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THE PRURITIC DOG: SOME TOOLS

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Dr. Sickafoose is an associate at Peninsula Animal Dermatology in San Carlos. She has a special interest in feline dermatology and infectious diseases. In her free time, she enjoys running, hiking with her dogs and camping. She shares her home with a variety of pets, all of which are allergic of course.

Laura Sickafoose, DVM, DACVD is a native of southern California and a graduate of the UC Davis College of Veterinary Medicine. She completed an internship in general medicine and surgery at San Francisco Veterinary Specialists followed by a residency in dermatology at Louisiana State University. She is board certified in veterinary dermatology.



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Tuesday November 18, 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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Combat Cat

Just who protected whom?



Army Staff Sgt. Jesse Knott had been at Hotal in a remote regions of Afghanistan for about a week when a young tabby cat caught his attention. It was among a throng of cats and dogs that prowled near the outpost in June 2010 but it seemed to be more trusting of the soldiers and came forth more readily. Knott decided to rescue this cat and approached his commander who was initially shocked and disapproving. But he soon provided an armload of tinned salmon he offered as “humanitarian aid”. Knott named the cat “Koshka” (Russian for cat) and it became the mascot for 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, H Company. Soldiers frequently stopped by the office to play with it. They initially thought they were helping the cat, but in fact it was the other way around. Returning from long, often difficult missions, the soldiers would stop to see Koshka even before eating or resting.

On Dec. 8, 2010 a suicide bomber attacked a group of these soldiers and Knott laments that he lost two good friends that day. He then fell into a deep depression and planned to commit suicide. That’s when Koshka stepped in. “I was in my office,” Knott recalls, “and he just started purring and head-bonking me, and patting my face with his paw. He climbed up on my shoulders and my head—I just couldn’t get a moment to myself.” Knott was thus reminded that his life was connected with other lives. The cat helped bring him back. Knott later decided he wanted to get this cat to the United States so he contacted the “Afghan Stray Animal League” in Kabul which offered to arrange for Koshka’s transportation to Oregon. Knott’s parents offered to pay the \$3,000 airfare. One of his interpreters volunteered to take the cat to Kabul, a day’s journey away and a potentially dangerous mission for him. So now Koshka lives a happy life in Oregon City at a home nestled in the woods at the end of the Oregon Trail.





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Drs. Julia Lewis and Kristina Cataline

The two San Mateo County Public health Veterinarians were introduced to attendees at the September PVMA meeting. They are Julia Lewis, DVM, MPH of Sunnyvale and Kristina Cataline, DVM, MPVM of San Mateo. Both are UC-Davis graduates. Julia has a background in Lab Animal Medicine and was formerly head veterinarian at Humane Society Silicon Valley, now employed at a contract research company. She is also the Santa Clara VMA representative to the CVMA House of Delegates.

Kristina has experience in both dairy practice and small animal medicine as well as lab animal medicine and she also spent a year with the FDA in Washington.

Our County Public Health Veterinarians have multiple duties in this position. They are subject-matter experts who can answer questions from the medical community and the general public on issues related to animals. They make recommendations based on pertinent legislation, regulations and policies regarding vaccination of domestic animals, Rabies vaccine exemptions or quarantine/euthanasia of animals exposed to rabies. They act as a liaison between the Veterinary public Health Section of the CA Department of Public Health and the local veterinary community as well as the Humane Society and local pet owners.

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