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TOP STORY

The CVMA Board of Governors Takes Positions on Key 2022 Legislation

Source: California Veterinary Medical Association

The CVMA Board of Governors met virtually this past Saturday, April 2 to consider bills of importance to the veterinary profession. After receiving legislative reports from Dr. Dayna Wiedenkiller and Dr. Brent Wooden, the CVMA Legislative Committee co-chairs, the Board of Governors took positions on 2022 legislation. Click [here](#) to view the full list of 2022 bills that the CVMA supports, opposes, and is currently watching.

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Calling All Students: Apply for Scholarships by April 15

Source: California Veterinary Medical Foundation

Every year, the California Veterinary Medical Foundation (CVMF) awards scholarships to qualified veterinary students at the University of California Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, and Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine. The deadline to apply is next Friday, April 15. For more information and to apply, visit cvmf.net.

VETERINARY BUZZ



2022 AAHA Pain Management Guidelines for Dogs and Cats

Source: American Animal Hospital Association

The 2022 American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) Pain Management Guidelines for Dogs and Cats have been released, marking the first update of the

member veterinarians up to one half-hour of free telephone consultation and research work per month with an attorney from Wilke Fleury LLP. This member benefit is sponsored by [Veterinary Insurance Services Company \(VISC\)](#). Visit cvma.net and take advantage of this unique member benefit, and click [here](#) for additional member benefits and services.

CVMA POLL

Tramadol is classified under which DEA controlled substance schedule?

- A. I (0%)
- B. II
 (10%)
- C. III
 (26%)
- D. IV
 (46%)
- E. It is not a controlled substance.
 (18%)

The answer is D - IV.

NEW QUESTION

Is emergency lighting required in the surgery room?

- A. Yes
- B. No

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guidelines since 2015. The guidelines incorporate the last decade of research and development and understanding in pain management. The most significant changes include a greater balance between species-specific pain management recommendations for dogs and cats, a tiered decision tree that prioritizes the use of the most effective therapeutic modalities for the treatment of acute and chronic pain, and a shift of emphasis on not just the veterinary team playing an important role in pain management, but the pet owner as well. Click [here](#) to read the new guidelines.

FDA Approves Two New Drugs for Dogs

Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved two new drugs for dogs: Firox and Zenalpha. Firox is the first generic firocoxib chewable tablets indicated for the control of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis and for the control of postoperative pain and inflammation associated with soft-tissue and orthopedic surgery in dogs. Read more about Firox [here](#). Zenalpha (medetomidine and vatinoxan hydrochlorides injection) is for use as a sedative and analgesic (i.e., pain reliever) to help keep dogs sedated and comfortable while undergoing exams or certain medical procedures. Read more about Zenalpha [here](#).

Nationwide Releases Findings on Cancer in Dogs

Source: American Veterinary Medical Foundation

Nationwide analyzed cancer claims for 1.6 million dogs insured by the company from 2015-21 and released the results in a white paper on March 8 at the WVC Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Among the findings, purebred dogs as a group have a higher relative risk for cancer claims than non purebred dogs do, at 1.9 times the relative risk. Across the 25 most popular breeds, the top three breeds for which cancer claims were filed were Boxers, Beagles, and Golden Retrievers, and the three breeds for which the fewest cancer claims were filed

were Pomeranians, Chihuahuas, and French Bulldogs.
Read more [here](#).

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