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# Bullhorn Newsletter



Northern San Joaquin Veterinary Medical Association  
Serving the Veterinary Community of Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties Since 1942

## Upcoming Local CE

January 27, 28 2012

Dental Lab Advanced Procedures—Dr. Tony Woodward

Feb 9 2012 Modesto & Stockton  
Merck Tick Dz

Feb 28, 29 Modesto & Stockton  
Vaccines: Fact vs Emotions sponsored Boehringer-Ingelheim

May 8 Gallettos Bayer: Parasitology

Bayer—more RVT lunches TBA

Dechra—spring w/ Dr. Cannon

### Volunteer Executive Board 2012

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## Year in Review 2011

TWENTY, yes, 20! hours of locally delivered Continuing Education units were available to NSJVMA Members in 2011! If you are not receiving these invitations, send us your fax number or (preferred & more reliable) your email address to nsjvma@gmail.com. THANK YOU to our VOLUNTEERS Lori Lenihan DVM of Lander, and Tim McDaniel RVT of Waterford Pet Hospital, for donating their time and energies to coordinating these dinners, lunches, weekend seminars and wet labs with our sponsors to make these opportunities available to YOU our local veterinary community. Remember RVTs MUST have CE to renew their licenses!

## 2012

NSJVMA is continuing the momentum with providing regular quality local CE for 2012. Dentist Dr. Tony Woodward is leading an advanced techniques wet lab designed to continue and expand on the wet lab NSJVMA hosted in 2010, although if you missed the prior lab you may still attend this year. These labs are for DVM only as the techniques taught are considered “oral surgery”. The lab will be offered twice, Friday or Saturday afternoon January 27 and 28. Watch your emails for more information. Limited to first 16 paid registrants.

Merck and Boehringer-Ingelheim have committed to sponsor dinners in February. Merck’s dinner, February 9 in Modesto, will be covering Tick prevalence and disease distribution. Boehringer-Ingelheim will be sponsoring “Vaccines: Fact vs Fiction” in both Modesto and Stockton on February 28 & 29.

Bayer is hosting a dinner May 8 and is planning more RVT lunch & learns, and –not to be left out- Dechra is sponsoring local favorite dermatologist Dr. Andrea Cannon to speak in March.

Don’t YOU be left out and send your email and dues today!

### THANK YOU 2011 SPONSORS

Dairy: Pfizer, Intervet-Schering Plough, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Novartis, Multi-Min  
Small Animal: Boehringer-Ingelheim, Dechra, Royal Canin, Dechra, Elanco-Lilly, Bayer, Merial, MWI, Roadrunner—Be nice to these Reps!!

### Time to Pay Your Dues

Dues paid annually

#### INDIVIDUAL

Veterinarian \$175 / year  
RVT / Staff \$50 / year

#### HOSPITAL (INCLUDE ALL STAFF)

\$250 per veterinarian

examples: 1 doctor practice = \$250 for DVM plus all staff

3 doctor practice = (\$250\*3)= \$750 for 3 DVMs and all staff

Please Mail Your Check to:

**NSJVMA PO Box 5257, Modesto CA 95352**

*Do you have a special project, interest or charitable organization which needs more money or veterinary volunteers? Let us know about you at nsjvma@gmail.com*

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### Meeting between Public Shelter and Local Veterinarians

The Stanislaus County Animal Shelter has a new name to reflect its new management structure. Now called the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency (SASA) governed by a Board under a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) agreement between the County and Cities of Modesto, Ceres, Patterson, Waterford, and Hughson. The new Shelter leadership recently met with local veterinarians, hospital managers and Supervisors DeMartini and Withrow to discuss current events and policies. The following list is in response to some questions raised during this meeting:

- \*Sick or contagious animals are never intentionally adopted out, except for mild respiratory illnesses, in which cases appropriate antibiotics may be sent home with the new owner.
- \*Parvo has improved but continues to be an insidious problem at the new shelter as it remains a common problem in the community, and the shelter simply reflects our community.
- \*"Money Back" return to Adoptees whose pet becomes seriously ill due to Shelter exposure.
- \* Vaccine Clinics are offered to the Public at the Shelter the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month plus 1 Saturday. The public vaccine clinics offered throughout the county in years past are discontinued, though "canvassing" continues to enforce licensing.

