

# GARY RICHTER, MS, DVM, CVA, CVC, GDVWHM

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION:

- College of Integrative Veterinary Therapies:  
**Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Western Herbal Medicine**  
June 1018
- College of Integrative Veterinary Therapies:  
**Certification in Veterinary Western Herbal Medicine**  
October 2017
- Emedsimulations: Ultimate Hyperbaric Medicine Training Suite  
**Completed 60 Hour CME Training Course**  
December 2012
- Options for Animals Chiropractic School  
**Certified in Veterinary Chiropractic**  
Accredited by International Veterinary Chiropractic Association  
February 2009
- Chi Institute Veterinary Acupuncture School  
**Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist**  
December 2007
- University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine  
**Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with Honors**  
Grade Point Average: 3.77  
May 1998
- University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine  
**Master of Veterinary Medical Sciences**  
May 1994
- University of Florida College of Agriculture  
**Bachelor of Science in Animal Science**  
May 1992

### SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS AND BOOKS:

Richter, G. A., Homer, B., Gibbs, E. P., Moyer, S. A., Williams, D. S., Scherba, G., Tucker, S. J., Hall, B. J., Pedersen, J. C., Jacobson, E. R. (1996) Characterization of Paramyxoviruses Isolated from Three Snakes. *Virus Research* 43, 77-83.

Viruses catalogued with American Type Culture Collection: [www.atcc.org/catalogs](http://www.atcc.org/catalogs)  
Ophidian Paramyxovirus VTCC VR-1408

Richter, G. (2017). **The ultimate pet health guide: breakthrough nutrition and integrative care for dogs and cats.** Carlsbad, CA: Hay House.

**CBD: A Patient's Guide to Healing with Medicinal Cannabis.** Authored the chapter-  
Veterinary CBD. October, 2017, North Atlantic Books.

**NEWS MEDIA PUBLICATIONS and TELEVISION:**

- **Bay Woof Magazine** July 2007  
“A Look At Canine Heart Disease”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** October 2009  
“Canine Arthritis- Prevention and Treatment”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** July 2010  
“Keeping Your Dog Working and Playing at His Best”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** December 2010  
“Canine Kidney Health”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** October 2011  
“What’s So Great About Being a Pet in the Bay Area?”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** September 2012  
“Integrative Approaches to Allergies”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** April 2013  
“Regenerative Medicine Is Not Science Fiction”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** August 2013  
“Summertime in the Bay Area”
- **Pet Plan Vets For Pets Blog** January 2014  
“Integrative Approaches to Oncology”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** March 2014  
“Making the Most of Vaccinations”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** September 2014  
“Deciphering Canine Dietary Options”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** October 2014  
“Latest and Greatest Canine Medical Innovations”
- **DogTrekker Magazine** October 2014  
“Halloween Dog Safety Tips”
- **DogTrekker Magazine** January 2015  
“What Should I Feed My Dog?”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** September 2015  
“Nutrition: More Than Dinner”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** May 2016  
“Medical Marijuana Goes to the Dogs”
- **Alpenhorn Magazine** Fall 2016  
“Integrative Medicare for Animals”
- **Alpenhorn Magazine** Winter 2016  
“Integrative Approaches to Cancer Care”
- **Bay Woof Magazine** November 2017  
“Confronting Cancer”
- **The Truth About Pets and Cancer** October 2017  
Contributor to the feature-length documentary exploring the causes and treatments of cancer in pets.

- **Hallmark Channel Home and Family** January 2018  
Integrative Medicine Interview
- **Bay Woof Magazine** February 2018  
“Veterinarians and Medical Cannabis”
- **Dog Trekker Magazine** April 2018  
“Medical Cannabis for Pets”
- **The Sacred Plant** June 2018  
Contributor to the internationally distributed documentary about medical cannabis therapy

## PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

- **Berkeley Dog and Cat Hospital, Berkeley** March 2001 - March 2002  
Organized and instructed monthly continuing educational seminars for Berkeley Dog and Cat veterinary technicians.
- **Montclair Veterinary Hospital** March 2002 – May 2018  
Create and deliver educational materials to employees and community members.
- **Montclair Veterinary Hospital Pet & Wildlife Fund** March 2004 – May 2018  
Create and deliver educational materials to community members. Volunteer at special events for the Oakland Zoo, Smiley Dog Rescue, Lindsay Wildlife Museum, and The MVH Pet & Wildlife Fund along with others.
- **Alameda County Emergency Managers Meeting, Dublin, CA** October 2006  
“Disaster Preparation for Pets and First Aid for Pets”
- **SAREX First Responders Event, Treasure Island, CA** September 2011  
“First Aid and Basic Life Support for Search and Rescue Dogs”
- **Alameda County Disaster Preparedness Education Oakland, CA** October 2011  
“Disaster Preparation for Pets and First Aid for Pets”
- **Holistic Hound, Berkeley, CA** February 2012  
“Integrative Approaches to Orthopedic Disease”
- **Alameda County Veterinary Medical Association** March 2012  
“Using Integrative Medicine to Improve Outcomes in Difficult Cases”
- **Pet Emergency Treatment Services, Berkeley, CA** February 2013  
“Hyperbaric Oxygen in Veterinary Medicine”
- **VCA Bay Area Veterinary Specialists, San Leandro, CA** April 2013  
“Integrating Alternative and Complementary Medical Solutions”
- **Holistic Hound, Berkeley, CA** May 2013  
“Integrative Approaches to Oncology”
- **VCA Bay Area Veterinary Specialists, San Leandro, CA** June 2013  
“Integrative Oncology”
- **SAGE Veterinary Specialists, Concord, CA** August 2013  
“Hyperbaric Oxygen in Veterinary Medicine”
- **Holistic Hound, Berkeley, CA** March 2014  
“Integrative Approaches to Kidney Disease”
- **East Bay Veterinary Specialists, Walnut Creek, CA** April 2014  
“Hyperbaric Oxygen in Veterinary Medicine”
- **Holistic Veterinary Care, Oakland, CA** May 2014  
“Integrative Wellness Care in Veterinary Medicine”
- **VCA Animal Care Center, Rhonert Park, CA** July 2014  
“Hyperbaric Oxygen In Veterinary Medicine”
- **Holistic Hound, Berkeley, CA** November 2014

- “Thyroid Disease in Dogs and Cats”
- **Northwest Doodle Breeders Summit, Portland, OR** **March 2015**  
“Comprehensive Integrative Wellness Care”
  - **National Bernese Mountain Dog Specialty, Monterey, CA** **March 2015**  
“Comprehensive Integrative Wellness Care”
  - **Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland CA** **August, 2015**  
Keynote Speaker for Dog Days of Summer Event  
“Comprehensive Integrative Wellness Care”
  - **Basset Hound Club of America National Specialty, Sacramento, CA** **Sept. 2015**  
“Comprehensive Integrative Wellness Care”
  - **Alameda County Disaster Preparedness Education, Oakland, CA** **October 2015**  
“Disaster Preparation for Pets and First Aid for Pets”
  - **Veterinary News Brief- Sponsored by VIN & VBMA, Davis, CA** **October 2015**  
“Discussion on cyber-bullying and managing client complaints ”
  - **Nor Cal King Charles Cavalier Association, Pleasanton, CA** **April 2016**  
“Current Topics on Vaccines and Vaccine Titers”
  - **Hay House World Summit** **May 2016**  
“Whole Food Nutrition and Integrative Medicine”
  - **Alameda County Veterinary Medical Association** **June 2016**  
**Oakland, CA**  
“Medical Cannabis- Applications in The Cancer Patient”
  - **Holistic Hound, Berkeley, CA** **October 2016**  
“Medical Cannabis in Pets”
  - **The Emerald Cup, Santa Rosa, CA** **December 2016**  
“Safe and Effective Use of Medical Cannabis in Pets”
  - **Green Flower Media- On Line Master Course** **December 2016**  
“Cannabis For Pets: Everything You Need To Know To Treat Your Sick Animal Safely and Effectively”
  - **Alameda County Veterinary Medical Association** **January 2017**  
**Oakland, CA**  
“Safe and Effective Use of Medical Cannabis in Pets”
  - **Contra Costa County Veterinary Medical Association** **February 2017**  
**Lafayette, CA**  
“Safe and Effective Use of Medical Cannabis in Pets”
  - **Green Flower Media- Cannabis Health Summit** **April 2017**  
**On Line Course**  
“Medical Cannabis For Pets”
  - **Hemp Health & Innovation Cannabis and Hemp Conference** **May 2017**  
**Sydney, Australia**  
“Integrative Medicine and Medical Cannabis For Pets”
  - **National Academy of Future Physicians** **June 2017**  
**Lowell, MA**  
“The Pathway to a Career in Medicine”
  - **Health Masters Live Webinar** **August 2017**  
“Integrative Approaches to Gastrointestinal Disease in Dogs”
  - **Health Masters Live Webinar** **August 2017**  
“Integrative Approaches to Allergic Disease in Dogs”
  - **Standard Process Teleconference** **October 2017**  
“Integrating Whole Food Nutrition, Herbal Therapy, and The Multimodal Approach to Treating Chronic Conditions in Dogs and Cats”
  - **Dogs, Cats, and Cannabis, Berkeley, CA** **November 2017**  
“An Introduction to Cannabis as Medicine For Dogs and Cats”
  - **The Emerald Cup, Santa Rosa, CA** **December 2017**

