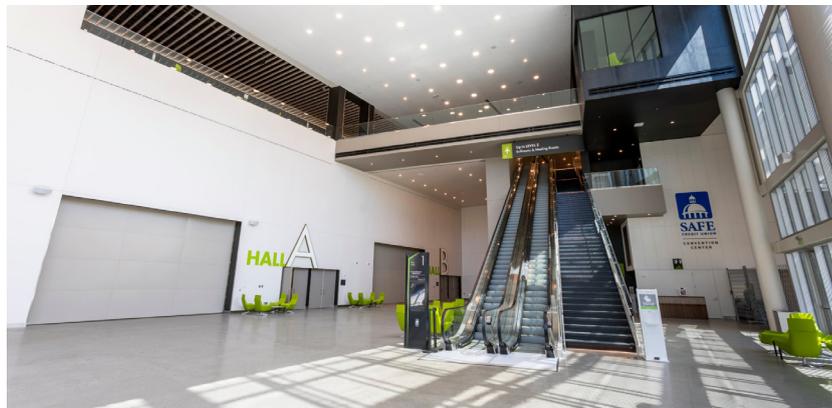


# Conference Venue and Hotel

This year's PacVet will be held at the newly renovated SAFE Credit Union Convention Center. Located in the heart of downtown Sacramento, the convention center is the perfect launching pad to explore the State Capitol and the city's arts and culture, restaurants, entertainment, and shopping districts.

## Venue

**SAFE Credit Union Convention Center**  
1401 K St  
Sacramento, CA 95814



## Nearby Airports

- **Sacramento International Airport**—only 10 miles from the convention center/hotels!  
[flysmf.gov](http://flysmf.gov)
- **Oakland San Francisco Bay Airport**—95 miles away  
[iflyoak.com](http://iflyoak.com)
- **San Francisco International Airport**—100 miles away  
[flysfo.com](http://flysfo.com)

## Host Hotels

**Hyatt Regency Sacramento**  
1209 L Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Discounted\* Room Rate*  
\$239 per night plus tax until May 26, 2026.

**Sheraton Grand Sacramento**  
1230 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Discounted\* Room Rate*  
\$249 per night plus tax until May 28, 2026.

## Online Reservations

Visit [PacVet.net](http://PacVet.net) to make your hotel accommodation or scan the QR code. 



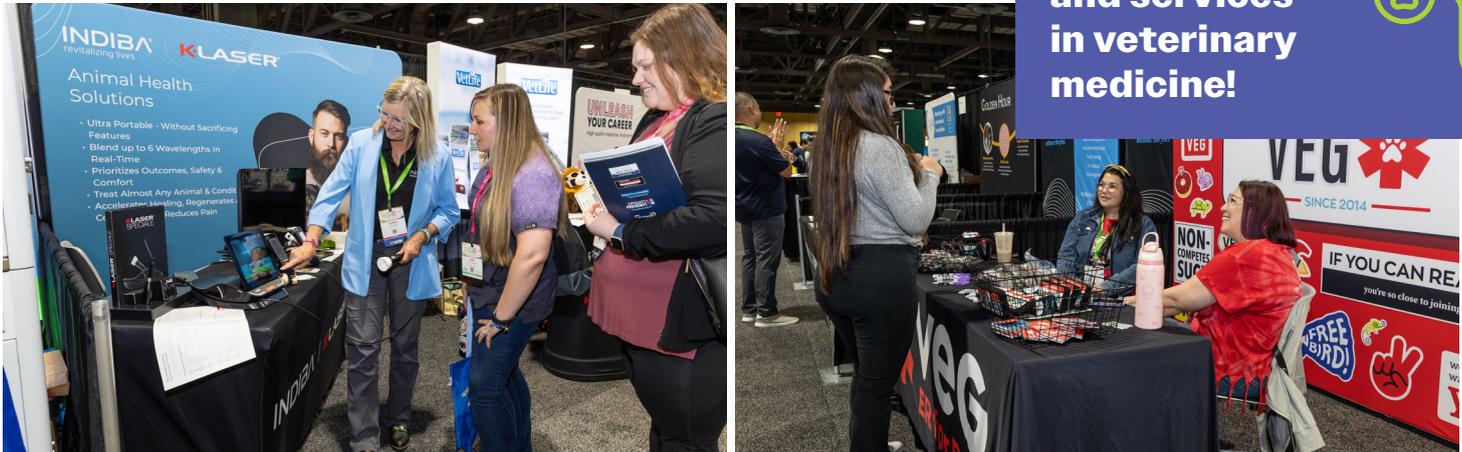
*\*Discounted rate available until the deadline or until the block fills up—whichever comes first.*

## Rental Cars

CVMA members enjoy car rental discounts. Visit the CVMA Member Benefits page at [cvma.net](http://cvma.net) for discounts on:

- Alamo
- Avis
- Enterprise
- National





The Pacific Veterinary Conference's Vet Expo brings together veterinarians, registered veterinary technicians, practice managers, veterinary assistants, and other veterinary professionals with industry leaders showcasing the latest technology, products, and services in veterinary medicine and animal care. It's the ideal place to learn, connect, and explore what's new in the profession.

Our industry partners play a vital role in PacVet, helping keep conference costs down and passing those savings along to attendees. When visiting the Vet Expo, remember to take part in the "June Madness" game and connect with our selected exhibitors! It's a fun and easy way to explore the hall and secure a higher chance of winning some of our fabulous raffle prizes.

**NEW FOR 2026!** PacVet is excited to roll out the DemoZone in the Vet Expo! This space features 15- and 30-minute live demonstrations where leading companies display new devices, techniques, and hands-on solutions.

*Exhibitor list updated as of February 27, 2026.*

A&E Medical Systems	CoVet	Medical Pet Shirts International	Scratch Financial, Inc.
AKC Reunite	Curo Pet Care	Mg Biologics	Simmons & Associates Pacific, Inc.
AmeriVet Veterinary Partners	CVET	Monarch Practice Transition	SNJ America, Inc.
Antech Diagnostics	Drug Enforcement Administration	Necropsy Services Group	Soniquence
AscentPath Laboratories	Elanco Animal Health	NectarVet	Tuttner USA CO LTD
Augustine Surgical, Inc.	Esaote North America	Nestlé Purina Pet Care	Universal Imaging, Inc.
Aurora Pharmaceutical	ezyVet Veterinary Software	newvetequipment.com	US Bank Healthcare Business Banking
Avid Identification Systems, Inc.	GerVetUSA, Inc.	Nutramax Laboratories Veterinary Sciences, Inc.	Van Beek Natural Science
Banfield Pet Hospital	Golden Hour Veterinary Telemedicine	Omni Practice Group	VDI Laboratory
Bank of America Practice Solutions	HappyDoc	Pathwood Veterinary Laboratories	VDx Pathology
BCP Veterinary Pharmacy	Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.	Patterson Veterinary Academy	VEG ER for Pets
Bionote USA	HotDog Patient Warming	Petco	Vetcor
Blue Buffalo/General Mills	HRtoGO	PetVet Care Centers	Veterinary Books By Success
Blue River PetCare	IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	Pharmacists Insurance Company	Veterinary Insurance Services Company (VISC)
Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health	Indiba/K-Laser	Preferred Employers Insurance	VetnCare
Cardiac Vet, Inc.	KARL STORZ Veterinary Endoscopy -America, Inc.	Regenlab USA, LLC	VetriScience Laboratories
CareCredit	Koefran Pet Memorial Services	Rock West Medical	Virbac Animal Health
California Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps (CAVMRC)	Legally Mine	Roo Veterinary Relief	WEAVE
Cat and Dog Modern	MAI Animal Health	Rose Micro Solutions	West Coast Pet Memorial
ClearRode Financial Group	Medi Lazer	SAGE Veterinary Centers	Zomedica



## Keynote Presentation **Thursday**

**Krystle Reagan, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM), FACVIM (Infectious Disease)**

### Artificial Intelligence in Veterinary Medicine

Artificial intelligence (AI) is more than just a buzzword. It's becoming increasingly difficult to go through a typical day without encountering some form of AI-powered technology. For veterinary professionals, a growing number of AI-driven tools are being introduced with promises to improve quality of life, increase efficiency, and enhance patient outcomes. But how should we use these tools most effectively? How can we implement them safely? And how do we ensure they perform as intended?

