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## Mai Yee Mok Biography 2013

I was born in San Diego but raised in Woodland, California. I went to Yale University, where I made many good friends playing volleyball. I also met Dr. Steve Barthold DACVP there; he was kind enough to lay out a year-long plan of attack for me to get into veterinary school. Fortunately or unfortunately, at that age I was not willing to make such a commitment. I applied anyway and, to no surprise, I wasn't accepted. I spent the next 10 years 'living': I taught high school, was technician at Rockefeller University, worked in the pharmaceutical industry, was a rock climbing instructor... I turned 30 and was finally ready to do as Dr. Barthold had advised. I moved back to Woodland to finish pre-vet courses and get more veterinary experience. A neighbor of mine happened to be Dr. Jim Cullor. He introduced me to the absolutely awesome world of dairy production medicine. I was accepted to veterinary school with the idea that I would be a dairy vet. During 2<sup>nd</sup> year of veterinary school, when everyone else was suffering systems pathology, I was loving it. Plus I noticed that pathologists were the only ones who talked about their extra-curricular activities (all the other veterinarians were too busy to have hobbies!). Thus my interest in pathology was born. Although I am not set on what comes next (I learned that lesson long ago), after sitting boards in 2014, I am eager to do a PhD and eventually combine my interests in dairy medicine and anatomic pathology.