- “Medical Cannabis in Pets- Safe and Effective Use and Current Legal Landscape”
- **Napa/Sonoma County Veterinary Medical Association**      **January 2018**  
“The Endocannabinoid System, Medical Cannabis in Pets, and the Current Legal Landscape”
  - **Pet Expo, Orlando, Florida**      **March 2018**  
Panel discussion about the use of medical cannabis for pets
  - **Holistic Hound, Berkeley, CA**      **April 2018**  
“An Introduction to Cannabis as Medicine For Dogs and Cats”
  - **UC Berkeley Pre-Vet Club, Berkeley, CA**      **April 2018**  
“Introduction to Integrative and Holistic Veterinary Medicine”
  - **Palm Springs Cannabis Summit, Palm Springs, CA**      **April 2018**  
“Medical Cannabis in Pets- Safe and Effective Use and Current Legal Landscape”
  - **Humane Society VMA Webinar (RACE approved)**      **June 2018**  
“The Endocannabinoid System, Medical Cannabis in Pets, and the Current Legal Landscape”
  - **National Academy of Future Physicians**      **June 2018**  
**Lowell, MA**  
“Integrative Medicine: Embracing Past, Present, and Future Knowledge”
  - **Emerald Pharms, Hopland, CA**      **July 2018**  
“Medical Cannabis in Pets- Safe and Effective Use and Current Legal Landscape”
  - **Benefit for Muttville Dog Rescue, San Francisco, CA**      **July 2018**  
“Medical Cannabis in Pets- Safe and Effective Use and Current Legal Landscape”
  - **Benefit for Muttville Dog Rescue, San Francisco, CA**      **July 2018**  
“Medical Cannabis in Pets- Safe and Effective Use and Current Legal Landscape”
  - **Trilogy Medical Cannabis Club, Brentwood, CA**      **July 2018**  
“Medical Cannabis in Pets- Safe and Effective Use and Current Legal Landscape”
  - **Cat Con, Pasadena, CA**      **August 2018**  
Panel discussion exploring the uses and benefits of CBD and other cannabis products in cats

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- **Miami Metrozoo**      **December 1984 – June 1988**  
Student volunteer responsible for the care and feeding of raptors, psittacines, and hoofstock. Other duties included daily educational shows, overnight educational programs for children, and records organization for the staff veterinarian.
- **Four Forty-One Animal Hospital, Boca Raton, Florida**      **May – June 1990**  
Volunteer veterinary assistant in a busy small animal practice. Duties included assisting with small animal examinations, surgeries, and treatments. Additional responsibilities: kennel maintenance and care of boarding animals.
- **UF College of Veterinary Medicine, Gainesville, Florida**      **January 1991 – May 1992**  
Student employee for Rural Animal Medicine Services. Responsibilities included physical examination, blood collection, and assisting field surgeries on Holstein cows.

- **UF College of Veterinary Medicine, Gainesville, Florida**      **August 1992 – May 1994**  
 Earned Master of Science degree while working as a graduate research assistant focusing on the collection, isolation, and electron microscopic examination of paramyxoviruses from snakes with respiratory disease.
- **Treasure Coast Wildlife Hospital, Hobe Sound, Florida**      **June – August 1995**  
 Volunteer veterinary student in a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation facility. Duties included capture/restraint of mammals, birds, and reptiles, medical and surgical treatment of critically injured animals, and rehabilitation of releasable animals.
- **UF College of Veterinary Medicine, Gainesville, Florida**      **May 1997**  
 Elective radiology/ ultrasound rotation focusing on radiographic interpretation and diagnostic ultrasound. This rotation included reading radiographs with board certified radiologists, and hands on use of ultrasound for examination, biopsy, aspirates, and cystocentesis.
- **Oaks Veterinary Hospital, Gainesville, Florida**      **June 1997**  
 Veterinary externship in a busy small animal practice. Responsibilities included client relations, physical examination, radiology, surgery, medical therapy, and clinical pathology.
- **San Francisco Zoological Gardens, San Francisco, California**      **July 1997**  
 Veterinary extern for five weeks. Duties included formulating treatment plans for sick animals, minor surgical procedures, restraint and immobilization of hoofstock and carnivores, and research concerning animals with persistent medical problems.
- **Marine Mammal Research Center, Marin, California**      **July 1997**  
 Volunteer veterinary student who worked with staff veterinarians treating seals and sea lions. Responsibilities included restraint, blood collection, and necropsy.
- **Alachua County Animal Control, Gainesville, Florida**      **January 1998**  
 Veterinary extern performing spays and neuters on adoptable dogs and cats. Responsibilities include handling, physical examination, surgery, and anesthesia. Animal Control routinely spays/ neuters approximately 50 animals per week.
- **Mission Pet Hospital, San Francisco**      **October 1998-March 1999**  
 Relief veterinarian responsible for routine general practice duties.
- **Campus Veterinary Clinic, Berkeley**      **November 1998-November 1999**  
 Relief veterinarian responsible for routine general practice duties.
- **Berkeley Dog and Cat Hospital, Berkeley**      **July 1998 - March 2002**  
 Part-time veterinarian responsible for routine general practice duties as well as emergency shifts for Special Veterinary Services with the same practice.
- **Pet Emergency Treatment Services, Berkeley**      **August 1998 - March 2002**  
 Full-time/ Part-time emergency clinician.
- **Montclair Veterinary Hospital, Oakland**      **March 2002– May 2018**  
 Owner, Medical Director, and practicing veterinarian of a small animal hospital with more than 10,000 patients. Manage six associate veterinarians and a staff of approximately 30 employees.

