

SAVMA OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Important SAVMA Reminders and Updates!

Week of Oct 12-17, 2026

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Students for One Health



How are disease spillover, population displacement, and climate change reshaping health across our interconnected world? 🌎

Find out at the 13th Annual One Health Symposium on October 24 at the UC Davis Weill School of Veterinary Medicine!
Hear from experts, discover student research and art, connect with people across disciplines, and put your One Health knowledge into practice during an interactive afternoon session. 🔓

Plus, breakfast, lunch, and an ice cream reception are included! 🍰

Early-bird pricing is available now, with extra discounted tickets for students. In addition, please email emcmannchapman@ucdavis.edu if you are interested in volunteering for a portion of the day and earning free attendance in return! 📋

GET YOUR TICKET HERE! 🎟️
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/13th-annual-one-health-symposium-waves-of-change-tickets-1998281350311

For more information about the symposium and the fun contests we are hosting: ohi.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/symposium

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Behavior Medicine and Animal Welfare Club



The Animal Welfare Assessment Contest Team at the UC Davis Weill School of Veterinary Medicine is a newly revitalized, veterinary student-led effort to compete as a team in the AVMA Animal Welfare Assessment Contest® (AWJAC®). In this contest, attendees use evidence-based, ethical reasoning to assess animal welfare in individual virtual scenarios and a team assessment at an operating animal facility.

For 12 weeks, our team members meet biweekly for guest lectures, journal clubs, discussions, and mock assessments under the supervision of a coach veterinarian and experts in animal welfare—from animal shelter design to octopus cognition, bison nutrition to the benefits of tickling lab rats—to prepare for the contest in November. Our goal is to support travel and training costs for our veterinary student team to compete in the annual Fall contest.

Recent contest participation has been funded through student organization funds in addition to limited departmental funding. Your gift ensures that veterinary students from all backgrounds can participate in this unique educational experience and meet colleagues and mentors passionate about animal welfare, by reducing out-of-pocket costs for travel, lodging, and registration. By donating, you are contributing to the education and development of future veterinarians' ability to assess, communicate, and advance animal welfare.

Thank you very much for contributing to the Animal Welfare Assessment Contest Team at the UC Davis Weill School of Veterinary Medicine. We encourage you to share our campaign with any potential donors in your life to support making this contest more accessible for all.

Please reach out to djmenck@ucdavis.edu with any questions, or if you are interested in joining the team!

https://giveto.ucdavis.edu/schools/UniversityofCaliforniaDavis/crowdfund-uc-davis-october-2026/pages/animalwelfare/?a=1



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CityVet
Mochi/Boba Social



Hi everyone!

My name is Arely, and I'm the CityVet Ambassador. On behalf of CityVet, I'm excited to introduce our upcoming CityVet Mochi & Boba Social!
We'd love to invite you to join us on October 20th from 12–1 PM in the Valley Foyer for some free drinks and treats, an opportunity to learn more about the team, and a chance to learn more about what CityVet offers veterinary students.

During the event, we'll share more about opportunities including:
--> Externships!!!
--> Hospital experiences
--> Mentorship
--> Learning & development
--> Community and culture
This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about opportunities available to veterinary students through CityVet.
📅 October 20th
⏰ 12–1 PM
📍 Valley Foyer
🍡 Free mochi, boba & treats!
Please see the attached flyer for more information, and feel free to scan the QR code to learn more about the Mochi & Boba Social.
We hope to see you there!

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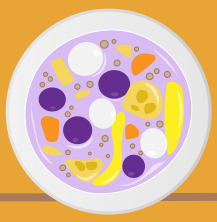




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PATH Club



Mark your calendars to stop and shop in the Valley Foyer for some delicious spooky fall and pathology themed treats and PATH club stickers on October 26th!!

We need bakers to bring on the creativity- we are having a little contest for the most creative baked good. The lucky winner will get a $15 gift card to Peet's Coffee (aka Scrubs coffee)! So come, cast your votes, get some cute stickers and yummy treats, and support PATH club!

