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## Veterinarian named board president

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy has announced that Cassie Jones, DVM, will succeed Bill Swank as board president for the next two years.

Jones, who was named president Jan. 19, is the founder and owner of Point Vicente Animal Hospital and a graduate of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

Jones has served on the conservancy's board of directors for five years in addition to serving as the executive vice president the previous year. She began her time at the land conservancy as a contributing member and a volunteer, often just showing up to help pull weeds, a press release said.

Her goal is to provide awareness of the open spaces and to broaden the appreciation for the diversity of animal life living in the preserves, ocean and air.

"I choose to put a lot of time into the land conservancy because I can accomplish so many concurrent things that are good and important to me through my work," Jones said in the release. "Helping children learn about their physical world around them, ensuring the critters we

share this land with are thriving, providing the obvious visual delight in seeing the hills around here healthy and providing spaces where forever we can stretch our legs, our hearts and our minds—these are just a few of the benefits I get from spending my time this way. I love hearing the stories from children, students, fitness enthusiasts, conservationists, botanists, etc. We really do impact every single person around here. That is the greatest benefit."

The drought presents a big challenge as Jones begins serving as president, and she believes in restoring the land with native plants.

Jones has also been a member of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. She is passionate about enhancing the quality of care for all animals and has served with several organizations to promote this cause.

"It is wonderful to welcome Cassie Jones as President," said Executive Director Andrea Vona. "She is such a valued and trusted community member and has been a highly engaged board member."

— Ed Pilolla



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Cassie Jones, DVM, cares for an injured baby goat named Clifford last year who was born with contracted (short) tendons. Clifford was part of a grazing herd at Alta Vicente Reserve during the summer. The goats were brought in to remove invasive weeds for habitat restoration and fuel modification in the preserves.