Would you like to talk directly with the Director of the Stanislaus Animal Shelter? Director Annette Patton wants to talk to you if you have a question or concern about the Shelter- call her at 342-1740 or contact county veterinarian Dr. Kwane Stewart 342-1741, stewartk@stancounty.com. If YOU have a question or concern, they encourage YOU to contact them directly or let NSJVMA know if you would like to attend an evening group meeting. Also, County Veterinarian Kwane Stewart wrote a comprehensive letter covering the transition from the old shelter to the new facility and an update about the new facility which is available in its entirety at our web site NSJVMA.com.

### MODESTO COUNTY SHELTER TO THE DOGS!

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- Friends of Modesto Dog Park
- SASA is in continuing need of Foster Homes. Donations may be sent to: Friends of Modesto Dog Park, Adopt from the Shelter - Stanislaus Community Foundation #153, P.O. Box 577614, Modesto 95357

**SAVED**—525-4760 savedspay.com The privately owned, non-profit low cost spay and neuter facility is available to alter the pets of the most-needy in Stanislaus County. Located next to the new Animal Shelter off Crowslanding, local veterinary owners Drs. O'Brien and Brooks promise to verify income eligibility of all clients, restricting their procedures to strictly spay/neuter (with minor humane procedures at the time of surgery only). Refer your destitute clients to this business for their population control surgeries. SAVED does not receive any government financial support (other than rent waiver), does not hold vaccine clinics and doesn't sell flea products—in other words, they are NOT competing with "normal" practices.

**Project X** 988-7729 has spayed / neutered over 10,000 dogs & cats in 14 local practices and still counting!! Reduced rates for low income or feral status w/ ear crop.

Lander's **Turlock Spay & Neuter** alters between 20-50 pets every week at competitive rates. 216-0322

**NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
 NSJVMA  
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Your SIGNATURE constitutes acceptance to be bound by the rules of NSJVMA

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

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HOSPITAL AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

**IF HOSPITAL MEMBERSHIP PLEASE LIST DOCTORS AND RVTS (CE confirmation)**

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**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

Dues paid annually

<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	Veterinarian \$175 / year	RVT /or Staff \$50 / year
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**HOSPITAL (INCLUDES ALL STAFF)** \$250 per veterinarian

Please talk to us about which category might best fit your needs.

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### **On-Line Client Referral & Information**

Visit the renovated NSJVMA website to check out YOUR information available to the public. Let us know if you want something added or changed—or do it yourself—the website is designed to encourage members to update their own information, but please ask if you need help or send your information to nsjvma@gmail.com and we'll update your information for you. Do you have a local special interest link? Send this information to us and we'll add it to the website too!

### **Do YOU sign Health Certificates?**

Do you know your National Accreditation number? Do you know your renewal date and what you must document prior to renewal? If not, you may not be within the NEW Federal requirements—Remember it takes MORE than a California License to sign Health Certificates and process pets for International Travel—Call USDA 916-854-3950 or [linda.craig@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:linda.craig@aphis.usda.gov).

### **Help Wanted / Offered**

**Sue Olivas DVM (UCD '89)—Small animal Relief  
667-9336, 872-0487 [susanolivas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanolivas@sbcglobal.net)**

- **Hayden Webster DVM Large or Small Relief  
[hbwebster@gmail.com](mailto:hbwebster@gmail.com) 406-320-0067**
- **Full Time DVM WANTED at VCA Old River  
Animal Hospital in Tracy 835-5166 Sylvia**
- **Julie Haynes at MJC is looking for instructors  
call her for more info 575-6872**

CVMA needs an Emergency Coordinator for Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties (Drs. Bonifacio and Fox will continue in this capacity until filled).

**NSJVMA needs the help with the following areas:**

**CVMA House of Delegates member**

**Executive Secretary (please ask what this entails)**

Do you have a new Associate? Need a new Associate or RVT? Providing a new Service? Personal news you wish to share?