

MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 1, 2021
TO	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Jessica Sieferman, Executive Officer
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 6. Interviews, Discussion, and Possible Appointment to Fill Vacant MDC Veterinarian Member Positions

As of July 1, 2021, the Board will have two veterinarian positions to fill on its nine-member Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC). The three-year term for these positions begins on July 1, 2021.

The veterinarian positions are currently held by Kevin Lazarcheff, DVM, and Margaret Warner, DVM. Both candidates are eligible for reappointment; however, Dr. Warner has indicated she does not wish to be reappointed due to recent employment changes, and she is considering moving out of state.

The vacant positions were posted on the Board's website and emailed to the Board's electronic notification subscribers. The Board received twelve applications from licensed veterinarians. Of those applicants, the Board's Executive Committee selected the following top four candidates for Board consideration:

- Kevin Lazarcheff, DVM, License No. [12786](#)
- Dianne Sequoia, DVM, License No. [9743](#)
- Heather Skogerson, DVM, License No. [18574](#)
- Cheryl L. Waterhouse, DVM, License No. [11381](#)

Action Requested:

The Board is asked to interview and discuss each applicant and appoint two veterinarian candidates to the MDC.

Attachment:

1. MDC Candidate Packets

Kevin D. Lazarcheff, D.V.M.



California Veterinary Medical Board
Attn: MDC Appointment
1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 230
Sacramento, California 95834

Board Members,

I would like to be considered for reappointment to the California Veterinary Medical Board's multidisciplinary committee. The MDC is a unique and important collaboration allowing the veterinary profession to address issues of regulation and consumer protection with the VMB. I think it is one of the best aspects of the VMB, and I have every interest in its continued success.

I have been licensed in and practiced in California since 1995. I have practiced in both the small and the large animal arenas, including equine and dairy practice. I have seen how the Department of Consumer Affairs and the VMB interact with and affect the various aspects of practice. I own a small animal practice in Oakhurst, California. I am the managing licensee, and I oversee 3 licensed RVT's, and 5 VACSP holders.

I have had many opportunities to work with the VMB. Through various committees with the California Veterinary Medical Association, as a member of the Premises Task Force, and I have served on the MDC for the last 3 years. I have had the opportunity to see how the various regulatory bodies work with and through the Department of Consumer Affairs. My time on the MDC has given me a new appreciation of the challenges the board is facing. While developing and maintaining regulations, enforcing professional standards, and streamlining the complaint process, they have also had to manage budget short falls and the impacts of a pandemic. I would like to continue to play a part in that process, I feel I have insight and experience that would be an asset to the MDC. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin D. Lazarcheff DVM

KEVIN D. LAZARCHEFF, D.V.M.



OBJECTIVE: Seeking appointment for second term to the California Veterinary Medical Boards multidisciplinary committee.

EDUCATION: **Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine**
May 1993
University of Missouri-Columbia
College of Veterinary Medicine
Columbia, Missouri

Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science
August 1990
University of Reno, Nevada
College of Agriculture
Reno, Nevada

PERSONAL SUMMARY:

Practice ethic based on honesty, comprehensive patient care, compassion, and common sense.

28 years in private practice working with a variety of domestic and wild animal species.

Strong commitment to the protection of the public health, promotion of animal welfare, relief of animal suffering, and client education.

BOARD and COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE:

CALIFORNIA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD MDC COMMITTEE (2019-PRESENT)

Current Vice Chair
Complaint Audit subcommittee

California Veterinary Medical Association: 2008 to Present

Board of Governors (2010-2018) President 2017-2018

Variety of committee assignments:

Current Committee assignments; Leadership Development, Ways and Means
CaVMRC disaster steering committee and Region V director.

Premises task force (2015-2018)

Central California Veterinary Medical Association Directors Board (2016-2017)

Rotary international (Oakhurst Sierra Club) Board of Directors 2011-2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

April 2017-Present
Owner, Chief of Staff. Small Animal Practice
Oakhurst Veterinary Hospital
40799 Hwy 41, Oakhurst California, 93644

August 2015 to April 2017
Associate Emergency Clinician
Fresno Veterinary Specialty and Referral Center,
6606 N. Blackstone Ave. Fresno, Ca. 93710

May 2012 to August 2015
Associate Emergency Clinician
Merced Animal Medical Center,
3765 E. Yosemite Ave. Merced, Ca. 95340

January 2010 to May 2012
Associate Emergency Clinician
Fresno Pet ER,
7375 N. Palm Bluffs Ave, Fresno, Ca. 93711

July 2008 to January 2010
Independent contractor, veterinary relief, Emergency Clinician
Lazarcheff Veterinary Services
PO Box 6, Ahwahnee, California. 93601
Full time emergency and critical care relief for three different emergency and specialty services.

