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ASSOCIATION**

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT — NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the end of another year, I've found myself reflecting on all that our profession — and our local veterinary community — has accomplished in 2025. From inspiring continuing education events and thoughtful discussions at our meetings, to the everyday work happening quietly in clinics across the city, I continue to be amazed by the compassion, adaptability, and commitment that define San Francisco's veterinary professionals.

The holiday season often reminds us how deeply intertwined our work and our well-being can be. It's a time when our hospitals are full, our clients are traveling, and our patients are finding new ways to surprise us (often with holiday treats that weren't meant for them!). I hope that amidst the busy season, you find moments to slow down, to rest, and to celebrate the connections that make this community so special.

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank our SFVMA Board members for their time, ideas, and dedication this year. Their volunteer efforts are what keep this organization vibrant and forward-moving. From organizing speakers and events to supporting advocacy and mentorship, their behind-the-scenes work ensures that the SFVMA continues to serve as a resource and gathering point for all of us.

As we look ahead to 2026, I'm excited for the opportunities to come- new educational offerings, fresh collaborations, and continued support for one another in the ever-evolving world of veterinary medicine. Thank you for being part of this incredible community, and for all you do each day for your patients, clients, and colleagues.

Wishing you a joyful and restorative holiday season,

Emily Adamson, DVM

President, San Francisco Veterinary Medical Association



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

"EXPECTATIONS AND MANAGEMENT FOLLOWING CHEMOTHERAPY"

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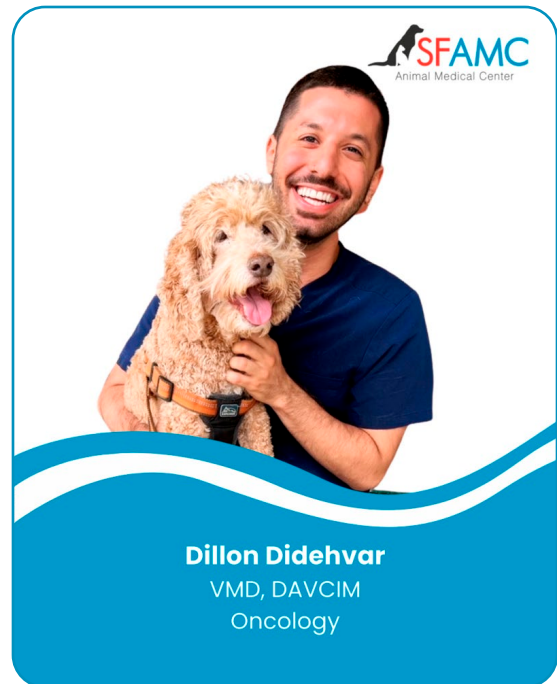
SFAMC and The Farmer's Dog

SPEAKER:

Dillon Didehvar VMD, DAVCIM Oncology

Originally from suburban Delaware, **Dr. Didehvar** (he/him/his) earned his undergraduate degree in animal science at Virginia Tech. He then moved to Philadelphia, where he attended University of Pennsylvania (PennVet) for veterinary school. Dr. Didehvar subsequently completed a one-year general medicine and surgery rotating internship at the Animal Medical Center (AMC) in New York City. Following his passion for cancer treatment, he completed a one-year speciality internship in oncology clinical trials, followed by a three-year medical oncology residency at PennVet.

After completing his residency and achieving board certification, Dr. Didehvar moved to San Francisco to escape the cold winters and explore the outdoors. Dr. Didehvar is particularly interested in treatment of lymphoma/leukemia, anal sac tumors, osteosarcoma, with a focus on patient comfort and quality of life. Outside of work, he enjoys thrift shopping, world travel, leisure reading, and good food.



