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PVMA News

PENINSULA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

ANALGESIA AND ANESTHESIA FOR RABBITS, RODENTS & FERRETS FEATURING DR. DAVID GUZMAN



Dr. David Guzman has been an associate veterinarian in the Companion Avian and Exotic Pet Medicine Program at UC-Davis since 2010. He has a special research interest in exotic animal analgesia and anesthesia and also a strong interest in soft tissue and orthopedic surgery.

Dr. Guzman received his veterinary degree from the University of Leon, Spain in 2002. He practiced exotic and small animal medicine in Spain and the UK until 2004.

He completed an Exotic Animal medicine and Surgery internship at Tufts University in 2005 which was followed by a Zoological Medicine Residency combined with a Masters degree in Veterinary Medical Sciences at Louisiana State University in 2008.

Dr. Guzman served as a Clinical Instructor in Zoological Medicine at the University of Wisconsin until 2010 when he moved to California.



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Tuesday September 17, 2013

This meeting offers 1 hour of CE Credit

The 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; Life Members \$25; Non-members \$60 -

Epidemiology Corner

Charlene Edinboro, DVM, PhD

Hetastarch concerns are in the news: <http://news.vin.com/VINNews.aspx?articleId=27835>..., as well as recent food recall notices: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm365154.htm>.

Here's a summary of feline injection-site sarcoma: <http://www.todaysveterinarypractice.com/article.asp?articleid=T1307C06#article> and of a potential treatment: <http://www.vet-maga-zin.com/wissenschaft/kleintiermedizin/katzenmedizin/Feline-Injection-Site-Sarcoma.html>.

This is cool - a prevalence map for reported cases of heartworm infection in dogs: <http://www.capcvet.org/capc-recommendations/canine-heartworm/>.

Did you miss it? August 15 was Check the Chip [Microchip] Day, according to the AVMA and AAHA. Microchips are great technology and checking them and making sure the information is up to date are important every day! Here's more: <https://www.avma.org/Events/pethealth/Pages/Check-the-Chip-Day.aspx> and <http://www.petmicrochiplookup.org/> to look up chip numbers.

A canine epilepsy study is underway at NC State – perhaps one of your patients is eligible: <http://www.bizjournals.com/triangle/blog/2013/08/your-dog-has-issues-with-epilepsy.html>.

World Rabies Day is September 28: <http://rabiesalliance.org/media/news/world-rabies-day-its-time-to-share>. This is interesting news: <http://winnfelinehealth.blogspot.com/2013/06/long-term-immunity-to-rabies.html#!/2013/06/long-term-immunity-to-rabies.html>. Let's see what happens next. For now, got forms? Here's the link to the forms and information for requesting rabies vaccination exemption in San Mateo County (scroll to the bottom of the page): <http://smchealth.org/AnimalLicensing>.

Now, how's your blood pressure? Our Dr. Conkling has an answer: <http://www.sfgate.com/health/article/Kaiser-study-yields-big-progress-for-hypertension-4747762.php>.

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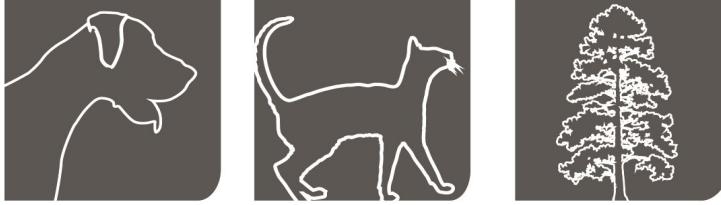
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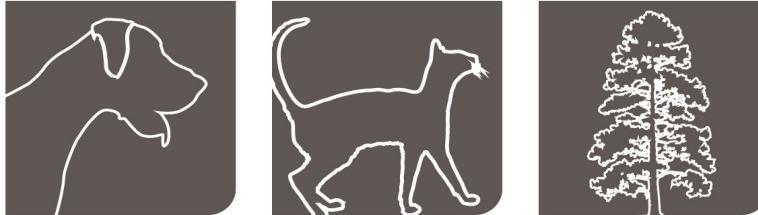
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EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOGS

College freshmen suffering from separation anxiety, take heart. The federal government says universities have an obligation to admit “emotional support” animals into school housing. Housing providers must offer a “reasonable accommodation for such animals including dwellings associated with a place of education,” the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) said in a notice sent in April.

The notice went out after a federal judge ruled that student housing is covered by the Fair Housing Act during a lawsuit filed by HUD against the University of Nebraska on behalf of a student there who had requested permission to keep her 4-pound Miniature Pinscher in her school-owned apartment, saying that he helps her cope with anxiety and depression. The university did not respond to requests for comment.

. . . Joe Palazzolo writing in The Wall Street Journal



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Monkey Helpers

The organization **Helping Hands** is a Boston-based national non-profit that raises and trains monkeys to assist people who have special needs. Fifty monkeys are in training now in Boston at *Monkey College*.



Helper monkeys can perform tasks that require fine-motor skills, like scratching a nose, setting up a drink of water, repositioning feet and arms after muscle spasms, loading DVDs and CDs, adjusting glasses and turning the pages of a book. The monkeys are bred for this purpose at a zoo in Massachusetts and raised in foster homes until they are 8-10 years old, at ease with people and ready to begin training. Then monkeys typically spend three to five years at *Monkey College* learning the ins and outs of refrigerators, microwaves, how to turn lights on and off on command and how to work a remote control. The Capuchin monkeys are selected because of their small size, intelligence and natural inclination to make use of tools. They clearly realize what a person can and cannot do. For the recipients, it isn't like having a cat or a dog; it's like having a three-year-old who doesn't speak English. There is a lot of care required for these companion monkeys. The monkeys look at their recipient as the person who provides for them and who will watch over them.



"Kasey" (in top picture) is a 27-year-old, specially trained Capuchin monkey one of 164 helper monkeys placed with people who have spinal cord injuries or other mobility impairments. Helper monkeys give the people they assist a chance to live a richer, healthier life. A "placement trainer" evaluates each monkey's personality and matches it with the appropriate human recipient.

To find more about this organization, visit www.monkeyhelpers.org.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Peninsula Veterinary Medical Association is moving up in the world this year!

Thanks to the concerted efforts of several committed PVMA members, including Charlene Edinboro and Kathy Tyson, we are nearly ready to launch a newly updated and user-friendly website which will boast a private Members Only area as well as public access resources. More information, including launch date and website address, will be shared as soon as it is available. Stay tuned!

Those of you who are Facebook savvy should also take note. We will soon become truly modern since Jennifer Bolich has generously volunteered to create a FB page dedicated to the activities of the PVMA and its members.

Consider yourselves advised that we have a store of new and older member photos, many of which may be posted on any of PVMA's venues. Please be sure to let me know if you have any objections to being represented in photographic form! Additional photos and heart-warming stories involving members will also always be welcomed for use on Facebook, website, and newsletter. Don't be shy - please share.

Gwen Lynch, DVM

