

KEY SESSIONS & EVENTS

Sessions

Saturday, January 13

**VMX
Event**

7:30 - 9:30 AM: Daily Press Breakfast, sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition
Press Room, S322

8:00 - 8:50 AM: Frenchies Rule! Now What? - An Internist's Guide To Troubleshooting the Most Popular Breed in The U.S.

Aida Vientós-Plotts, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (Small Animal Internal Medicine)
S330 A, OCCC-South

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM: VMX Kickoff featuring NAVC CEO Gene O'Neill and Dan Levy, sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim

VMX Main Stage, OCCC Expo Hall

4:45 - 5:10 PM: Myth Busters! Top 5 Common Myths From Bearded Dragon Keepers and How to Address Them, sponsored by the Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians

Stacey Leonatti Wilkinson, DVM, Diplomate ABVP (Reptile & Amphibian)
S230 F, OCCC-South

5:45 - 6:45 PM: Cool Stuff Zoo Vets Do; Tales and Adventures of the Zoo and Aquatic Veterinarian

Tres Clarke, DVM, DACZM and Jen Flower, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACZM
S230 C, OCCC-South

7:30 - 10:00 PM: VMX Show of Shows Costume Party, sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim

VMX Main Stage, OCCC Expo Hall

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Sunday, January 14

**VMX
Event**

Expo Hall hours: 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

7:30 - 9:30 AM: Daily Press Breakfast, sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition
Press Room, S322

8:00 - 8:50 AM: What's New With Grain Free Pet Foods

Kara M. Burns, MS, MEd, LVT, VTS (Nutrition), VTS-H (Internal Medicine, Dentistry)
Regency Q, Hyatt

9:05 - 9:55 AM: Orthopedic Exam: Practical Tips From 20+ Years of Practice

Clara S.S. Goh, BVSc, MS, Diplomate ACVS
Windermere Y, Hyatt

1:00 - 1:50 PM: Two Years in the Life of Veterinarians in Ukraine

Vlad Ushakov, DVM, PhD
VMX Sound Stage Booth #315, OCCC Expo Hall

5:00 - 6:30 PM: Media Welcome Reception hosted by the NAVC and Merck Animal Health

Booth #1681 Bar(k) & Brew Bar, OCCC Expo Hall

5:30 - 6:30 PM: VMX Expo Night with extended Expo Hall hours and events

OCCC Expo Hall

7:30 - 9:00 PM: VMX Sunday Spectacular with Terri & Robert Irwin, sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition

VMX Main Stage, OCCC Expo Hall

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Monday, January 15

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Expo Hall hours: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

6:30 - 8:00 AM: 8th Annual 5k Fun(d) Run

Hyatt Regency, Outside Windermere Ballroom

7:30 - 9:30 AM: Daily Press Breakfast, sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition

Press Room, S322

**8:00 - 8:50 AM: Do You See What I See: Feline Medical Conditions
Masquerading as Behavior Problems**

Christopher Pachel, DVM, DACVB, CABC

S210 B, OCCC-South

**9:55 - 10:45 AM: A "Crash" Course Emergency Nursing: Top 5 Things to
Master**

Ken Yagi, MS, RVT, VTS (ECC), (SAIM)

Regency Q, Hyatt

10:45 - 11:30 AM: Veterinarian Electronic Assistant Press Conference

VMX Sound Stage Booth # 315

**10:50 - 11:40 AM: Food for Thought: The Future of Pet Nutrition and the
Emotional Connection to Our Pets**

Ernie Ward, DVM, CVFT

S320 E, OCCC-South

**1:00 - 1:50 PM: Five Future Trends in Veterinary Medicine: What's Here,
What's Near, and What's Just Over the Horizon**

Aaron Masecar, MA, PhD

VMX Sound Stage Booth #315, OCCC Expo Hall

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4:00 - 5:30 PM: VMX Pet Pitch Competition

Learning Theater East, OCCC Expo Hall

4:05 - 4:30 PM: What Do We Know About Using CBD and Hemp Products in Farm Animals?

*Hans Coetzee, PHD
N220 F, OCCC-North*

4:05 - 4:55 PM: Human Bonding and the Future of AI and Robotic/Biomimetic Pets. Should We Be Worried?

*Patrick Flynn, DVM, MS, CCFP
S320 E, OCCC-South*

4:15 - 5:05 PM: Preliminary Findings in Atypical Canine Respiratory Syndrome Investigation in 2022-2023

*David Needle, DVM, DIPL. ACVP
VMX Sound Stage Booth #315, OCCC Expo Hall*

8:00 PM: NAVC Awards Ceremony followed by VMX Exclusive Concert Event Featuring Tyler Hubbard of Florida Georgia Line, sponsored by Merck Animal Health

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Tuesday, January 16

**VMX
Event**

Expo Hall hours: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

7:30 - 9:30 AM: Daily Press Breakfast, sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition

Press Room, S322

8:00-8:50 AM: Performing a Comprehensive Neurological Examination of the Horse

Sarah Colmer, VMD, DACVIM

N230 A, OCCC-North

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM: VMX and Blend Sponsor: Believe & Belong in Veterinary Medicine

Hyatt Regency Orlando

1:40 - 2:30 PM: The 5 Key Ingredients to Veterinary Hospice

Mary Gardner, DVM

S330 A, OCCC-South

2:45 - 3:35 PM: Respiratory Distress in Cats, It's Not Always the Heart

Elizabeth Rozanski, D.V.M., DACVIM (SAIM), DACVECC

Windermere X, Hyatt

4:05 - 4:55 PM: In Sickness and in Health – When To Test, for What, and How!

Richard Goldstein, DVM, DACVIM, DECVIM-CA

N210 B, OCCC-North

7:30 - 10:00 PM: GOT TALENT? VMX Talent Showcase, sponsored by Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets

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Wednesday, January 17

**VMX
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Expo Hall hours: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

VMX 2024 closes 5 PM

7:30 - 9:30 AM: Daily Press Breakfast, sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition
Press Room, S322

9:05 - 9:55 AM: Discerning Orthopedic vs Neurologic Causes of Difficulty Walking

Amanda Taylor, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)
Windermere X, Hyatt

9:05 - 9:55 AM: Impact of Costs of Care on Animal Welfare and Veterinarian Well-Being: What Should Veterinarians Be Doing To Address Economic Limitations of Clients?

Barry Kipperman, DVM, DACVIM, MSc, DACAW
S330 A, OCCC-South

10:00 - 10:50 AM: It's Time for Veterinary Professionals To Help Shape the Future of AI

Aaron Masecar, MA, PhD
VMX Sound Stage, Booth # 315, OCCC Expo Hall

2:45 - 3:35 PM: Caring For the Wild Child: Zoo Med and Beyond

Gwen E. Myers, DVM and Ellen Wiedner, VMD, DACVIM (LAIM), DACZM, DECZM (ZHM)
S230 F, OCCC-South

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