August 2005 to June 2012
Part time ambulatory equine and small ruminant services in Madera and Mariposa counties.

August 2005 to July 2008
Associate Emergency Clinician
Veterinary Emergency Services Inc.
1639 N. Fresno St. Fresno, California 93703

August 1998 to July 2005
President and Chief of Staff: Mixed Animal Practice
Sierra View Animal Hospital
6200 South Virginia Street
Reno, Nevada 89511

July 1996 to August 1998
Associate Veterinarian: Mixed Animal Practice
Hoof 'n' Paw Veterinary Hospital
41149 North State Hwy 41
Oakhurst, CA 93644

March 1995 to July 1996
Associate Veterinarian: Mixed Animal Practice
Tahoma Veterinary Hospital
3317 224th Street E
Spanaway, WA 98387

March 1993 to March 1995
Associate Veterinarian: Mixed Animal Practice
Bonde Lane Animal Hospital/Reno Equine Clinic
Bonde Lane
Reno, NV 89511

September 1994 to March 1995
Bureau of Land Management
National Wild Horse and Burro Processing and Adoption Center
Palomino Valley, Nevada

Contract Veterinarian

ORGANIZATIONS:

American Veterinary Medical Association-Member
California and Nevada Veterinary Medical Association
Central California Veterinary medical Association
American Animal Hospital Association-Member
American Endurance Ride Conference, Certified Veterinary Judge.
Oakhurst Sierra Rotary Club-Member, Paul Harris Fellow
Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church, Member.

Over the past ten years I have had the distinct pleasure of getting to know Dr. Kevin Lazarcheff, while we both served on the Board of Governors of the California Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Lazarcheff's commitment to the profession is truly inspiring. I cannot think of a veterinarian that is more qualified to serve on the Multi-Disciplinary Committee of the California Veterinary Medical Board.

As a current member of the MDC, Dr. Lazarcheff has brought an incredibly diverse background that gives him a unique and valuable perspective on the practice of veterinary medicine. Initially he worked in a mixed animal practice where he dealt with horses and livestock (including goats and sheep) in addition to small animals. He then worked for a number of years in small animal emergency hospitals dealing with critical and emergent patients. A few years ago, Dr. Lazarcheff bought a small animal hospital and now practices as a small animal general veterinarian while also having the responsibility of a practice owner.

I understand that the charge of the Veterinary Medical Board is consumer protection. Over the decade I have known Dr. Lazarcheff, I can assure you that all his deliberations and input have been well thought out, and are always aimed at improving the quality, delivery and practice of veterinary medicine, which is ultimately to the benefit of our patients. I can honestly say that I have never heard Dr. Lazarcheff take a position that would be self-serving to either himself or veterinary medicine or to the detriment of veterinary patients or clients.

I would be hard-pressed to think of a more thoughtful veterinarian than Dr. Lazarcheff, and when you combine that with his diverse background of practice, the Board can rest assured that they have an exceptionally intelligent and hard-working advocate for veterinary medicine and consumers who will serve them well for an additional term.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Ken Pawlowski, DVM
Clinical Director
Insight Veterinary Wellness Center
[Redacted]
Past-President, California Veterinary Medical Association
[Redacted]



March 4, 2021

California Veterinary Medical Board
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Sacramento, CA

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RE: Letter of Endorsement – Dr. Kevin Lazarcheff

Dear Honorable Member,

The California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), representing over 7,800 veterinarians, registered veterinary technicians, and students, recommends Dr. Kevin Lazarcheff to serve a second term on the Veterinary Medical Board's Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC).

