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CURRICULUM VITAE  
**LARA MARIE RASMUSSEN**

**PRESENT POSITION**

Surgeon, owner  
Direct Veterinary Surgery, LLC  
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**EDUCATION**

- University of California, Davis, CA, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences and Policy Studies, 1988
- University of California, Davis, CA, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, 1993
- University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota, Master of Science, Veterinary Surgery, Anesthesiology & Radiology, 2002

**LICENSURE**

California (current), Massachusetts, Minnesota (current), Oregon (current); Washington; Wisconsin (current), USDA Accredited (current)

**BOARD CERTIFICATION**

Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons, 1999

**PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

- **Mobile Surgeon, owner**, Direct Veterinary Surgery, LLC, Lakeland, MN, 2017-2024.
- **Contracting Surgeon**, Veterinary Surgical Specialists, Inver Grove Heights, MN, 2006-2017.
- **Staff Surgeon**, Affiliated Emergency Veterinary Service, Eden Prairie, MN, 2005-2006
- **Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor**, Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pomona, CA, 2005-2012
- **Associate Professor**, Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pomona, CA, 2003-2005
- **Assistant Professor**, Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pomona, CA, 1999-2003
- **Staff Surgeon**, Veterinary Referral Services, Spokane, WA, 1998-1999
- **Instructor**, Small Animal Surgery, Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Pullman, WA, 1997-1998
- **Resident**, Small Animal Surgery, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN, 1994-1997
- **Intern**, Small Animal Medicine & Surgery, South Shore Veterinary Hospital, Weymouth, MA, 1993-1994

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

- American College of Veterinary Surgeons, 1999-present
- American Veterinary Medical Association, 1993-present
- Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association 2009-present
- California Veterinary Medical Association, 1993-2005; 2024-present
- Southern California Veterinary Medical Association, 1999-2005
- Applied Research Ethics National Association, 2000-2005

## **VETERINARY MEDICINE PUBLICATIONS**

### **A. PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS**

**Rasmussen, L.M.**, Graham, L., Lipowitz, A.J. Development and Verification of Saphenous, Tibial and Common Peroneal Nerve Block Techniques for Analgesia Below the Thigh in the Dog. *Vet Anaeth Analg* 33:36-48, 2006. **\*\*Langley Prize winner, 2006—Association of Veterinary Anaesthetists Educational Trust\*\***

**Rasmussen, L.M.**, Graham, L., Lipowitz, A.J. Controlled, Clinical Trial Assessing Saphenous, Tibial and Common Peroneal Nerve Blocks for the Control of Post-operative Pain Following Stifle Surgery in the Dog. *Vet Anaeth Analg* 33:49-61, 2006.

**Rasmussen, L.M.**, Kramek, B.A., Lipowitz, A.J. Preoperative parameters affecting long-term outcome of triple pelvic osteotomy as a treatment of naturally developing hip dysplasia in dogs. *J Amer Vet Med Assoc* 213:80-85, 1998.

Barnhart M.D., **Rasmussen, L.M.** Pleural effusion as a complication of extrahepatic biliary tract rupture in a dog. *J Am Anim Hosp Assoc* 32: 409-412, 1996.

### **B. PUBLICATIONS AS CHAPTERS IN TEXTBOOKS**

**Rasmussen, LM.** *The Stomach.* In Textbook of Small Animal Surgery, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Slatter, D., ed. W.B. Saunders. Philadelphia, PA. 2002.

**Rasmussen, LM.** Muscle and tendon emergencies. In Barnhart M. & Shertel, E. eds., *The Small Animal Emergency Manual—The First 24 Hours.* (Unpublished)

### **C. PUBLICATIONS IN NON-REFEREED JOURNALS, ARTICLES, PROCEEDINGS**

**Rasmussen, L.M.** Life Sciences Learning: An Approach that Promotes Progress and Respects Life. *J Appl Anim Welfare Sci* 2001; 4(2): 131-134.

### **FUNDED RESEARCH**

**Rasmussen, L.M.**, Lipowitz, A.J.: Bupivacaine peripheral nerve blocks for control of post-operative pain. Morris Animal Foundation. \$12,000. 1996.