Dillon Didehvar
VMD, DAVCIM
Oncology

(Agenda, Menu and RSVP info on page 3)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Please RSVP with your Meal Choice via the SFVMA website
by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14! www.sfvma.net/rsvp

AGENDA

- 6:15 – 7:00 pm Check-in and Hors d'oeuvres
- 7:00 – 7:30 pm SFVMA Announcements /
Updates / Dinner Starts
- 7:30 – 8:30 pm CE Lecture

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

March 19 ▪ **June 18**
September 10 ▪ **November 19**

DINNER MENU

HOR D'OEUVRES

- Prosciutto Wrapped Prawns
- Char Siu Pork Belly — bahn mi style
- Pear, Brie, & Caramelized Onion Flatbread (V)

FIRST — (choose one)

- Boom Boom Ahi Nachos — mango, jalapeño, avocado purée, boom boom sauce, taro chips
- Chef's Seasonal Whipped Burrata Salad — watermelon radish, citrus, herb vinaigrette
- Vegan Chef's Seasonal Salad (V)

COFFEE AND TEA AVAILABLE
CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE

MAIN COURSE — (choose one)

- Miso Glazed Chilean Sea Bass — dashi consommé, floating vegetables & udon noodles
- 14 oz. Center Cut Boneless Ribeye — bone marrow butter, wild mushrooms, mashed potatoes, Pommery sauce
- Roasted Beet Sirloin (Plant Based) — wild mushrooms, farmer's market vegetables, thunder sauce, barley furikake dust (V)

DESSERT — (choose one)

- Assorted Fruit Sorbets — passion fruit sauce (V)
- Triple Chocolate Mousse Cake — fresh berries
- Signature Butter Cake — charred pineapple, salted caramel ice cream, chocolate sauce

Remember: The Association pays for uneaten meals. If you have RSVP'd and will not be able to make it, we need you to send in your cancellation **no later than Monday, November 17.**

(Topic and Speaker info on page 2)

MEETING SPONSORS

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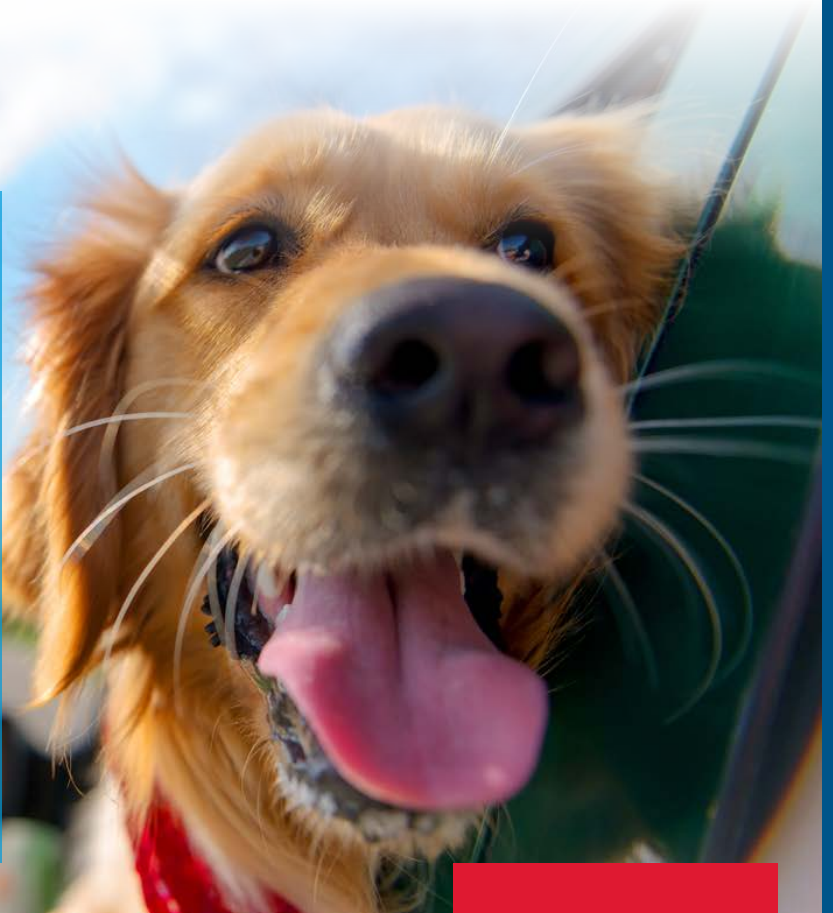


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In order to continue to support our charitable and scholarship funds, and generally maintain the organization (with keeping dues payments reasonable), the Board will continue to seek sponsorships that help to cover the costs of our programs.