Dr. Lazarcheff demonstrates an ongoing commitment to California consumers and the veterinary profession through his dedicated public service efforts. A past president of the CVMA, Dr. Lazarcheff has been and remains an active participant in organized veterinary medicine. Through his many years of experience and ongoing involvement, he maintains a close understanding of prevalent issues in veterinary medicine, which he brings to his current position as Vice-Chair of the MDC. He communicates in a clear, effective and respectful manner, is an active and attentive listener, and otherwise demonstrates admirable leadership qualities.

During his first term on the MDC, Dr. Lazarcheff has shown a serious commitment to his MDC duties through his outstanding attendance and participation, which notably includes his work on the Complaint Audit Subcommittee. He also brings to the MDC the perspective of a real-world veterinary practitioner, since he currently is a practice owner in an underserved rural California community.

Thank you for your consideration of Dr. Lazarcheff for a second term on the MDC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Baxter", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Baxter, Executive Director
California Veterinary Medical Association



**Valley Animal Hospital
of Merced**

March 6, 2021

Dear Veterinary Medical Board:

I am writing to recommend that the VMB appoint Dr. Kevin Lazarcheff to the Multi-Disciplinary Advisory Committee.

For the past 3 years, "Laz" has served on the MDC as a Member and a Vice-Chair. I first worked with him as an emergency veterinarian at the local 24 hour clinic. He was always cool, collected and sensible in his work-up for my patients that needed after hours care. I found his communication with clients to be excellent, his case approach is thorough without being excessive or too costly, and he is a great colleague with which to work.

He brings these same qualities to the MDC. His perspective not only as a veterinarian, but also as animal/consumer advocate has served the Committee well and I encourage you to reappoint him!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Klingborg, DVM". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jon Klingborg, DVM
MDC member for 9 wonderful years
Past Chair, MDC

Rodda, Timothy@DCA

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 12:00 AM
To: Rodda, Timothy@DCA
Subject: MDC appointment

[EXTERNAL]: [REDACTED]

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To: the Honorable Members of the Veterinary Medical Board and Executive Director

From: Dianne Sequoia, BS, DVM

Dear Gentle Persons;

I am writing to you to express my interest in being appointed to the VMB's Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee.

It is a firm belief of mine that we all have an ongoing responsibility to individually strive to promote a fairer, more equitable, transparent and accountable society. Everybody is unique and should make their own unique contributions towards the betterment of the society in which they live.

The DCA's mission is to protect the consumers of California via oversight, enforcement and licensure of professions and providing information to Californian consumers. The VMB applies this mission to the veterinary profession and the MDC advises the VMB on issues concerning the veterinary profession and consumer protection. The MDC's function is to provide data-driven recommendations to better enable the VMB to enact effective rules and regulations to ensure the efficient and equitable administration and enforcement of the Veterinary Practice Act.

I feel that I would be an asset to the MDC as I have been both a provider of veterinary services and a paying consumer of veterinary services for my own pets. Therefore I can see both sides of the consumer/provider relationship.

I also have 30+ years of small animal practice in the San Francisco/East Bay Area and been active in volunteering with both public and private animal care agencies and organizations.

Additionally, I have served on multiple local municipal and county advisory animal related task forces and commissions.

I have a strong interest and background in the concept of One Health which considers the health of animals, humans and the ecosystem to be all interdependent. My undergraduate minors were in ecology and entomology/parasitology.

I would be honored to serve on the MDC and help the VMB and DCA with their mission of consumer protection.

I welcome any questions you might have.

Sincerely, Dianne Sequoia, BS, DVM

BS: UC Berkeley 1979

DVM: Tufts University 1987

JAVMA journal article; White, Steven and Sequoia, Dianne 1989

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Rodda, Timothy@DCA

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 12:21 AM
To: Rodda, Timothy@DCA
Subject: Addendum to Dianne Sequoia's application for the March 2021 open MDC position.

[EXTERNAL]: [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir,

A friend remarked to me that as the DCA/VMB are regulatory & enforcement agencies, I should send you an addendum to my application for the open MDC position adding the information of my having filed two successful complaints of violations of the Ralph Brown Act's rules on advance public notification of meetings. One complaint was against the City of Berkeley Parks & Waterfront Commission and the second against the City of Berkeley Citizens Humane Commission. The City of Berkeley subsequently required both Commissions to take remedial action.

I hope this information is helpful to the VMB. Thank you in advance for conveying it to them.

