




Access to Veterinary Care Task Force

	<p>Dr. Jennifer Hawkins graduated the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in 2000 and has worked in a variety of roles including small animal private practitioner, RVT instructor at Cal Poly Pomona and contributing web copywriter for Veterinary Pet Insurance (now Nationwide). However, for the majority of her over 20-year veterinary career, she has worked as a shelter veterinarian. As both a private practitioner and a shelter veterinarian, Dr. Hawkins has directly witnessed the challenges pet owners face with regards to barriers to veterinary care and the strain this places on the human-animal-bond.</p> <p>Additionally, Dr. Hawkins has served on the Board of Trustees of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association and held the positions of Treasurer, Vice President and President for that organization. She currently represents District 2 (Los Angeles and Orange Counties, Antelope Valley cities) for the California Veterinary Medical Association’s Board of Governors. In October 2021, Dr. Hawkins accepted the role of Executive Director of the SCVMA.</p>
	<p>Dr. Cristie Kamiya is Chief of Shelter Medicine at Humane Society Silicon Valley where she oversees Medical Operations. She graduated with an MBA in 1999 and DVM in 2005 from Colorado State University and in 2013 completed a 3-year shelter medicine residency at UC Davis. She served two terms as board member of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians, and represented National Professional Veterinary Organizations in the Access to Veterinary Care Coalition. She has worked in or with shelter across the country and internationally, and in 2020 became credentialed as a Certified Animal Welfare Administrator.</p>
	<p>Dr. Peter Weinstein served as President of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association (SCVMA) and the California Veterinary Medical Association and President for VetPartners, the national consultants association. Currently he is Chair of the Veterinary Economic Strategy Committee of the AVMA’s Veterinary Economics Division. In his capacity as President of the SCVMA, Dr. Weinstein has explored the AlignCare® model for widespread implementation in the greater Los Angeles area and has established and run low-cost community vaccination clinics.</p>



Lizz received a Bachelor's in organizational communication from California State University, Sacramento in 2017, a certificate in animal shelter management from the University of the Pacific in 2018 and became a candidate for the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine online Master of Science Degree with a concentration in shelter medicine in the Fall of 2019. She also plans on receiving a graduate certificate from the same university in animal shelter leadership. Lizz began working in shelters in 1999 and spent most of her career at the Sacramento SPCA which was essentially 'next door' to UC Davis. She was very fortunate to have collaborated with a number of the veterinarians that helped forge shelter medicine as a specialty. In 2017, she received her registered veterinary technician credential using the alternate route and immediately began networking to help establish shelter medicine as a recognized specialty for veterinary technicians by helping found the Association of Shelter Medicine Veterinary Technicians. Additionally, Lizz began offering private shelter consultation services in 2018 and has been honored to assist her area shelters with a variety of projects. In July of 2021 she began her new role as Executive Director of Animal Outreach of the Motherlode in Diamond Springs, CA, a non-profit, feline-only shelter and HGHVSN clinic.



Dr. Leslie Sklena is a 2009 graduate of the Atlantic Veterinary College at the University of Prince Edward Island, Canada. Since 2017, she has served as the Director of Veterinary Services for Woods Humane Society in San Luis Obispo where she manages two shelter campuses and spay/neuter clinic locations. Her work in shelters as well as her experience abroad teaching HGHVSN techniques has drawn her to the access to care discussions happening in our profession.



Dr. Jaymie Noland serves as a member and past-president of the California Veterinary Medical Board (VMB) and currently serves on the VMB Access to Veterinary Care subcommittee. She is a Professor and Department Head of the Animal Science Department, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo. She received a Bachelors of Science in Animal Science from Colorado State University in 1981, and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the same institution in 1987.



Dr. Georgina Marquez was born and raised in Latin America but has lived and worked in California for most of her career. After completing her residency in internal medicine at UC Davis, Dr. Marquez moved to Orange County in 1994 to begin her career as an internal medicine specialist for dogs and cats. Her television career, work as an in-home euthanasia provider, and work in underserved communities both in the Los Angeles area and abroad has given her the opportunity to meet animal owners from all walks of life and has fueled her interest in Access to Care.