



FAQ'S ABOUT EVERYDAY SURGERIES

DEAN FILIPOWICZ, DVM, MS, DACVS

Dr. Dean Filipowicz, a native of Maryland, turned to veterinary medicine after earning a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a BA in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Traveling west after some years, he went on to receive his DVM from UC Davis which was followed by a rotating internship in medicine and surgery at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. He then completed a 3-year residency in small animal surgery there and also received his MS in Veterinary Sciences. He stayed on at the Virginia school as a clinical instructor before moving to the Bay Area.

Dean worked for several years at a specialty hospital in the East Bay during which time he was asked to create the surgical branch of *Veterinary Specialty Services* in Fresno. Building on these experiences, Dean formed *West Coast Veterinary Surgical, Inc.* in 2010.

Dean is now the primary surgeon at several hospitals in the Bay Area and shares duties at many others.



Dr. Dean Filipowicz is published in several veterinary journals, has co-authored book chapters and has spoken at various conventions and symposiums. His Master's research investigated a novel type of orthopedic fixation which has since become the gold standard in human orthopedics. Dean's special interests include fracture management, sports medicine, oncologic and reconstructive surgery and minimally invasive surgery.

When not at work, Dean can be found enjoying all outdoor physical activities, especially if they involve water and mountains.

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Tuesday September 18, 2012

The July 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

PVMA members free; \$60 for non-members; \$25 for Life Members

Epidemiology Corner

Charlene Edinboro, DVM, PhD

The rabies vaccination exemption process for San Mateo County animals is changing again! Two forms from San Mateo County Public Health are to be completed by you and the owner. Approved requests will be reported to the state veterinarian. The link to the forms with an FAQ sheet to address your questions will be available shortly; these will be mailed to veterinarians. This looks like a great solution to the incomplete requests we get at this time. Please let us know if you have questions!

Do you or your clients have questions about the swine flu outbreaks reported from summer fairs? The CDC has information that may be helpful: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swineflu/influenza-variant-viruses-h3n2v.htm>.

Here are updates for the expanded "jerky treat" recall: <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ProductSafetyInformation/ucm295445.htm>.

There is this, regarding choking risks with dog food: <http://www.annarbor.com/pets/mars-pedigree-dog-food-pets-canned-blue-plastic-choking-hazard-recall/>.

This may be helpful to you or your clients: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/07/fda-inspection-likely-to-further-implicate-diamond-pet-foods/>.

There are cat food recalls, too: <http://www.khou.com/community/blogs/animal-attraction/Animal-Attraction---164412106.html> and <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm313572.htm?source=govdelivery>.

Did you know that xylitol is toxic? Read more here: http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/tailsofseattle/2018658270_veterinary_qa_why_is_xylitol_so_dangerous_for_dogs_and_cats.html.

Keep yourself and your staff healthy with this information from NIOSH: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/veterinary/>.

On a happier note – we already knew that living with dogs is healthful! Now there's a study to back that up: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/dogs-cut-common-cold-risk-ways-dogs-health/story?id=16604565#.TD2sMWIga8>.

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Part Wolf - All Business

A 120-pound canine cross between a wolf and a Malamute is a formidable foe. A squad of these wolf-dog hybrids work nights at the Louisiana State Penitentiary and nobody has yet tried to overpower or outrun them. Inmates are keenly aware of the four-legged security force prowling the perimeter of the 18,500 acre prison grounds. The wolf-dogs were brought in last year in response to a steady decline in the prison's annual budget. The prison, known as Angola, has laid off 105 of its 1200 officers and now 35 of its 42 guard towers stand empty. The wolf-dogs are a strong psychological deterrent and they also save money. They patrol an area between a pair of 15-foot interior and exterior fences topped with razor wire. No prisoner has dared to test the system. How do you train a wolf-dog? "Very carefully and with lots of hot dogs!" said their trainer.

Military Working Dogs To Be Promoted

Since World War I, military working dogs have been in use and their numbers continue to increase. German Shepherds, Labradors and Belgian Malinois are usually preferred. Dogs have abilities that are unmatched by even the most well-trained human soldier. A dog named *Cairo* accompanied Seal Team Six on the raid that killed Osama Bin Laden. In saving countless lives, these canines have also become casualties. A bi-partisan proposal introduced in both the House and Senate "*The Canine Members of the Armed Forces Act.*" would re-classify military dogs as "canine members of the armed forces" instead of "equipment." It would establish a recognition system for military working dogs killed in the line of duty and commendable service awards for extraordinary bravery on the part of a military dog. The legislation would also set up a nonprofit organization to provide medical care for retired military animals. It's about time!



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Golden Retrievers across the nation are joining what is likely to become one of the most important studies ever conducted in veterinary medicine. *Morris Animal Foundation* recently launched the “Golden Retriever Lifetime Study” to investigate the genetic, nutritional and environmental contributors to cancer in dogs.

Golden Retriever owners from throughout the contiguous United States can enroll their dogs in this long-term observational study. To be included, Golden Retrievers under 2 years of age will undergo a thorough screening process that includes an extensive health questionnaire, veterinary examination and collection of biological samples to ensure that they are healthy.

For more information about this groundbreaking study, please visit www.CanineLifetimeHealth.org.



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DRUG BLOCKS VIRUS REPLICATION

Scientists in Colorado have developed a drug that could stop West Nile, Dengue and Yellow Fever viruses from replicating. The drug binds to a protein that's critical for viral replication and blocks its function. The molecule that researchers found is able to reduce virus replication in cells by more than 1,000-fold. The researchers have filed a provisional patent to commercialize this technology.

PRESIDENT'S REMINDER....

Nominations for PVMA President and Vice President are welcomed. Bring them to the meeting.

Be content with what you have; rejoice in the way things are.

When you realize there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you.

~Lao Tzu

Hope you have a beautiful Fall. Greetings, Cristine Mincheff, DVM.

Nominations Requested