In this keynote session, we will explore the current landscape of AI in veterinary medicine, unpack complex questions, and learn how we can safely and most effectively steward this new technology into the future.

## Emergency Critical Care

**Thursday**

**Helen Philp, BVMS, DACVECC, DACVNU**

- Practical Emergency and Critical Care: Early Assessment and Stabilization of the Unstable Patient
- Practical Emergency and Critical Care: Approach to Common Emergent Presentations



*Dr. Helen Philp graduated from the University of Glasgow, Scotland and spent several years in practice before completing an internship in small animal emergency and critical care at the University of Edinburgh. She then moved to UC Davis in California in 2018 to complete a residency in emergency and critical care followed by a fellowship in nephrology and extracorporeal medicine. She has stayed on at UC Davis as faculty in the ECC and extracorporeal services. Dr. Philp recently completed an American College of Veterinary Nephrology and Urology residency program. Her interests include critical care nephrology, extracorporeal therapies, circulatory support, and mechanical ventilation.*

## Integrative Medicine

**Thursday and Friday**

**Kielyn Scott, DVM**

- Integrative Pain Management (Part 1)
- Integrative Pain Management (Part 2)
- Rehabilitation (Part 1)
- Rehabilitation (Part 2)
- Bringing Things Together: Rehabilitation and Integrative Medicine Case Examples



*After earning her DVM degree at Kansas State University, Dr. Kielyn Scott moved to Raleigh, North Carolina for an emergency internship and emergency and critical care residency. After a few years in practice, Dr. Scott decided to pursue further education in Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine*

*to try to find other ways to help her patients. This led to a curiosity about rehabilitation and certification. Dr. Scott is currently an assistant professor of integrative medicine and rehabilitation at Louisiana State University, where she enjoys working with a variety of species and challenging the way her students think.*

## Small Animal Medicine 1

**Internal Medicine Thursday and Friday**  
**Krystle Reagan, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM), FACVIM (Infectious Disease)**

- FIP or Not FIP? Navigating One of Feline Medicine's Toughest Diagnoses
- From Impossible to Treatable: The New Era of FIP Therapy
- Sniffles and Squints: Practical Management of Feline URIs
- Fun Feline Fever Mystery Cases
- UTIs in 2026: What's Changed and What Still Works
- Culture Confusion No More: Interpreting Results with Confidence



*Dr. Krystle Reagan is an associate professor of small animal internal medicine and assistant director of research and innovation in the Center of Companion Animal Studies at Colorado State University. She obtained her veterinary degree and PhD in microbiology at Colorado State University. Upon graduating, she completed a one-year small animal rotating internship at VCA West Los Angeles Animal Hospital followed by a small animal internal medicine residency at UC Davis and became board-certified in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. She then completed a fellowship in companion animal infectious diseases and is an ACVIM Fellow of Infectious Disease. Her areas of research include the development of novel infectious disease diagnostics and therapeutics and the use of artificial intelligence/machine learning in clinical decision-making.*

**Medical Oncology Friday and Saturday**  
**Kim Johnson, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology)**

- Why So Itchy? Canine Mast Cell Tumors
- Gotta Go, Gotta Go, Gotta Go Right NOW! Canine and Feline Transitional Cell Carcinoma



- Bridging the Gap Between General Practice and Specialty Medicine
- What Are Those Lumps and Bumps? Canine and Feline Lymphoma
- Biopsy to Bowl: Nutrition and Oncology Case Management
- Going Out on a Limb: Canine and Feline Osteosarcoma



*Dr. Kim Johnson is a board-certified veterinary oncologist, educator, and author dedicated to compassionate, purpose-driven medicine. Combining decades of oncology experience with a passion for mentoring and supporting the well-being of veterinary professionals, Dr. Johnson has delivered hundreds of hours of RACE-approved continuing education on cancer care, leadership, and resilience. She currently provides oncology consultations for Mission Pet Health.*

### Neurology Saturday and Sunday

#### Ryan Gibson, DVM, M.Ed, DACVIM (Neurology)

- The IVDD Umbrella: Breaking Down the Many Types of IVDD
- Liars and Cheats: Conditions That Look Neurologic but Aren't!
- The Art of Seizure Therapy
- Feline Neurology: An Overview of Common Conditions
- Neuro-Ophthalmology: Anatomy and Neurologic Conditions of the Eye
- Neurolocalization: Back to Basics



*Dr. Ryan Gibson is a veterinary educator and neurologist from Auburn University. His teaching focuses on foundational neuroscience, applications in clinical neurology, and microanatomy. His virtual consulting services (The Brain Dogtor LLC and CortexVet LLC) are aimed at improving access to care for neurological patients and supporting general practitioners. Dr. Gibson collaborates with researchers in exploring new drugs for neuropathic pain, translating the age of the neurological system across species, seizure therapies, and veterinary education. He also founded Pet Parent Educators, which aims to increase client education following the diagnosis of chronic conditions, such as seizures and diabetes.*

## Small Animal Medicine 2

### Behavior Thursday and Friday

#### Marie Hopfensperger, DVM, MBA, DACVB

- Gray Matters: Practical, Multimodal Management of Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome in Dogs and Cats
- Bridging the Gap: Stabilizing Complex Behavior Cases When Specialty Care Is Out of Reach
- I Really Don't Wanna Get Bit Today: Practical Strategies for Fractious Patients
- Bittersweet Goodbye: A Real-World and Empathetic Approach to Behavioral Euthanasia
- Beyond Fluoxetine: Multimodal Medication Strategies for Canine Behavior
- Beyond Fluoxetine: Multimodal Medication Strategies for Feline Behavior



*Dr. Marie Hopfensperger is a board-certified veterinary behaviorist whose areas of clinical expertise include sedation of fearful and fractious companion animals, behavioral pharmacology, canine and feline aggression, and feline inappropriate urination. Dr. Hopfensperger received her DVM degree from Michigan State University and MBA from Central Michigan University. She served as an assistant professor at the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine for more than a decade and was honored to have been named MSU's Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher of the Year in 2021. Dr. Hopfensperger was the first veterinarian ever to be selected as Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Fellow.*

### Dermatology Saturday

#### Jason Pieper, DVM, MS, DACVD

- Canine Atopic Dermatitis: Diagnosis and Treatment Updates
- Adverse Food Reactions in Small Animals
- The Frustrating Itchy Cat
- Superficial Bacterial Infections: Updates on Treatments
- Frustrating Ear Diseases
- Uncommon, but Not Rare! Common Cutaneous Autoimmune and Immune-Mediated Diseases

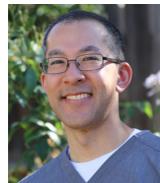


*Dr. Jason Pieper is a board-certified veterinary dermatologist currently working as a tenured associate professor of dermatology at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, where he graduated veterinary school in 2009. He completed a dermatology residency at the University of Illinois and became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology while also completing his master's degree. His areas of interest in veterinary dermatology include atopic dermatitis, otitis, antimicrobial resistance, and CO2 laser.*

### Ophthalmology Sunday

#### Tomo Wiggans, DVM, MEng, DACVO

- "It's All Fun and Games Until...": Managing Ocular Trauma
- What Am I Looking at? A Case-Based Approach to Understanding the Corneal Examination
- Putting the "Fun" Back in Fundus: Diseases of the Posterior Segment



*Dr. Tomo Wiggans attended Cornell University, earning a Bachelor of Science in 2001 followed by a Master of Engineering in 2002. He worked as an engineer for several years before changing course to pursue veterinary medicine. He attended veterinary school at UC Davis, graduating in 2010. Dr. Wiggans then went on to complete a rotating internship and specialty fellowship at Colorado State University before completing a three-year residency in comparative veterinary ophthalmology at UC Davis. He became board-certified in 2015. Dr. Wiggans currently works at Sage Veterinary Centers in Concord, California.*