Want to really show off your passion for PATH? Sticker designs are also available for order on shirts, sweatshirts, and tote bags (by order only until 10/31).

Bake Sale Sign Up: https://forms.gle/2qhYUWaqFZzbhUmy9
PATH Club Swag Order Form: https://forms.gle/1K4n8Mf6rGQipesk8





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Orphan Kitten Project



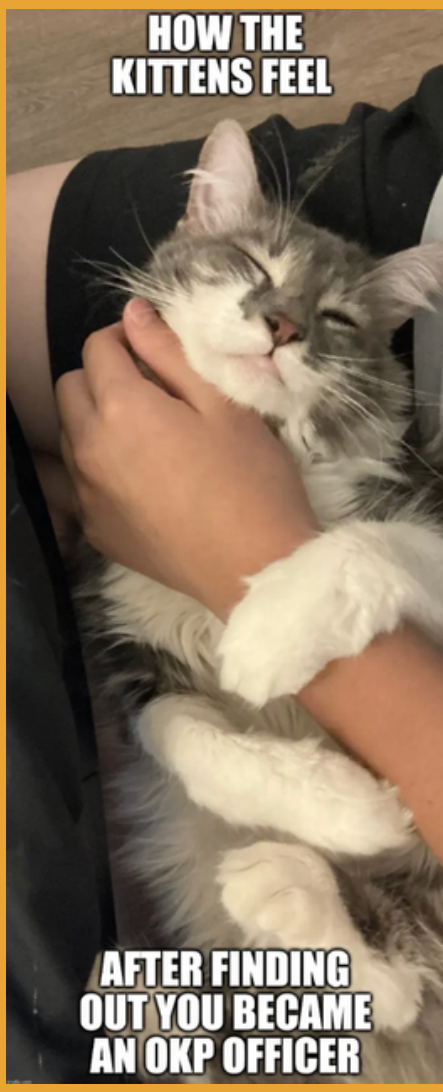
Hi everyone,

The OKP officer form will be extended till 10/25 at 11:59pm. We're still looking to fill almost all positions, so if you have some time to spare and would like to do your part to save cute little kittens, please consider becoming an officer!

I've also been informed that the last bullet point for the TNR officer description was cut off. Here's the updated officer description!
https://drive.google.com/file/d/135zRTdsq-H57OWNQt37Jbk3jUchdRwPQ/view?usp=sharing

Thank you!
OKP VPs

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LVMA

When was the last time you sweat while listening to Bad Bunny? 🐰 LatinX Veterinary Medicine Association (LVMA) is so excited to announce our first Party Cycle class taught by the one and only AVERY 🎉. AVERY is an incredible cycling instructor that is FAMOUS around these parts (her class sign-ups fill in SECONDS) She has graciously agreed to have a special class for our veterinary students ONLY!

This class is open to EVERYONE and FREE, but paid LVMA members will be prioritized. No experience is necessary, and you are always encouraged to go at your own pace.

There are only 28 seats, so make sure to sign up ASAP! There will be a waitlist. You will be notified of entry by Monday!

When: Friday, October 16, 2026

Time: 6:45 pm (Actual class begins at 7:00 pm)

Where: UC Davis ARC Studio A

What to Bring: Water, Comfortable Tennis Shoes

[SIGN UP HERE]

What to Wear: It does get hot in there, so we recommend breathable workout clothes. Be prepared to SWEAT!

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Cancellations & Waitlist

We will have a waitlist for this event! If you can no longer attend, PLEASE let us know, even if it's just an hour before class. This gives another student the opportunity to join in on the fun. Plus, these classes rely on everyone's presence for the vibes!

Getting Into the ARC

If you've never been to the ARC, please download the UC Davis Campus Recreation app beforehand! You will need to scan your member ID through the app to enter the building.

We will also post more detailed instructions on how to find Studio A on our Instagram, so make sure you're following us @lvma_ucdsvm!

PLEASE BE ON TIME!

We ask that everyone arrive 10-15 minutes early so we can get settled and take a group photo BEFORE we're all sweaty! For safety reasons, late entry will not be permitted once the studio doors are closed. We don't want anyone missing the warm-up!