If you are interested in sponsoring a future meeting,
please contact **Emily Adamson:**
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CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The SFVMA Board will consider charitable grants to organizations that support the care and welfare of animals in our community and promote the veterinary profession.

Please contact
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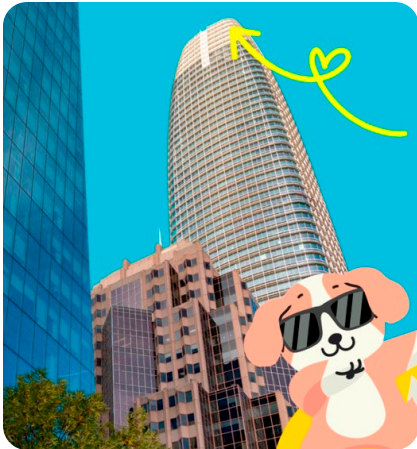




SFAfA

SAN FRANCISCO AID *for* ANIMALS

SFAfA SECOND ANNUAL PENTHOUSE PAWTY



Friday, November 14, 2025
6 – 8 pm

Top Floor of the Salesforce Tower

We look forward to seeing you all there!

TAUBER FUND FOR ANIMALS (TFA)

As we approach the end of 2025 we want to remind all our partner hospitals that there are still Tauber funds available for use. Access to these funds is on a first come, first serve basis and is earmarked for higher-cost cases, with a maximum of \$4,000/case and a hospital maximum of \$10,000/year. The TFA match requirement is a minimum of 25%. Our case criteria are the same for all SFAfA cases. There must be a likely good prognosis, the client is facing extreme financial hardship, there is a possibility of euthanasia or surrender or there is a severe compromise of quality of life. If you have any questions about whether a case meets our criteria, please feel free to reach out anytime. Please check our website for the fund balance before offering a Tauber grant to a client.

Please watch for our Update Emails. We will continue to send one to two emails per quarter to all of our member hospitals and veterinarians, with reminders of your GIA balance, a link to the Tauber Fund and any new program information. If you have questions about your balance or you didn't receive an email, please let us know. If you have any questions about our different grant programs, our guidelines, fund availability or a specific case eligibility, please reach out to us anytime.

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MEET IRIS



"Iris" is a 6 year old torti who ingested a string foreign body. She was seen on emergency at our member hospital VEG in Larkspur in September. The cost to surgically remove the foreign body was more than her mom could afford.

But with the help of a grant from SFAfA, Iris was able to have a gastrotomy to remove the string, and she is back at home and doing well.

Thanks to everyone at VEG Larkspur for helping "Iris" and to all of you who support SFAfA, enabling us to do this important and life-saving work.

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Interested in advertising with the San Francisco Veterinary Medical Association?



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SUBMITTING REQUESTS TO SFAfA

HAVE A FAMILY WHO CAN'T AFFORD THE CARE FOR THEIR PRECIOUS ANIMAL?

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Go to www.sfafa.org



Select 'For Providers' and 'Funding Request Forms' (Password: sfafa)



Complete the GIA or Tauber form online



Scan and email invoices showing in-kind donation to requests@sfaidforanimals.org



SFAfA reviews and confirms application and then has a check issued



Hospital receives grant from Community Initiatives and receipt for donated services

SFAfA Grant Examples

General Guidelines

(GIA and Tauber Funds are available for any case, please use all of your funds)

- 1 The pet must have an urgent need for medical care.
- 2 The case has a good prognosis.
- 3 If it's a long term problem, the clinic must be able to provide ongoing care.
- 4 Your client must have exhausted all other financial options.
- 5 Your hospital will provide a matching or greater discount/donation of in-kind services
- 6 Your client must reside in, or have significant connection to, the San Francisco Bay Area.

Condition Examples

(List is not all inclusive. Please reach out to us with any questions!)

