

# Florida Veterinary Technician Association Conference Schedule

## Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### 8:00 AM- Opening Session & Breakfast

Shhh, This Is The Secret: Successful Teams Seek Psych Safety

Phil Richmond – **RACE Approved**

### 9:00 AM – Morning Sessions

- Nursing Care in Respiratory Patients – Chris Asencio, CVT  
Sponsored by Fetch
- The Microbiome: A Dynamic Ecosystem – Vicky Ograin, CVT, VTS (Nutrition)  
Sponsored by Hills Pet Nutrition
- Radiation Safety – Megan Gonzalez, VTS (Radiology)  
Sponsored by Blue Pearl

### 10:00 AM

- Mythbusters: ECC Nursing Myths & Truths – Ken Yagi  
Sponsored by VEG ER for Pets
- Creepy Crawlers: Are You Sleeping with the Enemy? – Dr. Green  
Sponsored by Elanco
- IDEXX Cancer Dx Testing – Dr. Laszlo  
Sponsored by Idexx **RACE Approved**

### 11:00 AM

- Clinic Efficiency – Utilizing your technician to the top of their license – Jamie Raucher  
Sponsored by NAVTA
- Management and Stabilization of Acute Respiratory Distress in Brachycephalics – Teresa Reyes CVT  
Sponsored by VEG ER for Pets
- The ABCs of the CBC: What, When and Why – Dr. Laszlo  
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### 12:00 PM – Lunch Session

Managing Misunderstandings: Navigating Tricky Nutrition Conversations

Vicky Ograin

Sponsored by Hills Pet Nutrition



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### 1:15 PM

- Career Longevity – Jamie Raucher  
Sponsored by NAVTA
- Dentistry – Dyanna Durr  
Sponsored by VCA
- End of Life Care & Communication-Dr Sara Bledsoe  
Sponsored by Chewy

### 2:15 PM

- Red Flags & Rescue: Anesthetic Risk Assessment and Emergency Response - Marina Brenka CVT  
Sponsored by Fetch
- Blood Transfusions - Devin Howse CVT  
Sponsored by Blue Pearl
- Better Understanding your Anesthesia Machine - Mandi Gerigk  
Sponsored by Midmark

### 3:15 PM

- Exotic Animal Restraint and Handling - Kourtney McNicholas RVT  
Sponsored by Blue Pearl
- It's a Cat World, We're Just Living in it - Understanding Cat Behavior - Dr Tiffany Tupler  
Sponsored by Chewy
- Diabetic patient from an IM standpoint - Shannon Curtsinger CVT  
Sponsored by Fetch

### 4:15 PM

- Heart Valve Diseases Melissa Siekaniec VTS ECC  
Sponsored by Blue Pearl
- Leadership Dyanna Durr  
Sponsored by VCA
- Side Effects in the Chemotherapy Patient – Taylor Dutczak, CVT  
Sponsored by Fetch

### 5:15 PM – Closing Session

FVTA Update-TBD