## Technician

### Physical Therapy **Thursday**

**Kristen Hagler, BS, RVT, VTS (Physical Rehabilitation), CCRP, CVPP**

- But Wait, There's More! Patient Care Beyond Pharmacologicals in Companion Animals
- Look Ma—No Hands! Practical Functional Outcome Measures for Orthopedic Exams
- Practical Photobiomodulation (Laser Therapy) and Pulsed Electromagnetic Therapy Field Therapy for Pain Management
- You Better Not Be Sitting Down for This: Exercise Programs for Arthritis Management
- Help, My Patient Is Still Lame! Post-Operative TPLO Rehabilitation Considerations to Make You a Hero



*Kristen Hagler is a highly experienced veterinary professional with 25 years of expertise in physical rehabilitation and two decades of leadership experience. As the director of canine services at Circle Oak Ranch Canine Rehabilitation in Petaluma, California, Kristen oversees clinical operations, drives program development, and mentors multidisciplinary teams. A charter member of the Veterinary Technician Specialty (VTS) Academy for Physical Rehabilitation, Kristen achieved VTS certification in 2017 and has served two terms as president. She currently chairs the Credentialing, Recertification, and Bylaws Committees and advises the executive board. In 2018, she was honored as the California Veterinary Technician of the Year by the California Veterinary Technician Association.*

### Behavior **Friday**

**Monique Feyreilde, BA, LVT, VTS (Behavior)**

- Cooperative Care: Veterinary Care and Husbandry
- Nail Trim MAGIC!
- Distractions Done Right!
- All in the Family: Safe Family Presence and Client Participation in Veterinary Medicine
- Behavior Solutions for “Normal” Cat Behaviors
- Compassionate Animal Handling for Challenging Pets



*Monique Feyreilde is the owner of Teaching Animals, which promotes animal-friendly training and behavior modification techniques backed by robust scientific principles. Certified as a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Behavior, Monique is a former president of the Society of Veterinary Behavior Technicians and a former president and Examination Committee Chair of the Academy of Veterinary Behavior Technicians, the governing body for VTS certification. Monique speaks extensively around the United States on topics related to behavior, humane and practical veterinary care, reducing stress and fear in the veterinary setting, safe handling of dogs and cats in the hospital, and how to make behavior a part of every veterinary practice. She also travels to veterinary clinics, offering in-clinic education for veterinary teams around the country.*

## Internal Medicine and Emergency Critical Care

### **Saturday**

**Ken Yagi, MS, RVT, VTS (ECC), (SAIM)**

- A "Crash" Course in Emergency Nursing: Five Key Things to Master
- CPR Breakdown: Making Sense of Interesting Questions in Veterinary Resuscitation
- We Need Blood STAT! Emergency Transfusions
- Why Your Parvo Patient Should Be Fed Right Away: Say NO to NPO
- RECOVER Guidelines: Newborn Resuscitation
- A Veterinary Technician's Guide to Unblocking Cats



*Ken Yagi is the chief veterinary nursing officer for Veterinary Emergency Group (VEG) ER for Pets and is an executive board member for the RECOVER Initiative. Ken has obtained Veterinary Technician Specialist (VTS) certifications in both Emergency and Critical Care and Small Animal Internal Medicine, and earned a master's degree in veterinary sciences. Ken co-edited the Veterinary Technician and Nurse's Daily Reference Guide: Canine and Feline as well as the Manual of Veterinary Transfusion Medicine and Blood Banking.*

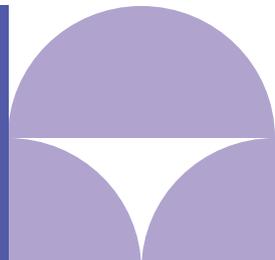
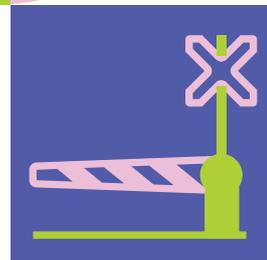
### **Feline Emergency Critical Care Sunday**

**Kelly Foltz, BA, AAT, CVT, LVT, RVT, VTS (ECC)**

- Me-OUCH! Feline Pain Is Purr-tinent, Too
- The Feline-Friendly ER? Right Meow!
- Fading Fast: Caring for the Critical Kitten



*Kelly Foltz is a graduate of Athens Technical College with an associate of applied technology degree in veterinary technology. In addition to her VTS (ECC), Kelly maintains active credentials in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia. In 2024, Kelly became BluePearl's east division nursing partner, supporting 42 emergency and specialty hospitals along the eastern seaboard as a subject matter expert, advocate, administrator, and coach. In addition to her clinical work, Kelly has contributed chapters to veterinary technology textbooks, co-authored peer-reviewed journal articles, and worked as an adjunct instructor at two accredited programs of veterinary technology.*





## Avian/Exotics

### Avian Thursday

#### Brian Speer, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice), DECZM (Avian)

- How and Why to Apply Behavioral Science to Avian Health Care Every Day
- Surgery of the Respiratory System of Birds
- Diagnosis and Management of Common Forms of Abdominal Disease in Chickens
- Management Strategies for Beak Keratin Overgrowth Problems in Birds
- The Coelomic Cavities of Birds and Their Interactions with the Respiratory System



*Dr. Brian Speer is the owner and director of The Medical Center for Birds in Oakley, California. Dr. Speer is past-president of the Association of Avian Veterinarians and a consultant for the Veterinary Information Network (VIN). He is certified through American Board of Veterinary Practitioners and through the European College of Zoological Medicine in their respective avian specialties. He is co-author of The Large Macaws (1995) and Birds for Dummies (1999), editor of Current Veterinary Therapy in Avian Medicine and Surgery (2015) and Birds for Dummies second edition (2021), and co-editor of Current Veterinary Therapy in Avian Medicine and Surgery Volume 2 (2025).*

### Small Mammals Friday

#### Olivia Petritz, DVM, DACZM

- Small Mammal ER Cases (with Dr. Miranda Sadar)
- Current Updates on Rabbit Abscesses
- Small Mammal Radiology and Case Review
- Clinical Reasoning Skills in Small Mammal Medicine: A Case-Based Approach (with Dr. Miranda Sadar)



*Dr. Olivia Petritz completed her undergraduate and veterinary degree at Purdue University in Indiana. Following graduation, she completed both a small animal internship and an exotics/zoo internship in specialty private practices. Dr. Petritz completed an ACZM residency at UC Davis in companion exotics and zoo medicine, and achieved board certification in November of 2013. She then founded an exotics service at a specialty hospital in Los Angeles and worked there for three years prior to starting as an assistant professor at North Carolina State University in 2017. Her research interests include avian therapeutics and imaging of exotic pet species.*

### Small Mammals Friday

#### Miranda Sadar, DVM, DACZM

- Small Mammal ER Cases (with Dr. Olivia Petritz)
- Sedation and Analgesia in Small Mammals: Part 1
- Sedation and Analgesia in Small Mammals: Part 2
- Clinical Reasoning Skills in Small Mammal Medicine: A Case-Based Approach (with Dr. Olivia Petritz)



*Dr. Miranda Sadar is a graduate of the Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. After graduation, she completed a one-year clinical internship in zoological, zoological companion animal, and wildlife medicine at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. After finishing a two-year fellowship at the Wildlife Center of Virginia, she completed a zoological residency with a focus on zoological companion animals at UC Davis. Dr. Sadar was an assistant professor at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine for two years prior to moving back to Colorado State University, where she is an associate professor in the avian, exotic, and zoological medicine service. In 2016, she became a diplomate of the American College of Zoological Medicine. Dr. Sadar's research interests focus on minimally invasive modalities to decrease stress, both situational and painful stress, in non-traditional species.*

## Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

**Speakers and sessions will be announced soon! Check PacVet.net for the latest updates.**

## Early Career Veterinarian

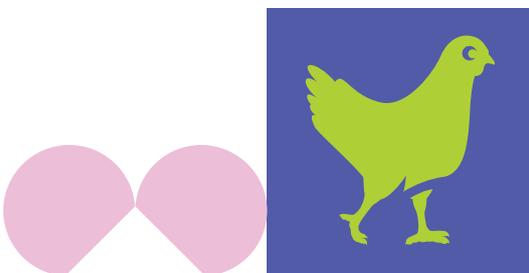
### Saturday

#### Gershon Alaluf, DVM, MBA

- Scratching the Surface: A Practical Dermatology Playbook for Early-Career Clinicians
- Diarrhea Dilemmas: A Confidence-Building GI Framework for Early-Career Veterinarians
- They Didn't Teach That in Vet School!