### **FUNDED PROGRAM GRANTS**

**Rasmussen, L.M.** Veterinary Ambulatory Community Service Vehicle. The Bosack and Kruger Foundation. \$186,227. 2003.

**Rasmussen, L.M.**, Johnston, S.D., Robinson, R.A. Integration and Application of the Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program Throughout a Four-Year Curriculum at a New College of Veterinary Medicine. Maddie's Fund. \$1.25 million (5-year project; 2yr complete). 2002.

**Rasmussen, L.M.** PETsMART Charities Veterinary Ambulatory Community Service Program at Western University of Health Sciences. PETsMART Charities. \$92,000 (3-year project). 2002.

**Rasmussen, L.M.** Innovative, non-invasive curriculum and learning tool development. NEAVS. \$10,000 (funded) 2002; \$2000 (funded) 2003.

### **SUBMITTED PROGRAM GRANTS**

**Rasmussen, L.M.** Veterinary Equine Rescue Goodwill Enterprise. The Community Foundation's Bertha M. Green Fund. \$2500 (not funded). December 2001.

**Rasmussen, L.M.** Equine rectal palpation prototype development. The Paul C. & Borghild Peterson Foundation. \$9000 (not funded). April 2001.

### **PROFESSIONAL AND UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING**

4<sup>th</sup> Year Veterinary Clerkships: Affiliated Veterinary Emergency Service—Surgery Group, Eden Prairie, MN & Veterinary Surgical Specialists, Inver Grove Heights, MN. Students from: Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pomona, CA (Site coordinator, content expert). University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN (content expert) 2006-present.

Clinical Skills Course (Course Director), Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pomona, CA, 2003-2005.

Veterinary Ambulatory Community Service Rotation (Rotation Director, Principle Clinician), Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pomona, CA, 2003-2005.

Problem-Based Learning Modules, (facilitator, content expert), Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pomona, CA, 2003-2005.

Student Surgery Short-Course. School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, Davis CA. Cosponsored by the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights. May 1999, Nov 2002.

Advanced Veterinary Technician course, California Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA. A) The surgery technician's role. B) CPR laboratory. 1,6,8 March 2000; 5, 7 March 2001; 4, 6 March 2002 .

Student Assessments Course, Master of Science in Health Professions Education Program in the College of Allied Health Professions. Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA. Problem-based Learning Student Assessment, 11 April 2000

Basic Surgical Techniques: Alternative Laboratory, Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pullman, WA. Summer 1996-1999

The Big Fix: College of Veterinary Medicine Spay/Neuter Clinic, Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pullman, WA. February 1998.

Small Animal Surgery course, Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pullman, WA. Basic Surgery Laboratory, Spring 1998.

Small Animal Clinical Rotations, University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN, 1994-1997.

Small Animal Surgery course, University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN. Basic Surgery Laboratory, Spring 1994-1997.

Small Animal Surgery course, University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN. Alternative Source Surgery Laboratory, Spring 1997.

Small Animal Surgery course, University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN, The Stifle, February 1996.

