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PVMA News

## MANAGING PET BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

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Dr. Wailani Sung has a passion for helping pet owners prevent or effectively manage behavior problems in companion animals thus enabling them to maintain a high quality of life. Dr. Sung obtained her Master's Degree and Doctorate in Psychology with a special interest in Animal Behavior from the University of Georgia. Upon completion of these graduate programs, she then also received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at Georgia, followed by Board Certification in Veterinary Behavioral Medicine.

Dr. Sung practiced veterinary behavior medicine in dogs, cats and birds in Arizona, Washington and currently in California. Dr. Sung is a frequent contributor to The Healthy Pet magazine and to the websites "PetCoach" and "PetMD". Dr. Sung currently practices veterinary behavioral medicine at the San Francisco SPCA. She enjoys spending her free time with her husband and their family of two dogs, two cats, a Red-bellied parrot and a Citron-crested Cockatoo.

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**Next PVMA Meeting: Tuesday May 21, 2019**

**This PVMA meeting program 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.

6:30 pm for adult beverages - 7:00 pm for dinner and program

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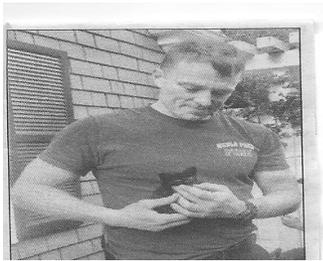


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## A FIGHT AGAINST DAISIES



Sally is a one-year-old Cocker Spaniel, part of a team of “Sniffer Dogs” engaged by Australian authorities to do battle against an invasive Daisy-like weed often called “Orange Hawkweed” originally from Europe. Left unchecked, it could spread rampantly and choke out other plant species according to a Weed Management Officer in the New South Wales government. Sally roams alpine land looking for this noxious orange wild Daisy which has also spread across vast tracts of North America from New York to Alaska according to the USDA. To make the hunt tricky, Hawkweed is visually recognizable only when it is in bloom which is for just one month in summer so the hunting season to spot it is short without a Sniffer Dog’s help.

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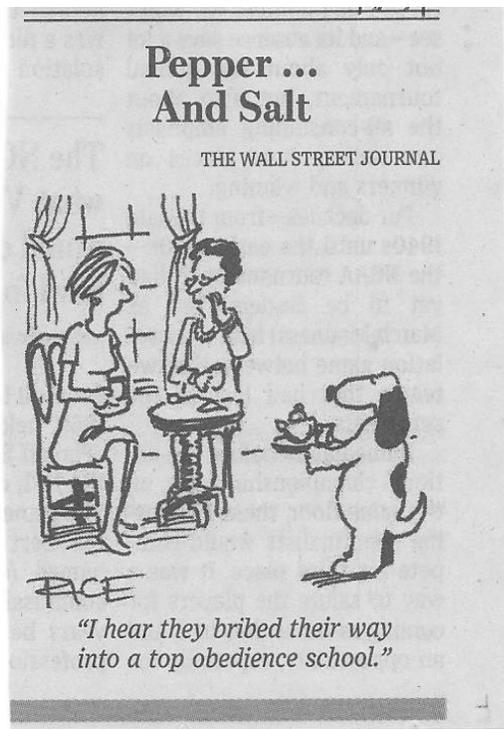


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