*Dr. Gershon Alaluf has spent more than three decades in veterinary medicine—healing animals, leading teams, mentoring new veterinarians, and trying to make sense of the human side of the profession. Over the course of his career, Dr. Alaluf has built two clinics from the ground up and has witnessed firsthand when veterinarians burn out and lose their spark. He is a current doctoral candidate at Pepperdine University studying stress, emotional labor, and sustainability in veterinary medicine.*





Early Career Veterinarian continued.

## Saturday

### Kim Johnson, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology)

- Beyond the Biopsy: Oncology Lessons for Navigating Emotional Load and Complex Cases



*Dr. Kim Johnson is a board-certified veterinary oncologist, educator, and author dedicated to compassionate, purpose-driven medicine. Combining decades of oncology experience with a passion for mentoring and supporting the well-being of veterinary professionals, Dr. Johnson has delivered hundreds of hours of RACE-approved continuing education on cancer care, leadership, and resilience. She currently provides oncology consultations for Mission Pet Health.*

## Saturday

### Brianna Armstrong, DVM

- When Medicine Isn't What Makes You a Great Doctor



*Dr. Brianna Armstrong is a veterinarian, entrepreneur, and podcast host passionate about transforming the veterinary profession from the inside out. As medical director and co-owner of Firehouse Animal Health Center 183 in Austin, Texas, she helped grow a de novo hospital from \$0 to \$1 million in its first year and 70% growth the next. Through her podcast Choose People Love Pets, she spotlights leadership, culture, and innovative career paths in veterinary medicine. Dr. Armstrong also develops people-first leadership tools and consults on culture, retention, and reimagining what's possible in veterinary medicine.*

## Sunday

### Jessica Larson, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)

- The Tree Pose Philosophy: Strong Roots (GPs) and Reaching Branches (Specialists)
- Go GLOBAL, Think FAST: Level Up Your Ultrasound Game
- POV: These Internal Medicine Skills Just Unlocked for You



*A graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Jessica Larson completed a small animal internship at Michigan Veterinary Specialists and a residency at Michigan State University. Board certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Dr. Larson has extensive experience*

*in private practice, industry education, and mobile specialty care. She currently owns a business providing internal medicine services, including consulting, endoscopy, and education. Dr. Larson is certified in Global FAST® ultrasound through FASTVet.com, where she also teaches.*

## Panel Discussion/Game with the Early Career Veterinarian Speakers! Saturday

### Horse, Zebra, or Unicorn: When You Hear Hoofbeats...

*Join general practitioners Dr. Gershon Alaluf and Dr. Brianna Armstrong, oncologist Dr. Kim Johnson, and internist Dr. Jessica Larson for an interactive, fast-paced diagnostic game that brings real-world clinical reasoning to life—without the pressure of having to be “right.” Each presenter will share cases from their own clinical experience and challenge the audience to decide: is this a horse, zebra, or unicorn? Attendees will vote in real time, follow each clinician’s diagnostic thought process, and see how uncertainty, pattern recognition, and clinical judgment shape decision-making in everyday practice. Fun, high-energy, and great for normalizing diagnostic uncertainty, this session is perfect for early-career veterinarians—and a refreshing reminder for seasoned clinicians that thoughtful medicine doesn’t always mean instant answers.*

## One Health

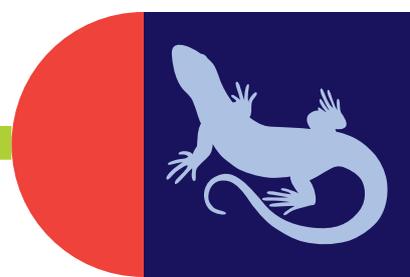
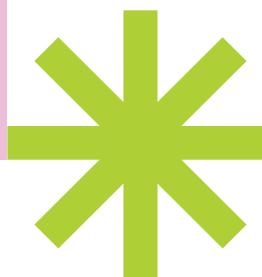
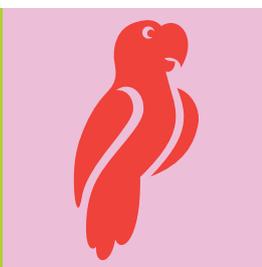
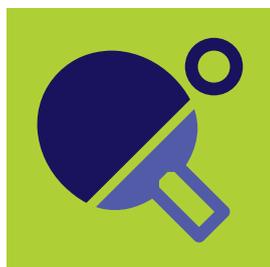
### Thursday and Friday

#### Brina Lopez, DVM, PhD, DACVIM

- H5N1 and New World Screwworm: What Every Veterinarian Needs to Know
- Clinic-Based Antibiograms: A Tool for Better Decision-Making and AMR Surveillance
- One Health in the Exam Room: Integrating Zoonotic Disease, AMR, and Environmental Awareness into Everyday Care
- Environmental One Health: Reducing the Environmental Footprint of Veterinary Practice



*Dr. Brina Lopez is the One Health veterinarian specialist for the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA), where she leads cross-sector initiatives addressing animal, human, and environmental health. As the former surveys and studies team lead for CDFA’s Antimicrobial Use & Stewardship Program, Dr. Lopez directed statewide antimicrobial resistance surveillance and reporting and managed data-driven research projects. Prior to her current role, Dr. Lopez spent over a decade in academia, with a focus on research, teaching, and clinical practice.*





**Thursday and Friday**

**Megan Ouyang, DVM, MPH**

- Carbapenem-Resistant Organisms and Public Health Implications
- Rabies Reporting Requirements and You



*Dr. Megan Ouyang earned her DVM degree from UC Davis, where her focus was large animal and wildlife/ zoo medicine. She continued pursuing her studies through the Interdisciplinary MPH program at UC Berkeley. After receiving her MPH degree, Dr. Ouyang completed an epidemiology fellowship through the California Epidemiologic Investigation Service (Cal-EIS) Fellowship Program, where she received hands-on training in investigating public health outbreaks. She is currently an infectious disease epidemiologist for the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department.*

**Friday**

**Carrie McNeil, DVM, MPH**

- One Health Scenarios in a Clinical Setting
- Lead Exposure in People and Pets



*Dr. Carrie McNeil is the One Health director of EcoVet Global and a consultant with EpiEcos. As a former principal member of technical staff at Sandia National Laboratories and as the One Health specialist for Ending Pandemics, Dr. McNeil brings over 20 years of experience in strengthening global health security and pandemic preparedness. In these positions, she collaborated with global partners in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Southeast Asia on efforts to strengthen biosafety, biosecurity, zoonotic disease response, and preparedness. As a CDC epidemic intelligence service officer, Dr. McNeil managed outbreak investigations and led community-based research on rabies knowledge and management practices in New Mexico.*

**Friday**

**Anne Kjemtrup, DVM, MPVM, PhD**

- One Health in Vector-Borne Diseases: More Than a Slogan
- One Health, One World: The Changing Epidemiology of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever in California



*Dr. Anne Kjemtrup is a research scientist, epidemiologist, and veterinarian for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Vector-Borne Disease Section (VBDS). She received her DVM, MPVM, and PhD degrees from UC Davis. Dr. Kjemtrup is subject matter expert for vector-related reportable diseases, including Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, tick-borne relapsing fever, rickettsial diseases, hantavirus, and plague. At the CDPH, she helps coordinate environmental follow-up of diseases with VBDS biologists and local health agencies.*

**Ask a One Health Expert! Friday**

*(With Drs. Anne Kjemtrup, Brina Lopez, Carrie McNeil, and Megan Ouyang)*

*From pandemics, to vectors, to antimicrobial resistance—two days of One Health sessions will undoubtedly spark your interest to learn even more! Join us as we conclude our One Health Track with a lively discussion among all track presenters. What strange stories, fun facts, and candid insights will our panelists share? Come ready to get your burning One Health questions answered and to play “one health” of a trivia game!*

**Practice Management**



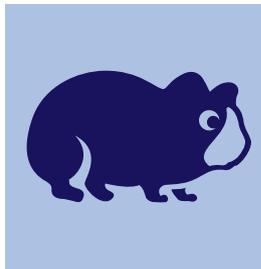
**Thursday**

**Amy Newfield, MS, CVT, VTS (ECC)**

- Starting a Wellbeing Plan for Your Hospital
- Understanding the Generational Gap
- Creating and Maintaining Your Culture
- Effective Time Management for the Veterinary Professional
- Embracing Conflict



*Amy Newfield is the owner of Veterinary Team Training, which offers online medical leadership education for veterinary professionals. After starting in a rural general practice with one doctor, Amy has worked for almost every business sector, including private, corporate, non-profit, academia, and federal government. After obtaining a master’s degree in leadership and management, she published the award-winning and best-selling books *Oops, I Became a Manager* and *Oops, My Team Is Toxic*. She was recently awarded her fourth Speaker of the Year award for the VMX 2025 Conference. Amy still pulls floor shifts in an ER hospital.*





Practice Management continued.

