



Fighting Murphy's Law: How to Protect Your Dog from Common Toxins, Recognize Warning Signs of Cancer, and Prepare Your Dog for Life in the Urban Jungle

**A Seminar with Michelle Pressel, DVM, DACVIM on Saturday January 30, 2010
9am – 1pm Cabrillo College Room 833 (6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003)**

Are you concerned about canine cancer? Unnerved by internet tales of dogs poisoned by common household items or plants? Wonder what you can do to mitigate your dog's risk of these threats and others? Or do you just have questions you've long wished to ask a vet in an informal setting? This seminar is for you. In the first part of this seminar, Dr. Michelle Pressel will illuminate the dark worlds of canine cancer and toxicology. In one lecture, she will cover some of the common cancers affecting dogs today, treatment options, and what to expect from treatment (e.g., will my dog lose all his hair and vomit constantly if he receives chemotherapy?). Another lecture will cover common toxins to which dogs are exposed, what to avoid, what to do if your dog does not avoid them, and how they are treated. There will even be some information about cats, just so that we don't forget the other common four-legged family member. The second part of the seminar is all about you! Here is your chance to ask that burning question. Dr. Pressel will answer as many pre-submitted questions as time permits: please use the registration form below to ask your question or indicate the topic you hope to see addressed. *Please do not bring dogs to this seminar.*

Michelle Pressel, DVM, DACVIM received her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Colorado State University in 2000, completed her internship at VCA Veterinary Care Animal Hospital, Albuquerque, NM in 2001 and remained in Albuquerque in general practice for one year. She completed her residency training in internal medicine at Iowa State University in 2005 and became board certified that same year; she has been an internal medicine specialist at Pacific Veterinary Specialists in Capitola, CA since 2007. Dr. Pressel has published articles on infectious liver disease, is coauthor on several articles on inflammatory bowel disease and has authored chapters in several books. She frequently participates in veterinary conferences; her professional interests include oncology, gastroenterology, and hematology. In her spare time, Dr. Pressel trains and competes in a number of dogsports including agility (her favorite), obedience, and tracking. Her older Golden Retriever, Cedar, is also a therapy dog who enjoys visiting convalescent hospitals. She also shares her life with cats Nutmeg, Sage, and Spice, and new Golden puppy Safari who looks forward to a life of doing it all.

Seminar fee: \$35 early registration (by Jan 20) or \$40 after that. Light snacks will be provided. **For Questions**, contact Derede Arthur, 831-757-7467 dlarthur@ucsc.edu. **To register**, send the form below and checks made out to SMART to Derede Arthur, SMART Vet Seminar, 1266 Old Stage Rd. Salinas, CA 93908 (Email confirmations *only*). Questions for Dr Pressel can also be submitted by email no later than January 22.

Name: _____ **Email** _____

Full address (include city!) _____ **Phone:** _____

Question(s) for Dr. Pressel (optional/use back if needed):