



PET PROJECT

Dogs have realistic goals and no ulterior motives,” said Dr. Amy Kramer, a physical therapist who transitioned to animal rehabilitation in 2005. “They just want to be able to get back on the sofa or go for a walk, versus my human patients who want to get back to extreme sports!” Amy partnered with veterinarian Dr. Jessica Waldman to create California Animal Rehabilitation (C.A.R.E.), a first of its kind in the area for dogs and cats needing post-operative recovery programs or non-surgical options, assistance with neurological disorders, weight management, and general pain management associated with disorders from aging or injuries. She became curious about animal care after her own pet had knee surgery and needed post-operative care. “The recovery process is exactly the same as it is in humans, with a few considerations,” she said. “Animals can’t tell you how they feel, and so you have to rely on what the owner says about the pet.” Overall Amy said she’s found her new practice extremely rewarding, helping educate pet owners on proper exercise and diet. “I experienced situations in the human world where someone would ‘fake’ an injury because they didn’t like their boss or job or figured they can make more money staying home on disability. Bottom line is, dogs don’t fake it!”

C.A.R.E., 3200 Olympic Boulevard in Santa Monica. calanimalrehab.com



Malibu Arts Festival

July 24-25, 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
Malibu Civic Center

Returning for an amazing 39th year, this outdoor gathering of local artists under gleaming white tents attracts art enthusiasts, collectors, and plenty of fun-seekers. Award-winning painters, sculptors, photographers, jewelers and other artisans will be featured along with the sounds of local musicians and offerings of fantastic Westside eateries. *For more information, visit malibu.org.*

WESTSIDEBAR

In 1957, a novel by Frederick Kohner introduced the world to a teenage girl named *Gidget*. Inspired by his own daughter’s interaction with that famous Malibu surf culture of the 50s and 60s, Kohner’s character became a hit with the public, spawning a handful of beach movies and a TV show with Sally Field. The first movie with Sandra Dee was shot on location in Santa Monica, and *Gidget*’s home still stands on 18th Street, lovingly replicated at the studio for subsequent sequels.