## Friday

### Phil Richmond, DVM, CAPP, CPHSA, CCFP

- Hunt the Good Stuff: Prioritizing Positive Emotions in Veterinary Medicine
- The Silent Saboteurs: How Psychosocial Hazards Impact Teams (and What to Do About It)
- Thinking 2.0: Improving Resilience and Communication Through Thought Crafting
- Unleash Your Neurologic Superpowers: Capitalizing on Character Strengths in Veterinary Medicine
- Proof Positive: Successful Teams Seek Psych Safety
- Slaying the Stigma: Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder in Veterinary Professionals



*Dr. Phil Richmond is a practicing veterinarian and the founder/CEO of Flourishing Phoenix Veterinary Consultants, LLC. He holds multiple certifications in applied positive psychology, appreciative inquiry, workplace wellbeing, psychological health and safety, trauma-informed workplaces, resilience training, behavior*

*change, and suicide prevention. Dr. Richmond has been awarded the Blue Buffalo Together for Pets Award, FVMA Veterinarian of the Year, the Uncharted Veterinary Community Founder's Award, and was one of three finalists for the 2024 U.S. Bright Minds Veterinary Wellness Champion.*

## Saturday

### Susie Crockett, BS, CVPM

- Lead Like No One's Watching: Influence Without Authority
- Leading from the Inside Out: What No One Tells You About Leadership
- Fetch Some Positivity: Choosing Optimism in Veterinary Medicine to Boost Wellness and Morale
- Professionalism in Veterinary Medicine
- Setting Boundaries to Ensure Success
- Paws and Plan: Mastering Time and Delegation in Veterinary Medicine



*Susie Crockett is a 2006 graduate of Purdue University with a BS degree in organizational communication. She has managed general practice, emergency, low-cost, and specialty hospitals throughout her career. Currently, Susie is the Director of Practice Management for Noah's Animal Hospital, overseeing eight practice managers and*

*operations for nine locations. She is an active member of the Veterinary Hospital Managers Association (VHMA) and earned her CVPM designation in 2009. She served on the CVPM Board for 10 years and currently serves as the secretary on the VHMA Board.*

## Practice Owners

## Saturday

### Christine Staten, DVM, MBA

- You're Ready to Host Externs: The Simple System That Builds Your Culture and Your Talent Pipeline
- What Stage Are You in? The Five Phases of Practice Ownership and Your Roadmap Forward
- Performance Pay for Everyone: Build a Tier System That Attracts Go-Getters and Eliminates the Raise Game



*As a large animal veterinarian and private practice owner, Dr. Christine Staten combines her passion for veterinary medicine with business acumen to help fellow practice owners thrive in this rewarding profession. She is dedicated to nurturing the next generation through mentorship programs for veterinary students and new graduates, ensuring the long-term sustainability of the veterinary field. Dr. Staten earned her DVM degree from Colorado State University and a Master of Business Administration from Louisiana State University.*

## Saturday

### Christopher Onstott

- Dealing with Difficult Employees
- More HR Traps for the Unwary
- Five HR Topics Every Small Business Owner Should Know



*Christopher Onstott, a shareholder at Kronick, focuses on employment litigation and commercial litigation. He has defended employers in employment litigation, including against race, sex, and disability discrimination and harassment claims, as well as wage-and-hour violations. He has also litigated numerous commercial cases, including cases involving misappropriation of trade secrets, product liability, insurance bad faith, and breach of contract claims.*

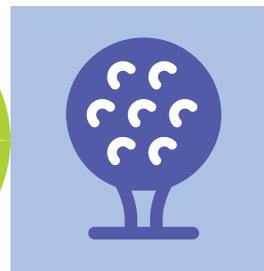
## Sunday

### David McCormick, MS, CVA

- Practice Financial Management 101
- Diagnosing Financial Diseases
- Practice Ownership? Yes, You Can!



*David McCormick, MS, CVA is a veterinary practice appraiser, broker, and transaction specialist with Simmons & Associates. For over 20 years, he has been facilitating successful practice transactions and helping owners improve their practice's profitability. He teaches nationally and internationally on topics ranging from practice value and practice financial health, buying and selling a practice, exit planning, and other practice ownership issues.*





## Shelter Medicine

### Friday

#### Emily McCobb, DVM, MS, DACVAA

- Shelter and Community Medicine Conversations: Convergence and Divergence of Practice, Place, and Purpose in Support of Accessible Veterinary Care (with Drs. Cynthia Karsten and Jena Valdez)
- Is Some Care Better Than No Care? SOC Approaches to Common Conditions for Small Animal Community Practice (Part 1)
- Is Some Care Better Than No Care? SOC Approaches to Common Conditions for Small Animal Community Practice (Part 2)



*Dr. Emily McCobb is a professor of clinical accessible veterinary care, and the PetSmart Charities endowed chair in accessible veterinary care at UC Davis. Prior to joining the faculty at UC Davis, Dr. McCobb was an associate clinical professor of anesthesiology and community medicine at Tufts University's Cummings*

*School of Veterinary Medicine, where she directed the shelter medicine program and on-campus spay/neuter clinic and assisted in opening a low-cost student training clinic, Tufts at Tech. She is a past chair of the American Veterinary Medical Association's Animal Welfare Committee and is a founding member of the editorial board for the Journal of Shelter Medicine and Community Animal Health.*

### Friday

#### Jennifer Bennett, DVM, MS, CAWA

- Understanding Shelter Systems: A Guide for the General Practitioner
- Are You Shelter/Community Medicine-Curious? What You Need to Know to Jump In! (with Dr. Jena Valdez)



*Dr. Jennifer Bennett is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine and a Certified Animal Welfare Administrator. She has worked as a shelter veterinarian in a wide variety of municipal and private organizations, developing shelter medicine and surgery programs, consulting*

*with humane organizations, leading community outreach and HGHVSN clinics, and working with large-scale humane law enforcement cases. Dr. Bennett was the medical director for the city of Seattle and the chief veterinary officer and chief operating officer for the Humane Society of Tacoma and Pierce County. In 2024, she joined the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program as the director of shelter medicine access to care leading the outreach veterinary team, providing support to shelter veterinarians and animal shelters.*

### Friday

#### Jena Valdez, DVM

- Shelter and Community Medicine Conversations: Convergence and Divergence of Practice, Place, and Purpose in Support of Accessible Veterinary Care (with Drs. Emily McCobb and Cynthia Karsten)
- Are You Shelter/Community Medicine-Curious? What You Need to Know to Jump In! (with Dr. Jennifer Bennett)



*Dr. Jena Valdez serves as chief medical officer at the San Francisco SPCA, where she oversees innovative programs designed to deliver affordable, non-judgmental veterinary care. In pioneering the launch of the SF SPCA's Community Veterinary Clinic, located within one of the city's underserved neighborhoods,*

*she continues to advocate for animals and pet owners to provide them with high-quality care within financial reach. Beyond her work in California, Dr. Valdez is also a nationally recognized speaker and advocate for improving access to veterinary care and increasing diversity in veterinary medicine. A graduate of Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Dr. Valdez has extensive experience in private practice, sheltering, and High-Quality, High-Volume Spay/Neuter, and has volunteered countless hours with numerous groups to help meet the needs of underserved communities throughout the mainland U.S. and Hawaii.*