A Little Party Warning!

This is a PARTY Cycle class, after all! Expect flashing rainbow lights, fun music, and light-up foam sticks! Please be aware that the lighting effects may not be suitable for individuals with photosensitivity. If you have any concerns, feel free to reach out before registering.

We cannot wait to cycle, sweat, and sing along with you all! 🐰 💃

See you on the bikes!

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VOICE



[Pre-Vet Mentoring Program Sign-Up]

Hello everyone!

Sign-ups are officially OPEN for the Pre-Vet Mentorship Program! 🎉

VOICE is excited to partner with the Pre-Vet Students Supporting Diversity Club (PSSD) to connect UC Davis veterinary students with undergraduate pre-vet students who are interested in pursuing veterinary medicine. This is a great opportunity to give back, share your experiences, and be the mentor you wish you had when you were in their shoes! 🐾

🐾 First Event: Speed Friending! 🐾

📅 October 27th, 2026

⏰ 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

📍 1041 Valley Hall

Come meet potential mentees, chat with pre-vet students, and make some new connections! After this event, you'll be matched with your undergraduate mentee(s).

VSMP connects Pre-Vet Undergraduates with DVM students for guidance and mentorship throughout the quarter. The purpose of this application is to better understand each DVM student mentor, and match them with mentee(s) accordingly, thus please respond to these questions thoroughly. 🎓🐶

Sign up using THIS FORM:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqwRuvUJJrx6CuYTzupFLO863OWot4ZlPNMD00bqe23G6How/viewform?usp=header

Come make a difference, share your vet school journey, and help the next generation of veterinarians find their way!

We'd love to have you join us! 🐾✨

Best,

VOICE & PSSD





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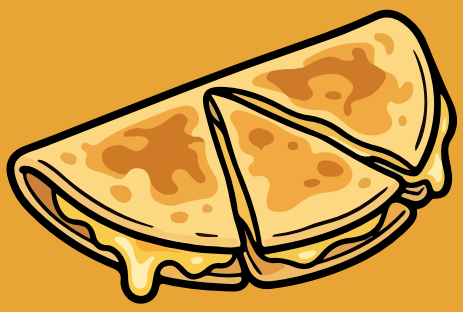
Students for One Health

Do you need to talk about things outside of vet med or have an evening relaxing off campus?

Join Students for One Health as we enjoy a vibrant night eating quesadillas, having a few drinks around a fire, and connecting with amazing people. Ruhstaller Farm is generously supporting us as we create cross-disciplinary connections that will make better social lives now and better worlds soon after.

All graduate and early-career professionals are welcome to join! Every ticket purchase comes with two quesadillas and a drink from the Rhustaller bar, with proceeds going to support SOH as we plan for our annual 5k, Dog n Jog, and create future events like this!

RSVP:
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Health & Wellness Club

Celebrate Halloween and the end of the month with the Health and Wellness Club x Pathology Club (H&W x PATH) as we host a screening of "The Autopsy of Jane Doe". Prepare for thrills and chills 👻!

This event is for EVERYONE! Costumes are appreciated but are not required for attendance and feel free to bring a Plus 1! Candy and Snacks/Popcorn will be provided!

Viewer discretion - R-rated film (Nudity, Body Horror, Violence & Death)





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Health & Wellness Club

Are you looking for a nice way to relax after class and decompress after all of the exams we've been slogged through recently? Look no further!

Come join Health and Wellness Club this Tuesday, October 13th for a walk through the Arboretum's Oak Grove! Listen to the sounds of dry leaves crunching beneath your feet, admire the beautiful mosaic nameplates, and relax under the canopies. We'll meet at 3:30pm in front of the Donkey statue by Valley and start walking at 3:45pm. It'll be a sunny 77 degrees - a perfect day for a walk!

We'll bring some informational pamphlets about the different oaks in the grove for some active learning outside of vet med. We hope after this event, you'll have found another place to rest between classes. We look forward to seeing you there! :)



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