### **INVITED VETERINARY PRESENTATIONS**

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** From the tip of the *tongue* to the bottom of the *bum*, *Surgical Wisdom and Technique*. Animal Care Foundation Spring Seminar. Minneapolis, MN (Live Webinar); April 2021.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Ears, Airways, Pain—No relationship! MVMA Seminar, Minneapolis, MN; April 2014.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Bandaging Skills Laboratory. Three organizations, veterinary professionals. Minneapolis, MN; 2007-2010.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Shelter Triage Exam. Animal Humane Society, Minneapolis, MN; Jan 2009.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Hip Denervation—A Viable Option for Troublesome Hips. SE Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, Rochester, MN; Sept 2008.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Hoarse Dog—Summer is Approaching for the Laryngeal-ly Challenged. Pet Crossing Speaker Series, Bloomington, MN; Jun 2006. Affiliated Veterinary Emergency Service, Eden Prairie, MN; Sept 2006.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Feeding Tubes—When, Where, Why, How? Affiliated Veterinary Emergency Service, Eden Prairie, MN; Feb 2006. SE Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, Rochester, MN; Mar 2006.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Exploratory Laparotomy—When to Dive in and What Clients Can Expect. Affiliated Veterinary Emergency Service, Eden Prairie, MN. Dec 2005.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Oncologic Surgery—Principles and Client Education. Affiliated Veterinary Emergency Service, Eden Prairie, MN. Oct 2005.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Compassion and Intellect: History and Philosophy. School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, Davis CA. Nov 2002.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Collaborative Injured Animal Care; Animal Care Conference; Irvine, CA; March 2002.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Nurturing the Veterinarian-Feral Cat Manager Relationship. Ethical Science and Education Coalition, Boston, MA; April 15, 2000.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** The Enigma of Shock. Yakima Veterinary Medical Association, Yakima, WA. 1998.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Laryngeal Paralysis. Diagnosis and treatment. Mather Continuing Education Series, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota, St. Paul MN, 1998.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** What's New in Canine Orthopedics. Cambridge Kennel Club, Cambridge, MN. 1997.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. Veterinary Technician Continuing Education Seminar. Washington State University, Pullman, WA. 1997.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Bloat: Learn the Facts" Weimeraner Breeders Association, St. Paul, MN, 1996.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Mediastinal, Pleural and Extrapleural Disease. Surgery Residents' Rounds, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota, 1995.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Chronic Otitis Externa: A Chance to Cut...a Chance to Cure? Grand Rounds, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN, 1994.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Respiratory Complications and Anesthesia. Anesthesia Rounds, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN, 1994.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Small Animal Toxicology. Grand Rounds, South Shore Veterinary Associates, Weymouth, MA, 1994.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Hepatic Lipidosis. Grand Rounds, South Shore Veterinary Associates, Weymouth, MA, 1993.

#### **EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS (NON-REFEREED)**

**Rasmussen, L.M.** *Curricular Design: Choosing and Planning a Humane Approach to Life Science Education.* In From Guinea Pig to Computer Mouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Jukes, N and Chiuiua, M, eds. InterNICHE. Leicester, England. 2003

Johnston, G.R., Johnston, S. D, Robinson, R.A., **Rasmussen, L.M.** *A Pedagogically Sound, Innovative, and Humane Plan for Veterinary Medical Education.* In From Guinea Pig to Computer Mouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Jukes, N and Chiuiua, M, eds. InterNICHE. Leicester, England. 2003

#### **INVITED EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS**

**Rasmussen, L.M.,** Kitchen, J.B., Aldridge, B. Benefits and Drawbacks of Animals as Learning Tools: When are they appropriate? Education Symposium, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, Washington D.C., Mar 2006.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Non-harmful Animal Use and Beneficial Animal Participation in Veterinary Medical Clinical Skills Learning and Mastery. Congress 2002—World Small Animal Veterinary Association, Granada, Spain. Oct 2002.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** A New Paradigm in Veterinary Medical Education. La Verne Rotary Club, 27 June 2002.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Designing Veterinary Curricula: A Grand Experiment. Symposium of the Animal Care and Use in Education group, Oregon State Univeristy, Corvallis, OR, 19-20 April 2001

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Veterinary Clinical Skills: Above All Do No Harm. International Network of Individuals and Campaigns for Humane Education (InterNICHE) Annual Conference, Brussels, Belgium, 21 February 2001.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** An Incredible Career: Veterinary Medicine. Medical Career Academy, East San Gabriel Valley Regional Occupational Program, West Covina, CA, 10 August 2000.

Johnston, G.R., **Rasmussen, L.M.:** A New Paradigm in Veterinary Medical Education. Annual Meeting, Association of American Veterinary Clinicians, Seattle, WA, 24 May 2000.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Veterinary Clinical Skills Instruction: Designing the Model. Ethical Science and Education Coalition, Boston, MA, April 15, 2000.

**Rasmussen, L.M.:** Animal Use in Veterinary Education: Have an Opinion! Pre-Vet Club; California Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA, March 30, 2000.