Sincerely, Dianne Sequoia

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March 19, 2021

Dear Timothy Rodda,

I have known Dianne Sequoia, DVM for over twenty years, mostly through the community and civic commissions, task forces and advisory boards we both have presided or participated in. She has always displayed all the values and experience that the MDC represents. Dr. Sequoia has demonstrated that she has core leadership qualities, always willing to be open to the many sides of an argument, but is always fair in her judgment and the principals she stands for. She has been a trusted voice in the city of Berkeley as an advocate for animals and is tireless in her pursuit of inclusionary participation. She aims to always bring important public policy issues to the foreground while probing the reasons for any impediments that might be preventing their transparency. She is a definite champion of the Brown Act and brings attention to it if others are not familiar with it.

I first got to know her when we both served on Berkeley's Mayor's Task Force on Dog Use in Parks, that was brought together to determine a policy that lead to the establishment of a 17-acre Off Leash Dog Area in that city's marina. Presently I serve on the city's Parks and Waterfront Commission (PWC) and act as a liaison between that commission and the Animal Care Commission (ACC) on which she serves. She has been active in attending the meetings of the PWC when matters also affect the ACC, something that our other commission members also appreciate. I also chair a subcommittee that covers the 100 acre Cesar Chavez Park and its 17 acre Off Leash Area, that I have always invited her to attend. She has always been willing to find time in her busy schedule to do so and to provide my subcommittee with the high degree of expertise and fairness that I have come to expect from her.

So I have been able to witness her both as a commissioner and as a public participant and can gladly attest to her exemplary attributes including her communication skills, her impressive knowledge base and her integrity.

I do hope you consider Dianne Sequoia for a position on your MDC, she will be a reliable and valuable member.

Thank you for your time. If you wish to chat further or would like more information, please do contact me.

Sincerely,

Claudia

Claudia Kawczynska
Editor-in-chief, The Bark, Inc.





Jackie Rose
Director

Donna Gillesby
Deputy Director

March 12, 2021

Heather Skogerson DVM
Ventura County Animal Services

Mr. Rodda
Department of Consumer Affairs
Veterinary Medical Board
1747 North Market Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834

Dear Mr. Rodda:

I am a highly self-motivated and curious individual. I seek out new challenges for the betterment of others. While tackling new challenges, I strive to do all the research necessary and understand the environment in which I am working to come up with solutions, advice and projects that are attainable, sustainable, but also able to be improved upon. Team effort in these endeavors is a must for the project to be fully embraced and understood.

An appointment to the Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee would fulfill my ever-increasing desire to continue to make a difference every day. While, the challenges at Ventura County Animal Services and the County will continue to draw my leadership skills, I feel a need for me to expand my knowledge and skills at a broader level.

Shelter Medicine and Private practice are inherently the same, yet there are major differences. I have been following the changes and challenges presented to the Board for numerous years within the scope of shelters and Shelter Medicine. I feel with my knowledge of both private and shelter medicine practices, I would have a good amount of information to provide the committee about research, advice and recommendation.

Thank you for your time and your considerations.

Sincerely,

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Heather Skogerson DVM
Managing Veterinarian

Heather Skogerson D.V.M.



Education

BS | 6/1998 | UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

- Major: Veterinary Science

D.V.M. | 5/2002 | COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

- Major: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Skills & Abilities

LARGE ANIMAL MEDICINE

All aspects of field medicine and surgical intern. Lameness exams, pre-purchase exams, assisted in colic surgeries, performed spinal taps, minor field surgery, reproductive medicine, internal medicine, camelid medicine, bovine medicine and surgery.

SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE

All aspects of small animal medicine and surgery. Internal medicine, proficient in ultrasound exams, performed ACL surgeries, fracture fixations, abdominal explore, laparoscopic ovariectomies, and emergency medicine. Treating local wildlife (owls, deer, raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, etc.) for the Animal Rescue Team.

BUSINESS

Management courses, human resources development, implemented medical standards of care and education of my staff. Implemented standards of care for AAHA approval of my hospital. Understand financial goals, aspects of running a veterinary hospital and managing employees.