- Infectious diseases (Parvo virus, feline panleukopenia, influenza, anaplasmosis...
- Hepatitis / Liver Disease
- Gastro-enteritis, hemorrhagic gastro-enteritis, inflammatory bowel disease
- Acute Pancreatitis
- Respiratory disease
- Abscesses
- Blood transfusions if good prognosis
- Immune mediated thromocytopenia
- Corneal ulcers
- Skin conditions (Demodex, scabies,...)
- Toxin exposure
- Initial workup for any condition with good prognosis
- Cushings Disease
- Feline urinary obstruction
- Fractured bones
- Trauma cases (hit by car, fire...)
- Amputations
- Skin tumors
- Wound repair
- Skin grafts
- Severe dental disease
- Enterotomy
- Cruciate ligament repair, TPLO, Back Surgery
- Lens luxations
- Pyometra

SFVMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Veterinary Students

We will offer a scholarship to one UC Davis veterinary student and one Western Veterinary student in 2025. Applications are typically accepted between **October and December annually** as determined by the college.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be currently enrolled in the veterinary program at UC Davis or Western University
- Current or former employment with an SFVMA member
- Must be able to prove employment with member

CONTACT FOR UC DAVIS VET. STUDENTS

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External Relations Manager
hher@ucdavis.edu

RVT Students

To support and encourage RVTs in San Francisco, the SFVMA has established a scholarship program for students enrolled in an accredited RVT program. We will award \$1,000 to two candidates who are currently or have previously worked in the practice of an SFVMA member, and have a stated desire to return to SF after graduation.

Submissions should include a personal statement from the student, a letter of recommendation from the veterinarian, and proof of enrollment at an accredited RVT program. The deadline for applications is **May 1 annually**.

Questions should be sent to
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**If you haven't already
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becoming a CVMA member.**

The CVMA defends your right to practice by actively representing the veterinary profession on proposed federal and state legislation and regulations at the legislature and the Veterinary Medical Board.

<https://cvma.net/membership/>



LETTER FROM ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

Dear Practice Owners/Managers,

Thank you for being part of the San Francisco animal community and caring for the many pets in our City.

We understand that this is a demanding time for veterinary practices. We are writing to remind you that the San Francisco Health Code requires that all rabies vaccination information for dogs must be reported to the Department of Animal Care and Control within 30 days of administration.

To maintain compliance please submit copies of your rabies information to **acc.rabies@sfgov.org** by the 5th of every month. Attached is a sample spreadsheet containing the required information. If your system is unable to produce a report, please provide a pdf version of your rabies certificates. The rabies certificates must contain the following fields:

Owner — Last Name	Animal — Name
Owner — First Name	Animal — Sex
Owner — Email Address	Animal — Breed
Owner — Street Address 1	Animal — Date of Birth
Owner — City Name	Animal — Coat Color
Owner — State or Province Name	Animal — Microchip Number
Owner — Zip / Postal Code	Animal — Date Rabies Given
Owner — Primary Phone	Animal — Rabies Due Date
	Animal — Rabies Serial / Lot #
	Animal — Rabies Manufacturer

Dog licensing is required by law as part of our rabies control program. Licensing also remains an essential tool in returning lost pets to their guardians. It also helps SFACC determine where to focus our outreach and emergency planning efforts.

The city is currently using licenses made by Pet Hub (**www.pethub.com**) that include a QR code where the basic plan enables anyone who finds a dog to scan the code and obtain owner-supplied information about the pet and its family, speeding reunification. Last fiscal year, SFACC reunited 54% of stray dogs with their owners through our lost and found programs.