### Friday

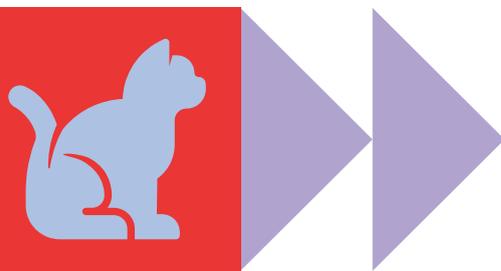
#### Cynthia Karsten, DVM, DABVP (Shelter Medicine Practice)

- Shelter and Community Medicine Conversations: Convergence and Divergence of Practice, Place, and Purpose in Support of Accessible Veterinary Care (with Drs. Emily McCobb and Jena Valdez)
- Caught in the Middle: Navigating the Complex Web of Shelter Medicine



*Dr. Cynthia Karsten serves as an outreach veterinarian with the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program, where she mentors students, interns, and residents while supporting shelter medical staff and leadership. Dr. Karsten graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine*

*and completed both a shelter medicine internship at Colorado State University and residency at UC Davis. She is the lead veterinarian for the Sacramento chapter of The Street Dog Coalition and serves on the boards of Mercer Veterinary Clinic and Compassion Without Borders. Dr. Karsten's work focuses on expanding access to veterinary care and addressing systemic barriers within animal sheltering.*





## In-Person-Only Tracks

*Shelter Medicine continued.*

### Saturday

#### Bruce Wagman, JD

- Ten Most Common Legal Myths in California Veterinary Practice
- Shelter Policy and Legal Services (with Dr. Jennifer Scarlett)



Since 1992, Bruce Wagman has been using his legal degree to protect and save animals and assist those who care for them—from individuals to the largest international animal welfare groups. His experience in animal law is unparalleled. Bruce runs the San Francisco SPCA's Shelter Policy and Legal Services

program, which provides pro bono legal services to over 100 shelters and rescues in California and engages in policy work and projects aimed at increasing access to veterinary care around the state. He also represents numerous animal protection organizations around the country as well as private individuals. His practice covers a broad range of animal-related legal issues, including cases involving animal cruelty, animal rescue, wildlife, and the use of animals in entertainment, legal issues surrounding animal shelters and veterinary care, and animal agriculture/food production. Bruce is the only lawyer running an exclusive animal law practice in a major United States firm, and he focuses on matters that benefit both society and the animals themselves.

### Saturday

#### Jennifer Scarlett, DVM

- Shelter Policy and Legal Services (with Bruce Wagman)
- California's Hidden Animal Welfare Challenge



As chief executive officer of the San Francisco SPCA, Dr. Jennifer Scarlett is responsible for a number of visionary programs, including a coalition that transformed partner shelters in California's Central Valley, veterinary outreach to under-resourced neighborhoods, and Shelter PALS, the first no-cost

legal service designed to resolve structural, policy-based barriers to improved welfare and outcomes for shelter animals. Dr. Scarlett has 20 years of experience in both non-profit and for-profit veterinary medicine. She received her DVM degree from Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine and completed her residency in large animal medicine at the University of Tennessee. In 2011, she was awarded the Meritorious Achievement Award for contributions to the veterinary field by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians.

## Small Animal Surgery

### Thursday

#### Harriet Flynn, MVB, DACVAA

Session titles TBA soon!



Dr. Harriet Flynn earned her veterinary degree from University College Dublin in 2017. From there, Dr. Flynn went into a 12-month equine surgical internship at Harvard University Equine Medical Institute, and then decided to pursue a career in anesthesia. She completed a three-year veterinary anesthesia and critical patient care residency at the University Of California, Davis and obtained board certification in 2021. She currently serves as an assistant professor of surgical and radiological sciences at UC Davis.

### Ophthalmology Friday

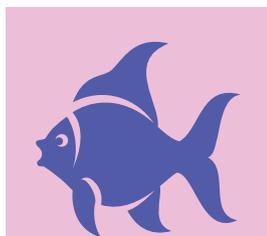
#### Elizabeth Giuliano, DVM, MS, DACVO

- Eyelid Surgery: Maximizing Success for You and Your Patients
- Back to Basics: Are You Sure You Remember How to Examine an Eye to Your Fullest Potential?
- Corneal Ulcers: Simple and Complicated
- Those Repetitive, Repeating, Recurrent, Really Annoying Corneal Ulcers—Need Some Help?
- The Art of Good Referral: Help Us Better Help You
- Enucleation: Why Is This Simple Surgery Never as Easy as the Textbooks Make It Seem?



Dr. Elizabeth Giuliano received her DVM degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, after which she completed a small animal rotating internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. In 1998, she returned to the University of Wisconsin-Madison to complete a comparative ocular pathology fellowship.

She is currently a tenured professor of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at the University of Missouri and the section chief of their comparative ophthalmology service. She is the recipient of numerous teaching/leadership awards, including three Golden Aesculapius Teaching Awards, the Gold Chalk Award, the Dadd Award, Western Veterinary Conference's 2018 "Educator of the Year," and the 2023 Jordan Hoyt Memorial Tribute to Women faculty award. In 2011, she was elected to the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists Board of Regents and served as the ACVO President from 2015-2016.





### Orthopedic Surgery Saturday

**Po-Yen Chou, BVM, MVM, MS, DACVS-SA, Fellow ACVS**

- Top 10 Orthopedic Emergencies in Dogs and Cats: From Triage to Definitive Care
- Canine Hip Dysplasia: From Screening to Surgical Solutions
- Patella Luxation: Beyond Trochleoplasty and TTT
- The Truth Behind “Slowing Down”: Orthopedic and Neurological Diseases in Geriatric Dogs and Cats (with Dr. Vishal Murthy)



*Dr. Po-Yen Chou is a clinical associate professor of the orthopedic surgery service at UC Davis, where he focuses on advanced small animal orthopedic surgery, including total joint replacement, fracture repair, arthroscopy, and minimally invasive techniques.*

*Dr. Chou is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (Small Animal) and an ACVS Fellow in Joint Replacement Surgery. He is an active contributor to veterinary surgery literature and international education, serving as an invited speaker at specialty conferences and as an author for reference resources.*

### Neurosurgery Saturday

**Vishal Murthy, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)**

- The Truth Behind “Slowing Down”: Orthopedic and Neurological Diseases in Geriatric Dogs and Cats (with Dr. Po-Yen Chou)
- Canine Intervertebral Disc Disease in 2026: Updates to Pathophysiology, Prognosis, and Practical Decision-Making



*Dr. Vishal Murthy is an assistant professor of clinical neurology/neurosurgery at UC Davis. His clinical and research interests include applied neuroanatomy and biomarkers of neural function, exotic animal neurology, and neurology education. He also enjoys using his artistic side to educate through medical illustrations.*

*Originally from Toronto, Canada, Dr. Murthy graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College and completed his residency in neurology and neurosurgery at UC Davis.*

### Gastrointestinal Surgery Sunday

**Stephen Jones, MVB, MS, DACVS (Small Animal), DECVS**

- Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus: The Clock Is Ticking



*Dr. Stephen Jones, a native of Ireland, graduated with honors from University College Dublin. He completed internships in Florida, followed by a combined small animal surgery residency and MS at the University of Florida. After serving as an assistant professor of small animal orthopedics at The Ohio State University,*

*Dr. Jones worked in Park City, Utah before joining Omega Veterinary Group in San Mateo, California. Dr. Jones is a diplomate of the ACVS and ECVS, an active researcher, prolific author, and international lecturer with special interests in joint replacement, arthroscopy, minimally invasive fracture repair, and complex orthopedic disease.*

### Minimally Invasive Surgery Sunday

**Caleb Hudson, DVM, MS, DACVS (Small Animal)**

- Laparoscopic Surgery: How This Minimally Invasive Modality Can Be Incorporated into Everyday General Practice
- Tips and Tricks for Managing Wounds and Surgical Site Infections

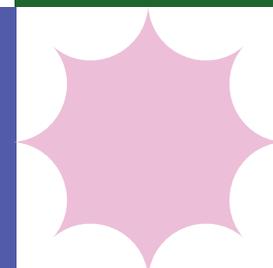
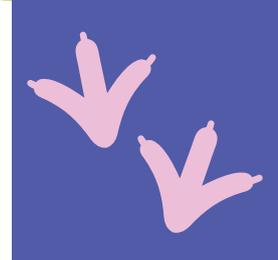
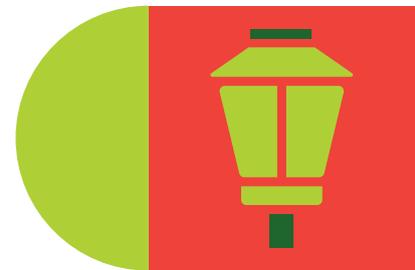


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### Wellness

**Speakers and sessions will be announced soon! Check PacVet.net for the latest updates.**





# Expand Your Skills with One of Our Sponsored Labs!

**Labs at PacVet always fill up fast, and space is limited. Reserve your spot before they sell out!**



## **ERGO TO PERIO: ESSENTIAL DENTAL SKILLS FOR TECHNICIANS AND PATIENTS** (Friday)

Additional registration fee is required: \$250 for CVMA members/\$300 for non-members. Limited to 24 registrants (technicians and veterinarians only).

