



Fall
2011

Bullhorn Newsletter

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

Upcoming Local CE

Sept 8 Royal Canin hosts dinner
Dr. Andrea Cannon Dermatologist
Gallettos Modesto

Sept 21 LUNCH
Dr. Carlos Rodriquez
UCD Oncologist
Vintage Gardens members only

Oct 10—Large Animal Ultrasound Learning Lab Seminar

Oct 17 Elanco Lilly hosts dinner
Legalities of OTC markets
Gallettos Modesto

October 19 LUNCH Bret Dickerson Labor Attorney Q&A
Vintage Gardens Modesto members only

November 17 Social & Dinner
Dr. David Wilson, Director VMTH
Vintage Gardens Modesto

January 2012 Dental Lab
Dr. Tony Woodward

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CVMA Delegate Open

Annual Membership Dinner & Social

November 17 2011, Thursday

Every year NSJVMA hosts a dinner speaker selected to be a little more interesting to the BROADER veterinary community for our November General Membership meeting. Someone who's not strictly small or large animal—someone we might persuade our SPOUSES to join us and find interesting. Some years are better than others, and THIS YEAR should be great!

Dr. David Wilson, Director of the Teaching Hospital at UC Davis

has agreed to share the evening with us and talk about the recent happenings at UC Davis. This will include an update on the AVMA accreditation inspections in early November, as well as shifts in patient loads, new treatments and future plans. Dr. Wilson's research interest has included immunology, infectious disease and clinical pharmacology, especially as it relates to horses.

Come early to enjoy appetizers and beverages. The evening begins at 5:30 pm at the Vintage Gardens in Modesto. This facility was selected for its beautiful outdoor space, gourmet reputation and convenience to 99. There should be ample time to visit with old friends, meet new colleagues and thoroughly relax before settling in for an informative and interesting talk by Dr. Wilson. Buffet dinner will be available by 6:30, presentation 7-8 pm with dessert and coffee to follow.

Of course our annual membership dinner wouldn't be complete without some business to conduct, including a brief review of the year, officer elections and a tour of our new website.

Please mark your calendars to join us for this relaxing night of good food, great company, interesting information (and 1 CE unit). RSVP directly to 523-6069 or NSVJMA@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Dues paid annually

New & renewing members welcome to pay at the November Meeting to include the following year.

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

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

NSJVMA

Meeting considered between Public Shelter and Local Veterinarians

Stanislaus County Animal Shelter Facility was visited by Dr. John Shaner and Supervisor Terry Withrow. While the new building was impressive, they found some of the same problems with sanitation, understaffing and overcrowding as the old facility. Dr. Shaner is concerned that these same practices could lead to the same problems with infectious disease, low adoptions and high euthanasia rates as before. Dr. Shaner and Supervisor's Withrow's visit highlights some of the communication issues local veterinarians have experienced with the shelter. Dr. Shaner has suggested the local veterinary community and the leaders from the Public Shelter meet on a regular basis—at least annually—to discuss what is happening inside the Shelter and how the local veterinary community can help.

CE now available during Lunch

Carlos Rodriguez DVM PhD will share his insights on how to get the most out of your tumor biopsy, doing what you can prior to referral and other insights from the Oncology Service at UC Davis, September 21.

Brett Dickerson, Attorney at Gianelli & Associates in Modesto, will share his experiences of the most self-destructive mistakes employers can make when managing their employees (real life examples—and of course names will be changed to protect the stupid).

These lunches are designed to be more relaxed and informal than our dinners, though still worth 1 hour of CE. Attendees are encouraged to come at 12:00 to order lunch and find your seat so the meeting can be started promptly at 12:30. Please RSVP directly to NSJVMA@gmail.com or 523-6069 limited to the first 18 members. Vintage Gardens is at 4342 Dale Road near Kaiser in Modesto (545-9232) Palendale exit off 99

Finance Committee

Drs. Sessa, Wetmore, Quinley and Paul Wallace meet regularly to discuss how best to spend our ample reserve fund. Some of the NSJVMA contributions being considered:

NSJVMA Scholarship Program is being developed by the Finance Committee. Rules to ensue fair selection are under consideration, as are limits and guidelines determining how much to give. Recipients may include local high school or college, RVT candidates or DVM students. **HC Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund** has been permanently transferred to UC Davis for recipient selection and management of the funds.

High School Agriculture & Science Teacher Guidance NSJVMA is facilitating a roundtable-style meeting with local Ag & Science Leaders at the High School level, with Admissions Officers of UC Davis and Western University to ensure the advice our local students are receiving is current and helpful to those seeking a career in veterinary medicine.

Community Dog Parks are becoming more popular in our area—Modesto Dog Parks has found renewed interest this past year, as well as off-leash parks in Turlock, Oakdale and Newman. NSJVMA has donated in the past to dog park development and is considering more donations.

LOW COST SPAY & NEUTER

Several low cost spay & neuter programs are helping cut their way to lower euthanasia rates in our Central Valley.

Project X has 11 hospital participating and has altered over 10,000 animals to date in private practices at reduced prices based on income.

Non-profit Alley Cat Guardians of Modesto, with new director Eva Kennedie, has altered over 5000 cats since opening last year—they are always welcoming additional volunteers to help out.

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

SAVED—the publically subsidized low cost spay & neuter—is also busy spaying & neutering and performing reduced cost medical procedures on privately owned pets -

Do you know of any other reduced cost programs in our area?

NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION NSJVMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

DVM	
RVT/Staff	
Hospital	

Types of Animals / Procedures or Interests (please circle)
 DOGS CATS DAIRY BEEF SMALL RUMINANT
 LLAMA AVIAN POULTRY EQUINE REPTILES
 BOARDING GROOMING ORTHOPEDIC SPECIALTY

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

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

EMAIL _____

WEBPAGE _____

HOSPITAL AFFILIATION _____ SPONSOR _____

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

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Improved Client Referral Service

Major renovation of the NSJVMA website is underway to allow improved referral options to our members. Pet Owners will soon be able to search by “key word” to locate the best Veterinarian for their needs. Watch your email for notice of when you can access to update or change your information to best fit your practice style and services. NSJVMA.com

Interested In Politics?

CVMA still needs someone to attend local political events on their behalf. CVMA will make the donation—all you need to do is enjoy the dinner or reception and introduce yourself to our local law maker ——— if you are interested in the details, call Lori Genter at CVMA.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Alley Cat Guardians needs additional surgeons to spay / neuter cats;

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

CVMA House of Delegates member for NSJVMA

San Joaquin Representative for NSJVMA

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