

Repair of Ruptured Cranial Cruciate

Sean Wells, DVM, ACVS



Dr Wells' surgical interests include orthopedic and oncologic surgery while his special interests are minimally invasive techniques (arthroscopy/laparoscopy/thoracoscopy), reconstructive procedures and joint replacement.

Dr. Wells is owner and chief surgeon of "NorCal Veterinary Surgical" in Sebastopol. (See his ad on page 8) He is also a consulting surgeon at the San Francisco Zoo and was a staff surgeon at VCA Animal Care in Rohnert Park until last December.

Dr. Sean Wells is a UCD graduate who did a general internship at Bay Area Veterinary Specialists in San Leandro and then a surgical internship followed by a 3-year residency at Veterinary Surgical Associates in Concord. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2010 and is a member of the Peninsula VMA and others.

The list of Dr. Wells' achievements, honors, affiliations, memberships, lectures and publications covers several pages. This is one busy fellow!

Sean grew up in the mountains northeast of Ojai, California. He enjoys surfing, hockey, snowboarding and all water activities. At home he enjoys cooking, home-brewing beer and socializing with his cats. Somewhere amidst it all, Sean found the time and ability to also become a licensed Electrical Contractor. A man of many talents!

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Tuesday November 15, 2011

The November 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 adult beverages, 7:00pm for dinner and program.

Free to PVMA members*\$60 for non-members*\$25 for Life Members

Epidemiology Corner

Charlene Edinboro, DVM, PhD

AVMA and AHHA have produced new preventive care guidelines. See the highlights here: <http://veterinarynews.dvm360.com/dvm/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/738186>.

Wonder how drugs are regulated? Check out this link with two presentations from AVMA and FDA: <http://atwork.avma.org/2011/09/12/do-you-know-how-drugs-are-regulated/>.

Ken White reports on some new laws that have just been signed into California law:

<http://blog.sfgate.com/white/2011/10/12/new-laws-to-protect-animals/>.

Canine distemper has been found in raccoons and foxes in various parts of the Bay Area:

[http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_19143353?nclink_check=1)

[news/ci_19143353?nclink_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_19143353?nclink_check=1). That's an important topic for discussion with your clients. Here's a great resource: the AAZV's "Infectious Diseases of Concern to Captive and Free Ranging Wildlife in North America":

<http://www.aazv.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=759>.

In August, some rabid bats were found in Monterey County. Remember: dogs in San Mateo County, and cats in some cities, must be licensed and have current rabies vaccination. Be aware that the San Mateo County Public Health Officer is reviewing requests for rabies vaccination exemptions with a keen eye after the PVMA committee makes its recommendation on requests. If you submit a request for rabies vaccination exemption, please be sure to follow these steps:

On hospital letterhead, provide the medically valid reason for the exemption. As part of this, provide the animal's signalment (species, breed, sex, neuter status, and age). Remember, "Age is not a disease"...

Provide the microchip number – this is not optional

Provide documentation from medical records to support the request

This paperwork should be sent by the owner with the license renewal paperwork.

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Dr. Steve Holmstrom at Steve@toothvet.info

or

Dr. Cristine Mincheff at novacris@earthlink.net

PVMA Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the latest PVMA meeting will be posted on the website. Look for the title on the home page.

Better yet, BE THERE for the meetings!

A Time For Choosing

Don't miss the Editor's message on Page 10 . . .

November is election month at PVMA and your service is requested. Answer the call!

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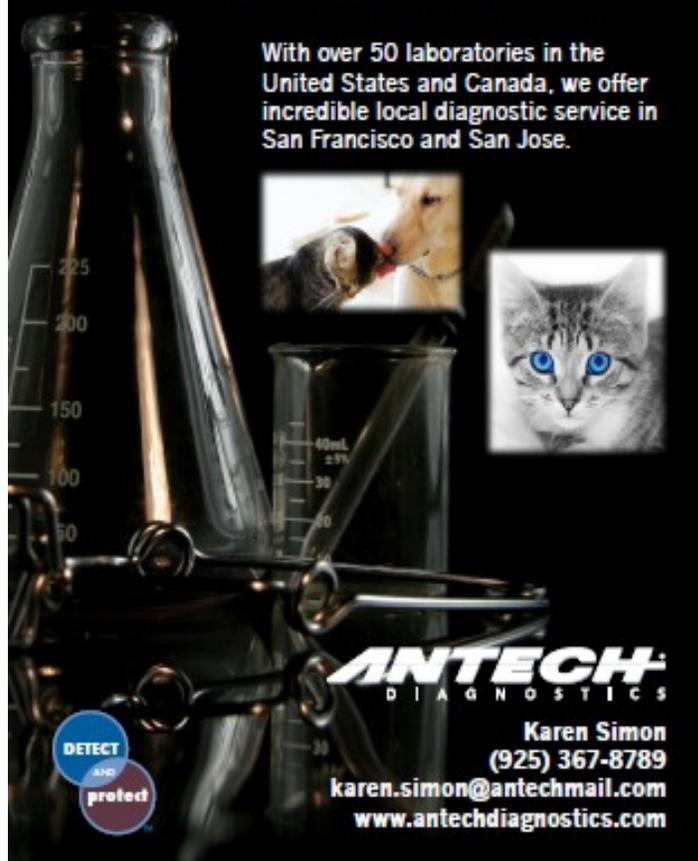
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Dr. Margaret Bynoe and colleagues at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine may have solved a 100-year-old puzzle of how to open and close the blood-brain barrier for treatment. For more information, contact Stephanie Specchio at (607) 253-3369 or email her at:

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The Peninsula VMA was created 65 years ago by farsighted colleagues who recognized the benefits of a collegial organization in which like professionals could exchange ideas, knowledge and camaraderie. Today, we benefit from their wise focus on the long term. Without organized veterinary medicine on both the national and local levels, the accomplishments of our profession and its individual members would be lessened. Our professional associations bring us together to share our knowledge, to inspire each other and to maintain the proud continuity that enhances public trust and thus our own success.

November is the month when PVMA elects its new officers and chairmen. From within our ranks, we will elect the group to carry the association through the new year 2012. Nominations are open now. Before you come to the meeting on November 15th, think of a colleague whom you believe would enhance PVMA and the veterinary community. Then give that person a call and ask if he or she would accept nomination to office. Perhaps it's you yourself! Nominations can be made by phone to President Cristine or at the meeting.

Every veterinarian owes it to the profession to take a turn within the association in some way. Don't let too many years go by before you step forward and add that service to your resume. While you're contemplating this need, go to the PVMA website and review the list of past-presidents. Join that proud group of those who have served, some more than once. Resolve that this will be the year that you will get involved. Don't wait for "someone else" to do it. Then stop and realize what would become of our association and our local profession if no one steps forward. It's not a pretty thought, is it.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to all . . .