Understanding how to protect and preserve your body and long-term health is essential in veterinary medicine, particularly in dentistry. This lab will cover common ergonomic challenges faced by veterinary technicians and practical options to improve career longevity. Proper use and maintenance of dental hand instruments will be demonstrated, followed by hands-on practice in sharpening and using instruments, including scaling, root planing, and subgingival curettage. These skills are essential for effectively treating periodontal disease in companion animals. This lab is designed to elevate participants' dental skill set and confidence.



## **BASIC ULTRASOUND LAB** (Friday and Saturday)

Additional registration fee is required: \$450 for CVMA members/\$500 for non-members. Lecture and lab included. Limited to 20 registrants (veterinarians only).

This course is designed for beginners starting out in ultrasound or as a refresher course on the normal limits of the common abdominal anatomy for an abdominal ultrasound examination. The lecture portion of this course will provide the foundation for interpretation on normal organ size and normal echogenicities for each organ and how to identify the liver, spleen, kidneys, urinary bladder, gallbladder and the segments of the gastrointestinal tract. There will also be a discussion on the spectrum of "normal" for our juvenile patients versus our geriatric patients. There will also be case examples of common pathology or processes seen within the abdomen. The lab portion will be practicing the scanning techniques for the "Big 5" (liver, spleen, left and right kidneys, and bladder), along with the general scanning of the gastrointestinal tract.



## **INTERMEDIATE ULTRASOUND LAB** (Friday and Saturday)

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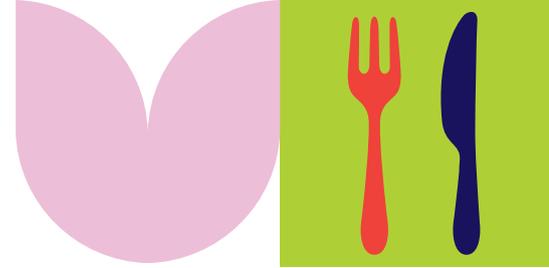
This course is designed for scanners wanting to advance their basic skill set in ultrasound and to image the smaller anatomy within the abdomen. The lecture portion of this course will provide the foundation for interpretation on normal organ size and normal echogenicities for the smaller organs like the pancreas, lymph nodes, and adrenals. There will also be further evaluation of the gastrointestinal tract and tricks for imaging it, along with tricks on how to scan the "deeper" organs like the liver and the head of the spleen. Vascular scanning and mapping will also be discussed. The lab portion will be practicing the scanning techniques for smaller anatomy like pancreas, adrenals, and lymph nodes. There will also be practice in scanning the gastrointestinal tract and identification of all the small bowel and large bowel segments.



For full details, visit Sponsored Labs under the CE Program tab at [PacVet.net](http://PacVet.net).



# ✦ Lunch and Learns



The Pacific Veterinary Conference offers optional sponsored lunch and learns for in-person attendees on Thursday, June 18. **Space is limited**, so reserve your spot now during the registration process!

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A pain point for both buyers and sellers in a practice transition is evaluating the numbers in financial statements. Sellers who have their practice valued might be frustrated if the numbers don't come back as high as they anticipated. For buyers, it's not always intuitive as to why a practice has low numbers; it could be due to staff turnover or other factors, so if you don't evaluate, you might miss out on a fantastic opportunity. The numbers don't lie; however, having a clear understanding of the numbers opens doors to financial success.

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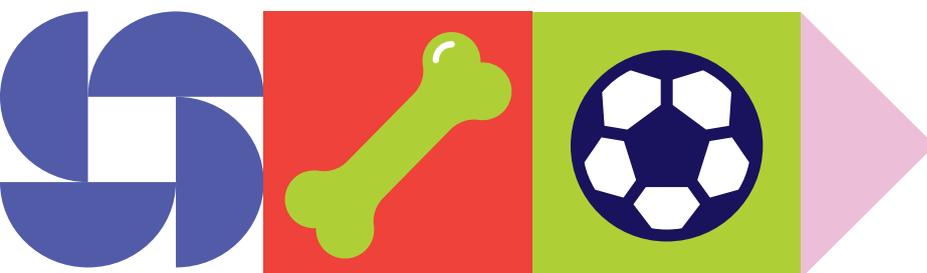
**Thursday, June 18, 2026 | 12:45–1:45 PM**  
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*This session will be viewable on the PacVet mobile platform and is available to virtual PacVet 2026 attendees only.*



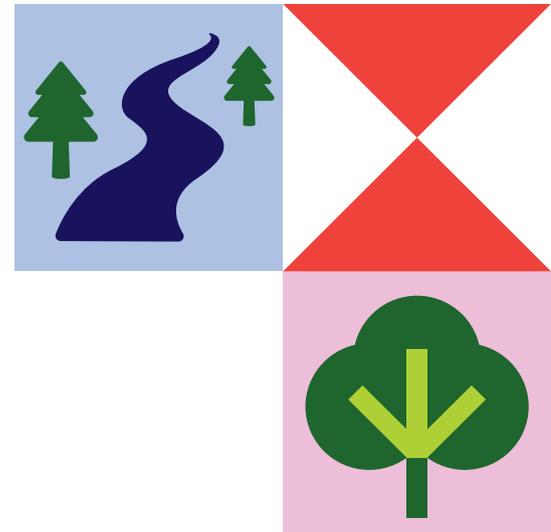
# ◆ Schedule at a Glance

## Thursday, June 18, 2026

- 8:00–9:55 AM ..... Conference Welcome, CVMA Awards, and Keynote Presentation
- 10:15 AM–12:25 PM ..... CE Sessions
- 12:25–1:55 PM ..... Lunch on Your Own OR Sponsored Lunch and Learn
- 1:55–5:30 PM ..... CE Sessions
- 5:30–7:00 PM ..... President’s Reception

## Friday, June 19, 2026

- 8:00–10:25 AM ..... CE Sessions
- 10:25–11:00 AM ..... Break/Exhibit Hall Opens
- 11:00 AM–12:00 PM ..... CE Sessions
- 12:00–1:30 PM ..... Lunch/Raffles in the Vet Expo Hall
- 1:30–3:40 PM ..... CE Sessions
- 3:40–4:15 PM ..... Break
- 4:15–5:30 PM ..... CE Sessions
- 5:30–7:00 PM ..... Technician Fair
- 5:30–7:00 PM ..... Alumni Receptions

