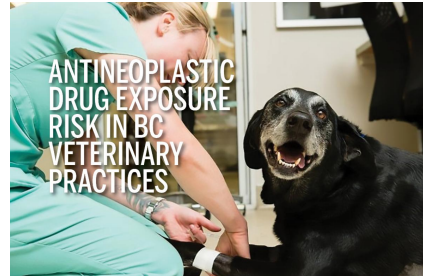




## \$10 donation to animal welfare for each survey completed.

This is your chance to help improve the efficacy of drug safety protocols in veterinary settings. **All practices encouraged to take the survey by clicking here.** Individual and practice identities are kept confidential. Data collected will help the investigators tailor guidelines (originally designed for human health care settings) to the veterinary setting.



### Small Animal Fee Guide - Members Only

As a benefit of Chapter membership, you are entitled to all of our CVMA and CVMA-SBCV Chapter economic reports. The 2021 Small Animal Fee Guide for BC is now available. **Click here for the fee guide and additional documents.**

### 2021 Spring Sunday CE Sessions

Each of the four Sunday sessions begins with the CVBC's **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** two-hour session on Informed Consent and Client Communication Skills (offered four times for your scheduling convenience), followed by either Cardiology of Dogs, Cardiology of Cats, Ophthalmology of Dogs, or Ophthalmology of Cats.

Discount of more than 50% of the session cost for Chapter members. Whole day prices only. **Details will be available soon by clicking here.**



### Summer Placement Students

Looking for some help this summer? We want to help you find that help and maybe also find your next associate veterinarian. WCVM - BC's Regional veterinary school - has BC students who want to gain some valuable skills this summer. The Chapter offers free classified ads to both students and veterinary practices. **Simply click the link here** and scroll down to Student Placement categories, pick the correct one for you, and write your ad. Good luck.

### Other News for SBCV Chapter Members

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Health Canada are collaborating on a pilot project to allow livestock feeds to include veterinary health products (VHPs) such as organic acids and essential oils. VHPs are used to maintain or promote the health and

wellness of companion and food-producing animals. VHPs are not for use to treat, prevent or cure a disease or condition. **Applications for participation in the pilot project will be accepted in February 2021.**

Please find the pager and longer version of **WeCAHN beef network reports**, for both producers and veterinarians, describing the recent network meeting.

IDEXX has a helpful **Parasite Prevalence Map here.**

Please be advised that the information on the "Importers: understanding feed controls to prevent African swine fever" **page has been updated here.** Guidance has been included to remind importers that, depending on the product origin and type, there may be additional import conditions or restrictions administered under the CFIA's plant health program before entry into Canada.

USA Pet Food Recall details have been received by the Chapter. The recall involves the American company Midwestern Pet Foods' Sportmix brand dog and cat foods. **The FDA is alerting pet owners and veterinary professionals about certain Sportmix pet food products manufactured by Midwestern Pet Foods, Inc.** in their Oklahoma plant that may contain potentially fatal levels of aflatoxins. Aflatoxins are toxins produced by the mold *Aspergillus flavus*, which can grow on corn and other grains used as ingredients in pet food. At high levels, aflatoxins can cause illness and death in pets. Pets experiencing aflatoxin poisoning may have symptoms such as sluggishness, loss of appetite, vomiting, jaundice, and/or diarrhea. In severe cases, this toxicity can be fatal. In some cases, pets may suffer liver damage but not show any symptoms. The Chapter received this information and enquired if this recalled product is sold in British Columbia. A review of "where to buy" this pet food indicates that there is only one distributor in Canada, which happens to be located in BC. The Chapter has been in contact with this BC distributor which reports that it **DOES NOT SELL** or distribute any Sportmix brand containing corn. It only sells or distributes three "brown rice" formulas which are not listed on the recall list.

Click **here to go to the SBCV Chapter's website.**

Don't forget that only Chapter Members can access PDFs of **specific West Coast Veterinarian magazine articles** to use in their social media.

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