



“Wet & Cold Can Be Warm and Fuzzy”

Recent Cases from The Marine Mammal Center

The January meeting of the Peninsula VMA is traditionally a social gathering of members and guests. To kick off our new year 2011, we will be informed and entertained by **Dr. Bill Van Bonn**, Director of Veterinary Sciences at the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito.

Bill is a 1986 Michigan State grad with extensive experience in marine mammal medicine. During his tour of duty with the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, he was assigned to the U.S. Navy’s Marine Mammal Program in San Diego for four years. Following that term, he spent another 11 years there as a civilian and Managing Veterinarian for Research and Advanced Clinical Technologies.

In 2005, Dr. Van Bonn became Senior Director for Animal Health at the renowned Shedd Aquarium in Chicago where he provided oversight for more than 25,000 animals of over 2,500 species.

Dr Van Bonn joined **The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito** in May 2009 and was appointed their Director of Veterinary Services last October.

Dr. Bonn’s professional interests are mainly preventive medicine and clinical veterinary services for aquatic animals, especially marine mammals. He is a past President of the International Assn for Aquatic Animal Medicine and is also an invited member of the Ethics and Governance Committee of the World Aquatic Veterinary Medicine Assn.

Dr. Bonn holds Assistant Clinical Professor status at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and is the author of numerous scientific articles and several book chapters.

If ever you’ve wondered how something wet and cold could seem warm and fuzzy, here’s the man who can tell you.

A Special Election will be held!
Come support your new officers

Join the fun on January 25th!

PVMA members are free, guests are \$45 for dinner and entertainment.
Such a deal!

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January 25, 2011

Directions for the meeting venue:

The January meeting will be held at **The Vans Restaurant** in Belmont which is located at **815 Belmont Avenue**, west off El Camino Real, up the hill. There is parking adjacent and also across the street to the west.

6:30pm for drinks, 7:00pm for dinner and program.

Epidemiology Corner

Charlene Edinboro, DVM PhD

Happy New Year! Let's start 2011 on a light note... Here's the link to a blog entry for "Tails of the City" on SFGate, the online San Francisco Chronicle, about the most common pet names for cats and dogs in 2010, as determined by Petfinder.com: http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/pets/detail?entry_id=79322. Are these names you've encountered in your practices or homes?

You may find this opinion column by Jon Carroll interesting. He discusses the potential influence of pharma companies on physicians: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2010/12/22/DD291GT97L.DTL>.

For breaking news of infectious diseases worldwide, or just around the corner, log onto ProMED, the Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases. This program of the International Society for Infectious Diseases provides several forms of email alerting, including daily digests, for human, animal, and plant diseases. Go to www.promedmail.org for more information. This was one of the first places where SARS, H1N1, and the melamine issues were reported.

Of potential interest may be ProMED's December 2010 rabies update report for the US. Here's the link: http://www.promedmail.org/pls/apex/f?p=2400:1202:2413958837317368::NO::F2400_P1202_CHECK_DISPLAY.F2400_P1202_PUB_MAIL_ID:X.86196. Conveniently for us, there were no reports from California. That doesn't mean there isn't rabies in wildlife around here, however.

As always, if you are requesting an exemption from rabies vaccination for a client's animal, please follow these easy steps:

- A treating veterinarian's request on hospital letterhead, stating
 - a description of the animal [including species],
 - the medical reason for requesting a one-year exemption, and
 - the animal's microchip number. The microchip is not optional.

Titers are nice but not necessary and if the other required items are missing, the request will be returned...

Remember, age is not a disease, and therefore, not a valid reason to request an exemption...

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2011 is World Veterinary Year

The veterinary profession is celebrating its 250th year of existence with official activities and events around the world. Ceremonies will commence on January 24th in Versailles, France.

78 countries so-far have planned events. There will be a 1-day seminar on the history of Veterinary Medicine at the AVMA Annual Convention at St. Louis in July. The notable year of recognition will end with closing ceremonies at the 30th World Veterinary Conference in October at Cape Town, South Africa.

The word "veterinarian" came into use in the mid-1600s but no formal training occurred until the first veterinary school was founded at Lyon, France in 1761.

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Newsletter Editor Transition

Many kudos and thanks go to our out-going *PVMA News* Editor Dr. Cristine Mincheff who has so diligently designed and edited this newsletter for the past three years. She is now moving on to even greater leadership responsibility within the PVMA. Here at the newsletter office, I have big shoes to fill!

The Newsletter Editor is responsible not only for publishing the newsletter online bimonthly, but also for all notices sent via email to the membership, handling the advertising accounts and their billing, membership dues billing and also providing the certificates for Continuing Education credit to those veterinarians who attend the meetings. So now you know whom to contact with concerns in any of these areas.

My email address is: PVMAeditor@Comcast.net

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Please be sure that I have your correct email address!

Happy New Year to all! Dr. Nancy Lerner, Editor, *PVMA News*



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