### **LEARNING TOOL DESIGN**

Designer: Ideation Team (Co-designers Brian Aldridge & Ben Kitchen). 2005-2007

Designer: Clinical Skills Course, College of Veterinary Medicine, Western University of Health Sciences. 1999-2005

Consultant: Equine rescue manikin, Rescue Critters, Inc. 2001

Consultant: Canine urinary catheterization (female) manikin, Rescue Critters, Inc. 1999

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **A. UNIVERSITY**

- Member, Faculty Senate, Western University of Health Sciences, 2002-2003
- Member, Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee, Western University of Health Sciences, 1999-2003
- Chair, Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee, Western University of Health Sciences, 2000-2003
- Member, Research Advisory Council, Western University of Health Sciences, 2000-2004
- Member, Institutional Strategic Planning Committee, Western University of Health Sciences, 1999-2001
- Member, Advisory Board, Physical Therapy Program, Western University of Health Sciences, 2000
- Member, Instructional & Informational Technology Advisory Committee, Western University of Health Sciences, 2001

#### **B. COLLEGE**

- Chair, Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee, Western University College of Veterinary Medicine, 2002-2005
- Member, WAVE Program Committee, Western University College of Veterinary Medicine, 2002-2005
- Member, Curriculum Committee, Western University College of Veterinary Medicine, 2002-2004
- Member, Associate Dean Search Committee (Spring 2004), Western University College of Veterinary Medicine, 2004
- Member, Clinical Resources Committee, Western University College of Veterinary Medicine, 2004-2004
- Member, Faculty Search Committee (Fall 2002), Western University College of Veterinary Medicine, 2002
- Member, Instructional Resources Committee, Western University College of Veterinary Medicine, 2001-2004
- College Liaison, Instructional Technology Department, Western University, 2000-2004
- College Liaison, University Architect (Veterinary Medicine Center), Western University, 2001-2002

### **C. PUBLIC**

- Animal Health Science Option Advisory Committee, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, 2001-2002.
- Board Member, Minnesota Spay Neuter Assistance Program (private non-profit), Minneapolis, MN, 2008-present.

### **D. BUSINESS**

- Member, Internal Medicine Candidate Search Committee, Affiliated Emergency Veterinary Service, Fall 2005.

### **ADVISING ACTIVITIES**

- Health and Human Services, Secretary's Award Submission, Nardi, N. (DVM 2007) and Berberian, R. (DO 2007), *The Prevention Plot for You and Spot: A Plot to Provide Preventative Medicine for People and Animals with Economic Hardship*, (Co-Advisor: Dr. Craig Kuehn), Submitted March 2004.
- Health and Human Services, Secretary's Award Submission, Ngo, T.H. (DO 2007), Gilbert, J. (DO 2007), Rawlinson, J.J. (DVM 2007): *Uncuff Homelessness*. (Co-Advisor: Dr. Rafi Younaszai), Submitted March 2004.
- Student Chapter—Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, 2003-present.
- Zoo, Exotic, Wildlife, Conservation Club, 2003-2004.
- Student Recruitment Information Sessions, bimonthly 2000-2003.
- *An Incredible Career: Veterinary Medicine*. Pomona Unified School District, Teen Rally, Pomona, CA, 20 May 2000

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Surgical services and consultation, MN, 8hrs weekly, 2005-2024

Animal Humane Society, Golden Valley, MN

Pet rescue organizations (various)

Veterinary Ambulatory Community Service Vehicle (Principle Clinician), Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pomona, CA, 2003-2005

SpayDayUSA participant

-- through Minnesota Spay Neuter Assistance Program (average 30 cases/day); 2011-2012

-- through Inland Valley Humane Society (average 30 cases/day); 2000-2005

Surgical services and consultation, CA, 1999-2005

Inland Valley Humane Society

Pasadena Humane Society

Boxer Rescue LA

Small Paws Rescue



Coordinator and participant; Homeless Humans and Pets Health Fair (Joint endeavor between WesternU-CVM and Tri-Cities Mental Health Clinic Homeless Outreach); wellness care to area homeless peoples' pets; 24 August 2000; 15 August 2001; 8 August 2002.

Judge; Claremont High School Science Fair; March 2001

Coordinator and participant; Western University of Health Sciences Veterinary Wellness Clinic (In celebration of National Pet Week); wellness care to campus faculty/staff/student pets; 12 May 2000.

### **GOVERNMENT/LEGAL SERVICE**

Expert witness. People of the State of California v. SVenegas. 2005 (Fatal dog beating case.)

Expert witness. People of the State of California v. JSMoreno. 2003 (Animal abandonment/abuse case.)

Expert testimony. California State Senate Bill # SB1345, Author—Kuehl. 2002 (Animal blood bank legislation.)

Expert witness. Schemm v. Newman, Missoula, MT. 2001 (Canine gunshot case.)