

Specialty Hospitals of San Diego

# 2026 Seaside Veterinary Forum

May 17, 2026

- 7:30 - 8:30** . . . . . **REGISTRATION:** Kickstart your morning with a selection of beverages and light bites- yogurt parfaits, oatmeal, & fresh fruit!
- 8:30 - 8:45** . . . . . **WELCOME**
- 8:45 - 9:00** . . . . . The Street Dog Coalition-San Diego  
*Nicole Del Pino, DVM, The Street Dog Coalition Co-Lead*
- 9:00 - 10:00** . . . . . "Strategies to Manage Ocular Manifestations of Feline Herpesvirus-1 (FHV-1)"  
*Peter Cho, DVM, DACVO*
- 10:00 - 10:15** . . . . . **BREAK - 15 minutes**
- 10:15 - 12:15** . . . . . **BREAKOUT TRACKS: Leadership & Technician (See Back)**
- 10:15 - 11:15** . . . . . "Choose to Culture: Cases in Antimicrobial Stewardship"  
*Silene St. Bernard, DVM, DACVPM*
- 11:15 - 12:15** . . . . . "Thoracic Surgery"  
*Holly Mullen, DVM, DACVS (Small Animal)*
- 12:15 - 1:15** . . . . . **LUNCH**
- 1:15 - 3:15** . . . . . **BREAKOUT TRACKS: Leadership & Technician (See Back)**
- 1:15 - 2:15** . . . . . "Pharmaceutical Management of Epilepsy"  
*David Geiger, DVM (Practice Limited to Neurology)*
- 2:15 - 3:15** . . . . . "Heatstroke in Dogs"  
*Ann-Mari Osgood, BVetMed, DACVECC*
- 3:15 - 4:15** . . . . . **YAPPY-HOUR/ RAFFLE**
- 4:15 - 5:15** . . . . . "Pawsitive Relief: An Integrative Approach to Managing Osteoarthritis"  
*Barrie Sands, DVM, CVA*
- 5:15 - 5:30** . . . . . **CLOSING REMARKS AND THANK YOU**

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Breakout participants will begin and conclude their sessions in the Main Ballroom from 8:30–10:00 AM and 4:15–5:30 PM. All participants will reconvene with the full conference for Lunch 12:15–1:15 PM and Yappy-Hour/ Raffle from 3:15–4:15 PM.

## Leadership:

## Located in Equestrian

- 10:15 - 11:15** . . . . . *"Building Veterinary Teams That Thrive"*  
*Zoetis*
- 11:15 - 12:15** . . . . . *"Cultivating Leaders: The Art of Empowering the Next Level"*  
*Cassee Wdowiak, CVPM*
- 12:15 - 1:15** . . . . . **LUNCH**
- 1:15 - 2:15** . . . . . *"Check the Vitals: Managing Stress Before It Manages You"*  
*Emily Luckie, BS, PHRca, RYT-500*
- 2:15 - 3:15** . . . . . *"Broken Systems, Preventable Mistakes: A Root Cause Approach to Veterinary Practice"*  
*Melissa Hulgreen, MS, RVTg, VTS (ECC)*

## Technician:

## Located in Steeplechase

- 10:15 - 11:15** . . . . . *"You've Got This in the Bag: Tips for a Successful Blood Donation"*  
*Sylvia Gottfried RVT, VTS-ECC*
- 11:15 - 12:15** . . . . . *"Blood Transfusions Made Easy: Are You My Type? Are We a Match? Set It Up and Find Out"*  
*Sylvia Gottfried RVT, VTS-ECC*
- 12:15 - 1:15** . . . . . **LUNCH**
- 1:15 - 2:15** . . . . . *"Managing Infectious Risks in Small Animal Neurology"*  
*Jessica Bautista, RVT, VTS (Neurology)*
- 2:15 - 3:15** . . . . . *"Care and Considerations for the 'Down' Patient"*  
*Jessica Bautista, RVT, VTS (Neurology)*

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