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Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your interest in the Southern Arizona Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA). Organized in 1982 as a non-profit professional society, SAVMA is a 501(c)(6) association whose membership spans a variety of specialties in veterinary medicine. SAVMA's mission is to strengthen the regional veterinary community and animal wellness through education, collaboration and leadership. SAVMA promotes the interests of veterinary medicine and advances the cause of public health and the welfare of veterinary science in the State of Arizona. We accomplish our goals by providing continuing education programs to the veterinary medical community of Southern Arizona.

Continuing Education Programs - SAVMA offers the opportunity to fulfill continuing veterinary education requirements locally. Open to the entire veterinary community, SAVMA members (and their technicians) enjoy preferred registration rates and receive announcements in their in-box in advance. SAVMA is an approved provider of CE credit hours according to the Arizona State Veterinary Examining Board under Administrative Rule R3-11-402(A)(1)(b). You will find the most up to date calendar of events on our website. We send CE meeting notices via email and fax. Due to the cornonavirus pandemic, SAVMA is offering CE meetings by Zoom in 2021 which enables us to spotlight our terrific local specialists and speakers from afar who might not otherwise be available to speak to our veterinary community.

Job Referral Bank - SAVMA operates a job bank on its convenient website and posts job listings for veterinarians and veterinary support staff. Inclusion on the relief list is an exclusive member benefit as is access to the veterinarian job postings. Access to staff listings and the relief veterinarian list are open to everyone.

Membership - SAVMA offers membership to individual veterinarians and qualified veterinary medical personnel on a calendar year basis. The SAVMA Board of Directors has set dues at \$110.00 per person. *First time applicants* enjoy free membership through the end of the current calendar year – just submit your application. *For returning members*, complete the



membership application and submit it with dues payment. Dues can be paid by check or by PayPal through our website. We prorate dues by half after June 30th. SAVMA offers life and honorary memberships to qualifying veterinarians and current members.

Fees - Membership dues support the club by paying for meeting, operational and administrative expenses. CE program fees are charged for each meeting you attend and pay for your credit hours. Non-members may attend but do not enjoy the member rates or advance notices. Fees for Zoom meetings are set at an affordable, low rate. CE sponsorships help keep member fees in check and are available to businesses related to the practice of veterinary medicine such as companies that support veterinarians, veterinary clinics and hospitals. SAVMA does not sell membership information but we make directories available to members on request for their personal reference. We share CE attendance lists with speakers and sponsors on request.

We hope you will consider this invitation to become a part of Southern Arizona's most active veterinary medical organization. I am sure you will find it is a very congenial group and the continuing education programs to be excellent. Please contact our Executive Director, Jane Coppola, at (520) 326-5567 or by email at savmaoffice@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure