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Dear Clients,

September 1, 2015

As we approach our 15-year anniversary this November, BRVC is proud to announce that two new veterinarians with advanced training have joined our practice—one “new” face and one “familiar” face.

Dr. Olivia Winson, a 2014 graduate of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, comes to us from Pet Emergency and Specialty Center of Marin where she completed a year-long internship in 2015 as one of their primary care veterinarians for Emergency and Critical Care cases. We are proud to have Dr. Winson join our team and know she possesses the caring and compassionate nature our patients are used to receiving. And we are sure you will enjoy her infectious enthusiasm as we all do!

Many of you will remember Dr. Cesar Vega as the warm and engaging veterinary technician and supervisor who worked with us at BRVC 10 years ago. After leaving BRVC, he graduated from the veterinary school at Oklahoma State University in 2007, and then spent a year of specialty training at Veterinary Medical Specialists in San Mateo, where he received advanced training in oncology, endoscopy, and ultrasound. Since that time he has been in private practice in Manteca. His return to his roots at BRVC has been a welcome homecoming for all of us. If you already know Dr. Vega, you will enjoy re-uniting with him. If you have yet to meet him, you will appreciate why we are all so happy and proud that things have come full circle and that he has joined us again.

As we welcome Drs. Winson and Vega, we also offer our best wishes to two of our other veterinarians, Dr. Shann Ikezawa and Dr. Liesl Peterson, who spent their entire careers at BRVC. They have each decided to step away from the profession this summer and devote more time to family life. It has been an honor having these extraordinary veterinarians work for and conclude their careers at BRVC—we would not have become the practice we are today without their invaluable contributions in the last 15 years.

During those 15 years we have seen an amazing evolution of BRVC. In that time we have come to enjoy the benefits of utilizing electronic medical records that our doctors and staff can access remotely, 24 hours a day; the continued advancement of medical technology including new ultrasound, endoscopy, and laparoscopy equipment, as well as our on-site clinical laboratory for blood and urine testing; and our expansion to include 24-hour care, 365 days a year. This summer we completed an internal remodel to create more visiting rooms for our clients to spend time in with their pets while staying in the hospital, and expanded our parking lot.

Most recently, 2015 marks our new association with two sister practices in Pleasanton—Feline Medical Center and Amador Valley Veterinary Center. All three hospitals share a central client –patient database so that clients can go to any practice and the doctors and staff will have access to their records as needed.



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In July, Dr. Utchen and I returned to seeing clients/patients. I will be at BRVC 2 days a week—Wednesdays and Fridays—and Dr. Utchen will be at our sister practice in Pleasanton, Feline Medical Center, on Mondays. The break has been good for both of us and we are excited to be back in the exam rooms!

As has always been the case at BRVC, we are proud to work side by side with the most dedicated, intelligent, and compassionate group of veterinary professionals we have ever known. The camaraderie we share is one of the reasons we have become such a tight “family”. And as a pet owner myself, I know that the familiarity and trust a pet owner and their veterinarian develop is equally deep and is one of the strongest relationships outside of the human-animal bond. The partnership we all share at BRVC—pet owners and veterinary care-givers alike, working together for the health of our pets—is what makes BRVC such a core piece of our lives for all of us, year after year.

Again, please join us in wishing Drs. Ikezawa and Peterson an enjoyable new phase in their lives, and in welcoming Drs. Vega and Winson into the BRVC family.

Sincerely,

Dr. DeLano



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