SHELTER MEDICINE

Managing health in our populations of animals of many different species. Developing protocols for health exams, nutrition, intake procedures, vaccination schedules, emergencies, cruelty investigations. Developed a new foster program for underage, underweight kittens and medical cases. Developed programs for our Barn Cat Program. Triage all incoming impounds. Performing necessary surgical procedures for quality of life and high volume, high quality spay and neuter procedures. Assist local law enforcement with neglect and abuse cases. Provide the DA with expert testimony as needed. Assist in all disaster and rescue efforts needed within our county when our organization is requested. Provide educational lectures for the staff and the community. Provide community service with low cost vaccination clinics and no cost vaccination clinics for our homeless community. Communicate with the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding outbreaks of disease. Assist community veterinarians with interpretation of quarantine laws.

LEADERSHIP

Managing eight employees in the hospital and two programs; spay neuter team and shelter medicine team. Taken numerous courses offered by the County for management delving into how our county operates from HR to fiscal responsibility. 7th Cohort of LEAP (Leadership Excellence and Action Program) Ventura County's new executive leadership development program where we developed skills and tools to increase employee accountability, maximize employee engagement, and build dependable relationships across agencies and departments.

Experience

INTERN/ASSOCIATE | COMSTOCK EQUINE HOSPITAL | 6/2002 - 8/2003

RELIEF SERVICES | DOC'S | 8/2003 - 10/2003

ASSOCIATE | LONE MOUNTAIN VETERINARY HOSPITAL | 8/2003 - 6/2006

CO-OWNER | LONE MOUNTAIN VETERINARY HOSPITAL | 6/2006-6/2009

ASSOCIATE | SIERRA VETERINARY HOSPITAL | 7/2009-10/2010

ASSOCIATE | SOLVANG VETERINARY HOSPITAL | 4/2011-11/2012

LEAD VETERINARIAN | SPCA OF NORTHERN NEVADA | 12/2017-9/2018

MANAGER, VETERINARY SERVICES| VENTURA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES | 11/2012-12/2017, 9/2018 - PRESENT

VOLUNTEER | RENO RODEO ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE | 2008, 2009, 2010

VOLUNTEER/VP ANIMAL AFFAIRS | ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM | 2011-2017

Certification/license

LICENSED IN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

USDA ACCREDITATION LEVEL II

DEA LICENSE



COUNTY of VENTURA

Agenda Item 6, Attachment 1

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
MICHAEL POWERS
County Executive Officer

VIA EMAIL: Timothy.Rodda@dca.ca.gov

Mike Pettit
Assistant County Executive Officer

Kaye Mand
County Chief Financial Officer

Shawn Ailin
Assistant County Executive Officer/
Human Resources Director
Labor Relations

March 15, 2021

Timothy Rodda:
Department of Consumer Affairs
Veterinary Medical Board
1747 North Market Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834

Dear Timothy Rodda:

It is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Heather Skogerson to the Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee. I have known Dr. Skogerson since late 2012 when she became the Managing Veterinarian for Ventura County Animal Services. Since Dr. Skogerson joined Ventura County Animal Services, she's been instrumental in building the veterinary infrastructure and defining the medical practices needed to achieve compassionate animal care with high live release outcomes for Ventura County.

Dr. Skogerson has a great passion for not only protection of the voiceless animals she serves, but also for the community we serve. She continues to advocate for animals and the public health interface with the development of numerous programs. Dr. Skogerson has partnered with various colleges and provides educational internships for students. Our vulnerable population in the county has had the benefit from Dr. Skogerson developing Animal Services programs to ensure the health of their beloved pets from a compassionate and public health perspective.

Dr. Skogerson has been proactive in seeking leadership programs and opportunities to continue her growth for the benefit of the County. She has my greatest respect as a leader and I am proud to see her seeking new leadership opportunities to not only help in our County, but across the State.

Sincerely,

Michael Powers
County Executive Officer





March 10, 2021

Mr. Rodda
Department of Consumer Affairs
Veterinary Medical Board
1747 North Market Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834

Dear Mr. Rodda:

Dr. Heather Skogerson was hired as Ventura County's Managing Veterinarian by me in late 2012. The Animal Services department was undergoing a fundamental change to No-Kill. Dr. Skogerson stood out among other candidates for the position due to her ambition, work ethic and passion for new challenges.

Since that time, Dr. Skogerson has been instrumental in establishing a foundation for the shelter in its new position on live release rates. Dr. Skogerson took it upon herself to research novel ideas for shelter medicine and best practices. Dr. Skogerson embraced the position with eagerness and even sought to pursue more education in veterinary forensics at University of Florida so that she could give testimony with confidence.

Dr. Skogerson is an individual who excels at everything she chooses to engage in. She has been a pleasure to have in the industry as she seeks knowledge on everything before giving an opinion. Dr. Skogerson's passion and work ethic for what she believes in is contagious to those who work with her. I would highly recommend Dr. Skogerson to the Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee. She would be an asset to the board who would bring well thought through ideas and advisement.

Sincerely,

Barry Fisher
Deputy City Manager
City of Ventura





Jackie Rose
Director

Donna Gillesby
Deputy Director

March 12, 2021

Mr. Rodda
Department of Consumer Affairs
Veterinary Medical Board
1747 North Market Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834

Dear Mr. Rodda:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Skogerson for consideration as a candidate the CVMA's Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee.

I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Skogerson for the last two (2) in my role of Director of Animal Services. Dr. Skogerson is our Managing Veterinarian, reports directly to me and is responsible for all aspects of our veterinary services. As an open-admission municipal shelter, our veterinary team is responsible for providing care to over 11,000 animals each year who present with a wide array of medical needs and conditions. Dr. Skogerson is a key member of our Senior Leadership Team and continually "pushes" our agency to advance our veterinary services to best meet the needs of our community.

Additionally, Dr. Skogerson works very well with others and is well respected by her peers and co-workers. She genuinely enjoys learning new concepts and ideas, whether they are related to shelter medicine, general veterinary practice, or management/leadership skill development and proactively seeks out training opportunities. She is very open to new ideas and is willing to try different approaches.

In closing, Dr. Skogerson is a very skilled and dedicated veterinarian who demonstrates a strong commitment to knowing and staying abreast of county, state and agency regulations and protocols. She truly enjoys "hunting" out information and gathering details on a specific topic and is very solution focused in her approach. I believe that these skills, coupled with her passion for veterinary medicine, make Dr. Skogerson an excellent candidate for consideration.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any additional assistance. I may be reached at

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Rose".

Jackie Rose, JD, MS, CAWA
Director of Animal Services



WATERHOUSE ANIMAL HOSPITAL, INC.
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March 10, 2021

Veterinary Medical Board
1747 North Market Blvd, #230
Sacramento, California 95834

Dear VMB:

I am applying for the open position on the Multidisciplinary Committee of the Veterinary Medical Board. I am a firm believer in the MDC's role in discussing public policy, and then reporting to the VMB.

Having been in practice for 40 years in the Midwest and California, and owning my small animal practice in Fresno for the last 26 years, I have a great deal of experience. I have been active in my local veterinary association. After serving eight years on the VMB, and 1.5 years as the board liaison to the MDC, I have an appreciation of the importance of consumer protection, and a deep understanding of the system.

I have admired the MDC process for researching, discussing, and debating issues and then finalizing their recommendations. I believe I can contribute to this process in promoting and ensuring consumer protection for the animals of Californians.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Waterhouse DVM

Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM

Waterhouse Animal Hospital



PROFILE

Started Waterhouse Animal Hospital in 1995 in Fresno, CA, and managed its growth to an eleven primary-care doctor practice at two sites with five visiting specialists in cardiology, surgery, and dentistry, and internal medicine. The practice has 16 RVT's and 43 support staff.

EXPERIENCE

Practiced in Des Moines, Iowa, Kansas City, Mo, and Fresno, CA from 1981 to present

Current veterinary licenses in California and Iowa

EDUCATION

Graduated Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, 1981

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Appointed by Governor Brown to the Veterinary Medical Board of California, 2012 to 2020. President, 2016 to 2018, Vice-President 2018-2019.

