WE ARE YOUR VOICE

When BC Ferries wanted to review its policies on pet travel, it turned to us. Recently, BC Ferries contacted the CVMA-SBCV Chapter to consult on its pet transportation policies. The Chapter was able to provide information on pet health and vaccinations, behaviour, zoonotic disease risk, and pet accommodation while travelling on the ferries. With many different ships and routes, BC Ferries wants to develop current protocols for accommodating pets on its vessels. The Chapter will continue to provide expertise as requested.

MERRITT IN MAY

The CVMA-SBCV Chapter, in cooperation with local large animal veterinarians, will be staffing a booth at the BC Cattleman's Annual Convention in Merritt from May 21 – 23, 2015. Our message is clear: agricultural and beef producer concerns are important to BC veterinarians. Conversely, there are technological advances that producers may not be aware of, and veterinarians can provide beneficial information and advice. If you are in Merritt during the convention, please stop by the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena and say hi. The convention is hosted by the Nicola Stockbreeders Association.

SAVE THE DATE

The 2015 CVMA-SBCV Chapter Fall CE and Trade Show will be held November 6, 7 and 8, 2015 at the Pinnacle Vancouver Harbourfront Hotel on West Hastings. Sessions include pain management; geriatric cats and common (and not so common) problems; dermatology and the West Coast connection; and becoming an exam room rock star. Confirmed speakers include Dr. Andy Roark, sponsored by Idexx, Dr. Robin Downing, Dr. Tony Yu, and Dr. Margie Scherk, sponsored by Cat Healthy. In addition to three days of CE sessions, tickets can be purchased for The Positive Power of Negativity, a keynote address and dinner featuring Dr. Andy Roark, held at the spectacular glass-walled revolving space on the 18th floor. Details in the June issue of West Coast Veterinarian magazine. See you there; please save the date!
LOCUM BANK

The Chapter office has been receiving calls from veterinarians wishing to be listed in the locum bank, as well as those wanting to hire from the locum bank. The locum bank is maintained by the College of Veterinarians of BC. It can be accessed by logging in at www.cvbc.ca, clicking on NEWS, then clicking on CLASSIFIED. If you do not have your CVBC login credentials, please call the CVBC office at 604.929.7090.

CVMA EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Are you an emerging leader? Are you a CVMA-SBCV Chapter member who has graduated in the last ten years? Do you want to attend, at no cost to you, the Emerging Leaders Program in Calgary on July 16, 2015? The ELP program will help you develop leadership skills while building a leadership network within the veterinary profession. The full-day workshop is facilitated by Dr. Rick DeBowes, co-founder of the AVMA Veterinary Leadership Experience. Successful applicants will receive the full-day workshop with Dr. Rick DeBowes; travel costs to and from Calgary; two nights at the Hyatt Regency Calgary Hotel, and complimentary registration for the 2015 CVMA Convention (value $655). If you would like to be considered as a sponsored participant in this leadership experience, please contact Sarah Cunningham, at scunningham@cvma-acmv.org prior to April 24, 2015. To apply, please provide the following information: name, address, practice or business name, description of practice/business, year and school of graduation, and a 500-word essay describing the leadership roles you currently find yourself in and how you envision you could be a more effective leader after participating in this program.

WESTERN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Registration is now open for the WCVM 2015 June Conference. The WCVM has been serving Western Canada for 50 years. In recognition, WCVM has invited some distinguished graduates back to speak at the 2015 June conference. For details, please visit http://www.usask.ca/wcvm/fifty-years/june-conference/index.php

SUMMER INTERNS

Have you secured an intern to help at your clinic over the summer break? The Chapter Student Liaison Steven Chapman is keen to help match BC clinics with WCVM students in all years of study. If you wish to hire an intern, simply email the CVMA-SBCV Chapter with “INTERN” in the subject line. In the body of the email, please provide the name of your clinic, the city it is located in, and your contact details. The CVMA-SBCV Chapter will then share your request with all BC-quota students at WCVM. Students will contact you directly at the contact information you provide.