



ORAL PAIN IN DOGS AND CATS

PRESENTED BY

NICODIN FARCAS, DVM, DAVDC



Dr. Nicodin Farcas received his DVM degree in Romania before coming to the United States and receiving ECFVG certification. He completed internships, residency and practiced for seven years in several states before becoming Board Certified in Veterinary Dentistry and settling on the peninsula. Nicodin has been an associate with the Animal Dental Clinic in San Carlos for the past year. His wife Amy, also a veterinarian, was PVMA's speaker at the September meeting. It's all in the family here!

Dr. Farcas explains that oral pain is directly proportional to the severity and extent of oral lesions regardless of species. However, major differences exist between humans and animals in their expression of oral pain. Animals tend to conceal their pain to avoid various natural unfavorable consequences, so once again veterinarians must be good detectives as well as doctors.

In his November talk here, Dr. Farcas will clearly explain why dental exams and treatments, such as scaling done in awake animals, provide inadequate information and poor assessment of the true oral condition.



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This PVMA meeting offers 1 hour of CE Credit

The meeting will be held at **The Vans Restaurant** in Belmont located at **815 Belmont Avenue**, west off El Camino Real, up the hill. There is parking adjacent and also across the street to the northwest.

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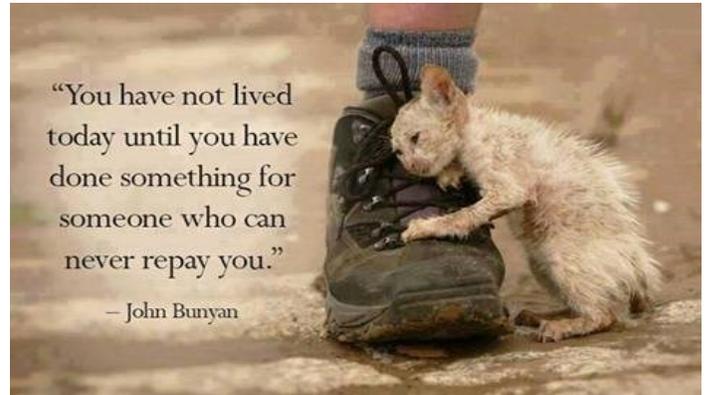
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CAT CAFES ARE PURRFECT!

The first “Cat Café” sprung up in Taipei, Taiwan in 1998 and the fad has spread through Asia, Europe and North America since then. The first one in the United States was *The Cat Town Café* in Oakland which opened late last year. It has adopted-out more than 200 felines as of this September. Across the bay, *KitTea* launched this June in San Francisco’s Hayes Valley with a teahouse vibe. Feline decorations prevail including light fixtures resembling balls of yarn while cat-related T-shirts mugs and such are available for purchase.

These feline-themed cafes offer coffee, tea and kitty cuddle-time with furry friends. At Manhattan’s *Meow Parlour*, \$4 buys 30 minutes of playtime with cats that are also available for adoption. For many years, some motels would rent a resident cat for the night and doubtless some disappeared with travelers in the morning.

Cat cafes have put a new slant on the affection many busy people have for kitties. It’s a win-win for sure!



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A Call for Volunteers

As most of you know, the November meeting is the time for elections of our officers. I was going to bring this up at our last meeting in September in hopes of garnering some early volunteers, but I was felled by appendicitis 1 day prior to our last meeting and could not bring my agenda of topics to the meeting. I apologize.

As I write this we are in need of 2 volunteers. Dani Weber has been our Treasurer and attendance keeper for the last 4 years and has announced that she wants to “retire.” Thanks for all you time, Dani. Being the Treasurer is not that hard of a job honestly. It is a matter of being present at each meeting and keeping tract of who was there. It is hardest at the beginning of the year when the collection of dues is done, but there is already in place a list with emails. So it is not hard. Keeping the books is no harder than keeping your own checkbook. So, please, anyone who would like to give a little time back to his/her profession, this is a great time to think about volunteering.

Cristine Mincheff has announced that she wants to no longer be the Program Chairman. She has done an admirable job for the last 3 years. This is a job that takes a little bit more planning. There are 5 meetings for this individual to plan: March, May, July, September, and November. January is the responsibility of the President. To me this is a great opportunity for someone who is interested in getting speakers on topics that he/she wants to hear about. There are an abundance of specialists in the area as well as companies that may want to sponsor a meeting. I’m sure Cristine would share how she got her speakers and I have some ideas as well. Hopefully one of you will step forward. Getting good speakers on good subjects helps make for great meetings.

Thanks to all who have volunteered this last year. Your efforts are appreciated. Our PVMA is what we want it to be. Let’s all step forward and make it truly dynamic and active.

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