Central California Veterinary Medical Association, Secretary 2010 to 2012, Vice President, 2015 to 2016

CVMA House of Delegate Representative, 2017 to present

AAVSB attendee, 2016 & 2018

ADVISORY BOARDS

University of California, Davis, College of Veterinary Medicine, External Advisory Board, 2004 to 2007

College of the Sequoias Veterinary Technology Program Advisory Board, 2010 to 2012

University of California, Davis, College of Veterinary Medicine, External Advisory Board, 2012 to 2015

ACTIVITIES

Top Ten Business Women of the Year, 2005

Lecturer to Pediatric Medical Residents at Valley Children's Hospital with a pediatrician on the topic of Zoonoses, 2008

Weekly Live TV segment on the NBC affiliate news "Ask the Vet" since 2005

Elected to the Valley Town Hall lecture series Board of Directors, 2021.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Veterinary Medical Association

California Veterinary Medical Association

Central California Veterinary Medical Association

Southern California Veterinary Medical Association

American Animal Hospital Association

American Association of Feline Practitioners

Foundation for Veterinary Dentistry

Rodda, Timothy@DCA

From: Jeff Pollard [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 1:58 PM
To: Rodda, Timothy@DCA
Subject: Recommendation for Dr. Cheryl Waterhouse to the MDC

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Dear California Veterinary Medical Board,

Cheryl Waterhouse and I met when she, as a VMB member, interviewed me for appointment to the MDC on July 22, 2014.

I subsequently served 6 years on the MDC and during the last 2 years, as Chair. Dr. Waterhouse served as the VMB liaison to the MDC during these 2 years. I can confidently say that I have worked closely with her and have always been impressed by her work ethic. Whether by travel or interview or research, Dr Waterhouse does what is necessary to obtain the information required to address the issues that we confront as veterinarians.

I am proud to recommend Cheryl Waterhouse for the MDC.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pollard, DVM
Diplomate ABVP (Canine/Feline)
Immediate past-Chair of the Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee



**Valley Animal Hospital
of Merced**

March 6, 2021

Dear Veterinary Medical Board:

I am writing to recommend that the VMB appoint Dr. Cheryl Waterhouse to the Multi-Disciplinary Advisory Committee.

Dr. Waterhouse has dedicated the past 6+ years of her career to advocacy for animal patients and their owners through service on the Veterinary Medical Board. She has served on the VMB as Member, Vice-Chair and Chair.

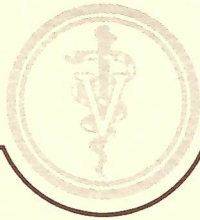
During her tenure as Chair, she handled some very challenging issues both deftly and respectfully. Cheryl understands the stakeholders and she has substantial knowledge of the issues. Her experience as a private practitioner also lends a “real world” awareness of how the VMB/MDC decisions impact the health and well-being of animals and the consumer.

I strongly encourage you to appoint Dr. Cheryl Waterhouse to the Multi-Disciplinary Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Klingborg, DVM". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jon Klingborg, DVM
MDC member for 9 glorious years
Past Chair, MDC



Community Veterinary Hospital, Inc.

SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE
SURGERY & DENTISTRY

March 16, 2021

Veterinary Medical Board Members,

It is a great honor to recommend Dr. Cheryl Waterhouse for the veterinary vacancy on the Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee(MDC). I have known Dr. Waterhouse for over ten years. As the founding Chairman for the MDC, I had the opportunity to work directly with Dr. Waterhouse when she was on the Veterinary Medical Board(VMB). Dr. Waterhouse was very engaging and fair when it came to understanding and working through complex problems. Dr. Waterhouse has a very diverse background, enjoys collaborating with others and would be an excellent addition to the MDC.

On an important note, while Dr. Waterhouse's role was as a veterinarian, her perspective and concern didn't stop with our profession, as she would always concern herself with the patient's and public's perspectives, and their best interest.

As a veterinarian, Dr. Waterhouse is well respected, being on a number of professional Advisory Boards including the University of California, Davis, College of Veterinary Medicine. Her eleven doctor practice serves as an excellent example of the quality and standard of care the veterinary profession should strive to emulate.

The MDC was formed as a support committee to the VMB to research and work through issues that affect both the public and profession and, as such, requires a time commitment outside the regular meetings. Dr. Waterhouse's commitment to her previous position on the VMB was one of integrity and hard work. I would fully expect the same commitment and engagement as a member of the MDC.

I am proud to give Dr. Waterhouse my highest recommendation for the veterinary position on the MDC.

Best Regards,

William A Grant II, DVM
MDC 2009-2017