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Dr. Cooper is also a member of the AVMA Steering Committee on Human-Animal Interactions.

In real life, Dr. Cooper enjoys reading, singing, gardening and quilting. She and her husband have two adult sons. Having grown up on a dairy farm, she is accustomed to being surrounded by many animals. Although currently pet-less, she expects that unusual situation will not last very long.

Dr. Leslie Cooper a 1980 VM grad, is a board-certified veterinary behaviorist working primarily with dogs and cats. She passed the first behavior Board exam in 1995 and is one of only 60 such diplomates practicing in the U.S, Canada and Australia.

Dr. Cooper has over 20 years experience working with many small animal and mixed animal private practices as well as seeing behavior cases at the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine.



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Tuesday September 16, 2014

This PVMA 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.

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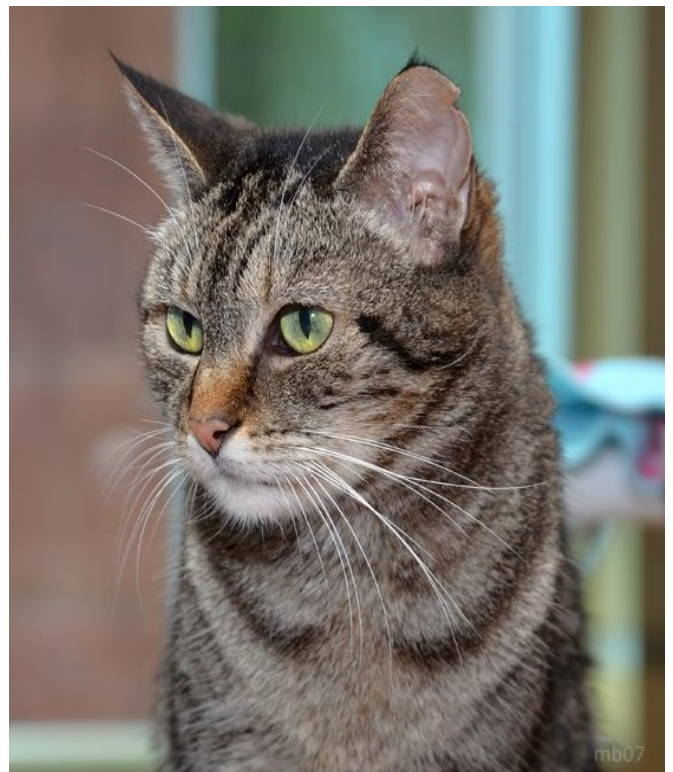
Working Cats Seek Jobs

Humane Society of Silicon Valley

You've heard of "Working Cow-horses" and "Working Dogs" . . . Now here come "Working Cats"! They've always been on duty as free-lancers but now they're officially so designated by the **Humane Society of Silicon Valley** a private, non-profit organization in Milpitas which started a "*Working Cats Adoption Program*" in 2010. HSSV will also accept animals from other shelters. The first working cat to be adopted was a gray tabby named "Hula" who went to work as a Rodent Control Specialist at a private barn in Woodside. Hula lives in the tack-room and skillfully earns her room and board. She has since become the Poster Cat for the HSSV adoption program.

Working Cats are typically the ones that are somewhat aloof around people and don't really like to be picked up. They do not enchant potential adopters so must depend on other skills to find their forever home. The Working Cats are not "feral"; they are simply less sociable around people. This unique adoption program gives these more independent cats another chance at a safe life in barns, warehouses, corporate campuses, plant nurseries and private gardens.

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There is a solution . . . It's the "**Prevent All Soring Tactics Act** " (**PAST**) officially registered as H.R. 1518 and S 1406. These are bills currently in the House and Senate that will not only make the act of soring illegal but will also overhaul the U.S. Department of Agriculture's oversight and enforcement capabilities so they can better identify and punish violators. After more than 40 years dealing with this barbaric act, it is time that America's Walking Horses get the protection and respect they deserve.

You can help! Email or call your congressional representative TODAY and ask them to co-sponsor and help pass this bill. It already has a lot of momentum and a majority of Congress supports it. But it is being held up by those with selfish motives to oppose it. To learn more, go to the AVMA website, avma.org.





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THEY'RE BAACK! The misnamed "*Fairness to Pet Owners Act*" (H.R.4023 / S.2756) has been reintroduced in both the House and the Senate. Like its predecessor in the previous congress, the legislation would require a veterinarian to provide a client with a written prescription for whatever drug is prescribed whether or not requested by the client and whether or not it is dispensed by the veterinarian. The veterinarian would be prohibited from charging for the prescription or from asking a client to sign a liability waiver related to writing the prescription. How absurd! Clients already have the flexibility to fill a prescription at their veterinary clinic or off-site at a pharmacy of their choice. Your help is required . . .

Contact your Member of Congress in opposition to the "*Fairness to Pet Owners Act*" today!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the PVMA:

It's that time of year again. I will be accepting nominations during the September Peninsula Veterinary Medical Association meeting for the offices for President, Vice-President and Treasurer which in turn will be voted upon during our November 2014 meeting. Please consider promoting yourself or a colleague to a position of leadership within the organization.

Although I do plan to step down after two years of service, I have enjoyed my time as president and would be happy to help support any future officers with practical advice as well as ideas for direction. I believe our group has much to offer in terms of disseminating timely information and providing continuing education to its members, not to mention fostering social connections. However, the PVMA needs YOU in order to continue moving forward in a positive direction!

Gwendolyn Lynch, DVM, DACVO

President, PVMA