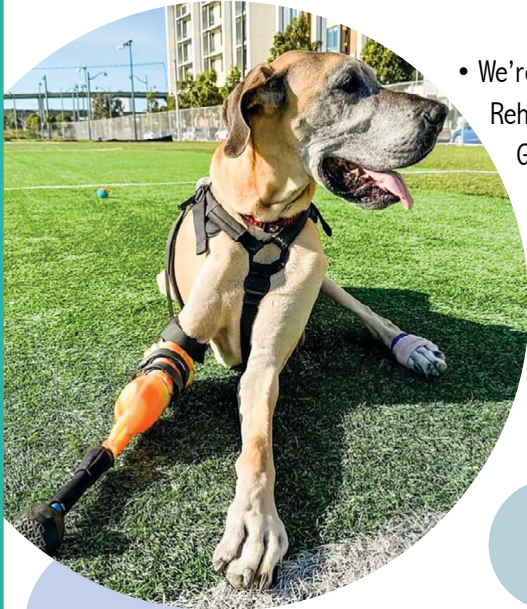
Licensing can now be done online at **sfanimalcare.org/services/licensing-your-pet**

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this important health and safety issue.

Virginia Donohue

Director, San Francisco Animal Care and Control

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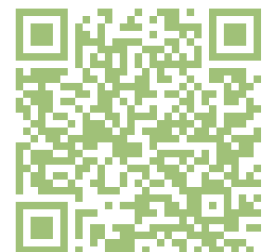
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want to do something that saves lives, feels good and helps your community? Then volunteer to help animals when disasters strike in California!



Thousands of animals need care during and after disasters. Some 63% of California households

have pets, including an estimated 10 million pet cats, nine million dogs, and one million horses. Other pets, farm animals, and wildlife also need assistance during and after disasters like earthquakes, floods, and wildfires.

Veterinary professionals are vital to animals during disasters. The mission of the California Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps (CAVMRC) is to provide veterinary professionals with the training and credentialing necessary to support animal health and public health.

Deployment is always voluntary. Volunteers get involved at whatever level works for them – assistants are needed as well as leaders, part-time responders are as welcome as those who can help out for a week or two, plus there are ongoing roles in areas such as planning and disaster response. Volunteer participation can be a matter of life or death for rescued animals and means the world to the owners of those animals.

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE CAVMRC

The CAVMRC provides veterinary professionals:

- Credentialing necessary to support animal health and public health emergency response.
- Continuing education and training opportunities that allow you to strengthen your skills to better serve your practice, your community and our state.
- Networking and information sharing opportunities with veterinary team members across the state.

WHO CAN JOIN THE CAVMRC?

You don't need any prior disaster response experience or training to join the CAVMRC. The entire veterinary practice team is welcome, including:

- Veterinarians
- Registered veterinary technicians
- Veterinary assistants, office managers and all support staff members
- Students in veterinary medical programs
- Retired veterinary professionals with a current license

PROGRAM AFFILIATION

The CVMA registered the CAVMRC as a unit of the Medical Reserve Corps under the California Emergency Medical Services Agency and works in cooperation with local, statewide, and national agencies. The CVMA has played an important role in preparing for and responding to disasters in California since 1994 and builds on this experience with this new affiliation.

For more information visit the CAVMRC website:

cvma.net/resources/disaster-response-program-2/california-veterinary-medical-reserve-corps-cavmrc/

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Veterinary Street Outreach Services (VET SOS) is recruiting volunteers— DVMs and veterinary assistant/technicians — for its monthly mobile clinics serving the companion animals of homeless San Franciscans. Visit www.vetsos.org for more information, including upcoming clinic dates. Support the human-animal bond in this vulnerable population and work with outstanding volunteers from all over the Bay Area!

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Email: vetsos@sfccc.org

Volunteer Vet Techs Needed at PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support)

PAWS mission is to preserve, support and nurture the human-animal bond for those most vulnerable in our community, low-income San Francisco residents who are seniors (over 60 years old) and/or persons living with a disability, with pet food and vet care, among its services.

Volunteer Vet Techs assist one of our licensed Volunteer Veterinarians with exams and nail trims at our Ask The Vet consultations. Our vet exam room is located in the PAWS building in the Mission neighborhood of San Francisco.

Volunteer Vet Techs do not need to be licensed vet techs, but must have a minimum of one year experience working in a veterinary environment, and feel comfortable performing animal restraint and animal handling tasks within a limited clinic environment.

Please contact Program Coordinator, Volunteer Services,
Walter Campbell for more information and to apply to volunteer:

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