- **Montclair Veterinary Hospital Pet & Wildlife Fund** March 2004– Present  
Co-Launched a non-profit to help support the efforts of the professionals at Montclair Veterinary Hospital treat pets and wildlife in need.
- **California Veterinary Medical Association Representative for Alameda County Veterinary Disaster Planning** January 2006– December 2014  
Planning and implementation of the veterinary response to disasters in Alameda County.
- **Holistic Veterinary Care** November 2008– Present  
Established a holistic/ complementary veterinary practice to offer medical solutions not previously available to pets. Services offered include acupuncture, herbal therapy, medical cannabis consultation, hyperbaric oxygen, chiropractic, Pulsed Signal Therapy, microcurrent therapy, and more.
- **Hemopet Diagnostic Laboratory** November 2011- Present  
Provide diagnostic interpretations of comprehensive thyroid profiles and other blood work to veterinarians and pet owners. Over 15,000 thyroid profiles evaluated and interpreted since November 2011.
- **Ian Somerhalder Foundation** July 2017- Present  
Veterinary Advisor
- **College of Integrative Veterinary Therapies** August 2017- Present  
Member of faculty creating and presenting educational content for veterinary professionals.
- **Rover.com** August 2017- Present  
Veterinary advisor and content provider
- **Nutra Thrive Product Formulation** June 2018- Present  
Formulation of veterinary specific natural supplements

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- Member International Cannabinoid Research Society: 2016- Present
- Member Society of Cannabis Clinicians: 2015-Present
- California Veterinary Medical Association Medical Reserve Corps: 2010-Present
- City of Oakland Medical Reserve Corps: 2009- 2010
- Member American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association: 2009- Present
- Member International Veterinary Chiropractic Association: 2009-2010
- Member Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society: 2002-2004
- Member American Veterinary Medical Association: 1998- Present
- Member California Veterinary Medical Association: 1998- Present
- Member and Past President Alameda County Veterinary Medical Association: 1998- Present
- Member Phi Zeta: National Honor Society of Veterinary Medicine: 1998
- Recipient of the Lerner Memorial Wildlife Scholarship: 1996
- University of Florida Wildlife and Zoological Medicine Club: 1994-1998
- University of Florida Aquatic Animal Medicine Club: 1994-1998
- American Association for the Advancement of Science: 1988

- Recipient of the Florida Academic Scholars Award: 1988
- President of Metrozoo Student Volunteer Organization: 1984-1988

## AWARDS

- **Oakland Indie Awards**
  - Recipient of the “Pillar Award” for exemplifying outstanding community service and social impact in Oakland- 2011
- **East Bay Express**
  - Best Veterinarian in the East Bay- 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
  - Best “Mayor”, Montclair Pet Mayor Fundraiser- 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014
- **KRON 4**
  - Best Veterinarian in Northern California- 2008, 2009, 2010
- **Oakland Magazine**
  - Best Veterinarian- 2009-2018
  - Best Annual Event Montclair Pet Mayor Fundraiser- 2009, 2012, 2014
- **Bay Woof Magazine**
  - “Beast of the Bay” winner for Best Veterinarian- 2009, 2010, 2013
  - “Beast of the Bay” winner for Best Canine Therapy Facility- 2013, 2014
  - “Beast of the Bay” winner for Best Alternative Medicine Provider- 2013, 2014, 2015
- **PetPlan**
  - Top Ten Veterinarians in the United States 2012
- **American Veterinary Medical Foundation**
  - “America’s Favorite Veterinarian”- 2015
- **Global Health and Pharma Magazine**
  - Best Alternative Healthcare Specialist, USA- 2016
- **Oakland Best Businesses Award**
  - Best Business Award- Veterinarian Category- 2016
- **We Want Oakland- Best of Oakland Award**
  - Best Veterinary Hospital- October, 2017