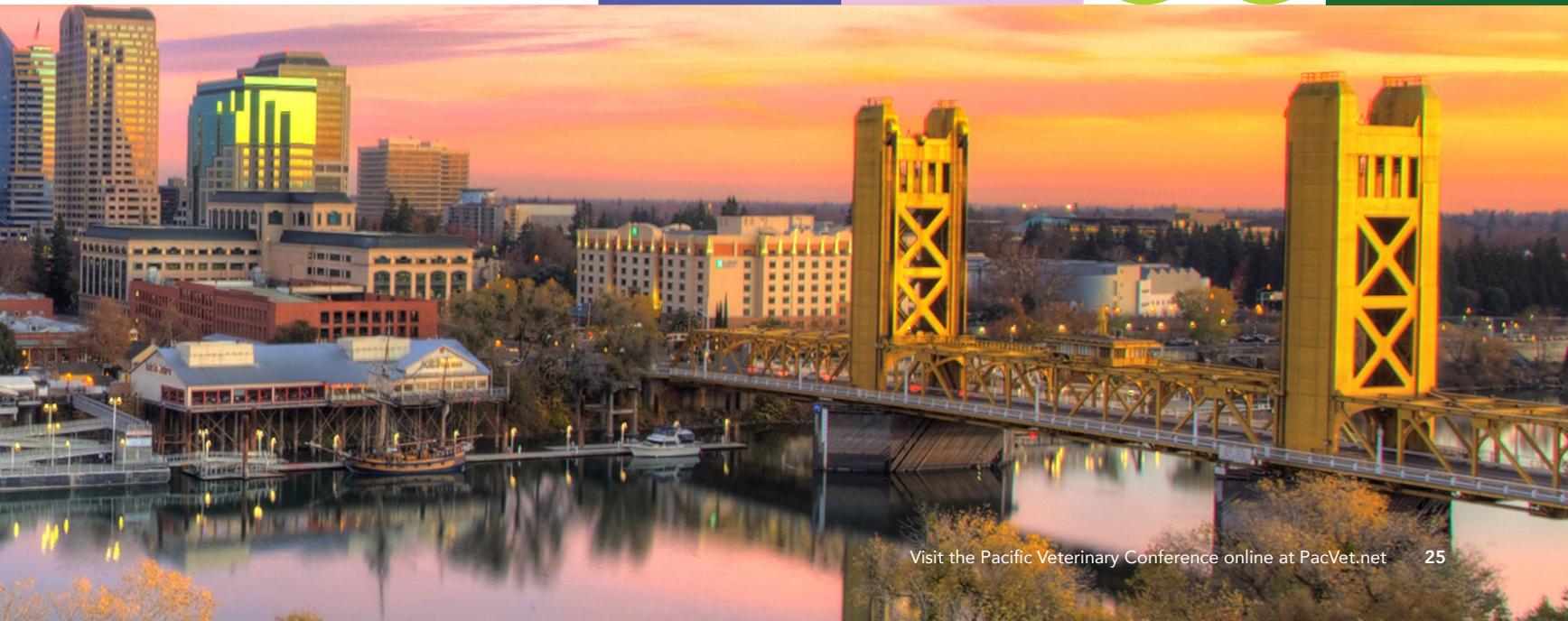


## Saturday, June 20, 2026

- 7:00–8:00 AM ..... Yoga
- 8:00–10:25 AM ..... CE Sessions
- 10:00 AM–2:00 PM ..... Rabies Titer Testing
- 10:25–11:00 AM ..... Break
- 11:00 AM–12:00 PM ..... CE Sessions
- 12:00–1:30 PM ..... Lunch/Raffle in the Vet Expo
- 1:30–3:40 PM ..... CE Sessions
- 3:40–4:15 PM ..... Break
- 4:15–5:30 PM ..... CE Sessions

## Sunday, June 21, 2026

- 8:00 AM–12:05 PM ..... CE Sessions



# ◆ CE Requirements

## California Veterinarians

CE earned at PacVet will be accepted by the California Veterinary Medical Board toward the mandatory 36 hours required every two years for re-licensure.

## California Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs)

CE earned at PacVet will be accepted by the California Veterinary Medical Board toward the mandatory 20 hours required every two years for re-licensure.

## Judicious Use of Medically Important Antimicrobial Drugs CE Requirement

A veterinary licensee must complete a minimum of one credit hour of continuing education on the judicious use of medically important antimicrobial drugs (MIADs) every four years for license renewal.

For licensees renewing in 2026, the one-hour course must be taken within the previous 2024–2026 two-year renewal cycle. The requirement will then follow a four-year cycle of every other renewal cycle thereafter (e.g. renewal in 2030, 2034, etc.).

For licensees renewing in 2027, the one-hour course must be taken within the previous 2025–2027 two-year renewal cycle. The requirement will then follow a four-year cycle of every other renewal cycle thereafter (e.g. renewal in 2031, 2035, etc.).

## Veterinarians and Technicians from Other States

Veterinarians and technicians from outside California should contact their state licensing agency to determine which CE sessions at the Pacific Veterinary Conference qualify for purposes of license renewal in their state.

Additional information on mandatory CE can be found at [cvma.net](http://cvma.net). The California Veterinary Medical Association is a statutorily approved CE provider. Additional documentation is also available at the PacVet Information Desk.

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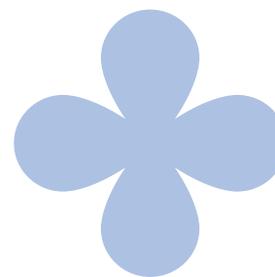
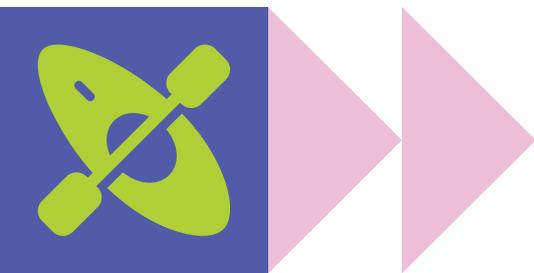
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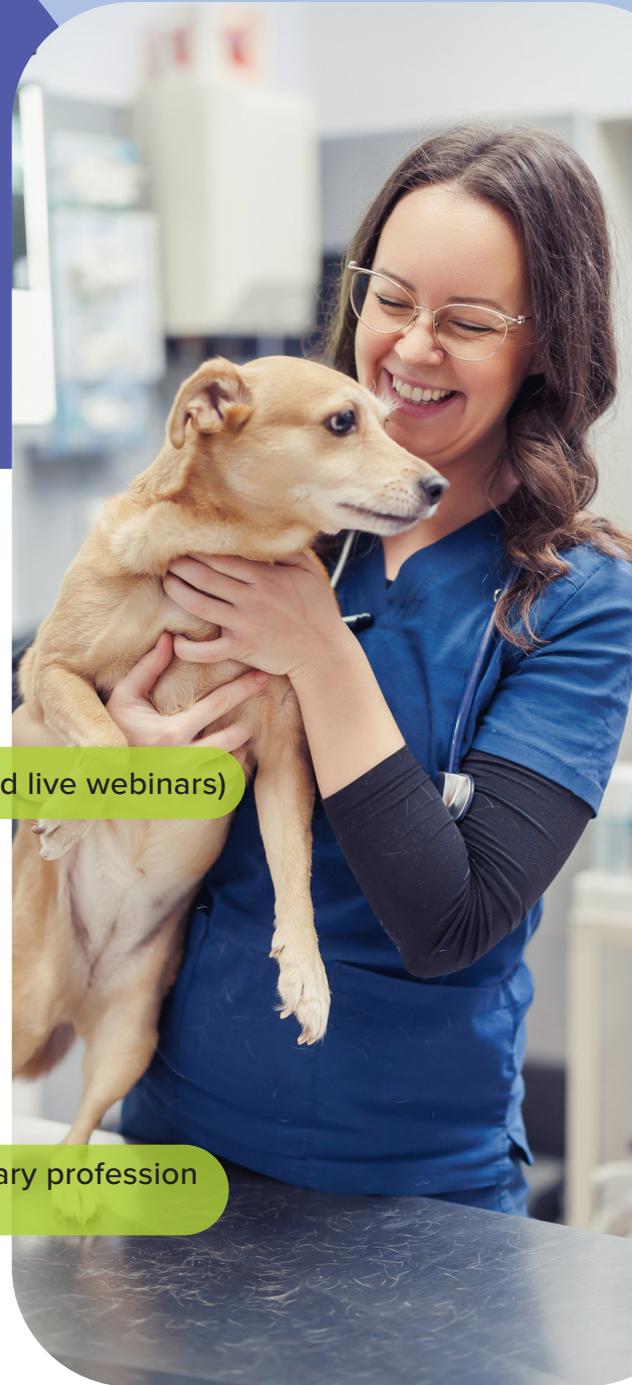
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