

## Carlsbad

### Please Welcome Our New Surgeon!



#### Anastacia Davis, DVM, MS Practice Limited to Surgery

Dr. Anastacia Davis received her undergraduate degree in Biology at the University of Washington and is a 2014 graduate of Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

After earning her doctorate in veterinary medicine, she completed a small animal rotating internship in medicine and surgery at Seattle Veterinary Specialists, a surgical internship at Coral Springs Animal Hospital in Florida, and a surgical research fellowship at the University of Georgia. She then completed a three-year residency & master's program in small animal surgery at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Davis has extensive experience in all aspects of small animal surgery, including soft tissue, orthopedics, and neurosurgery. She particularly enjoys oncologic surgery, skin and reconstruction, wound management, and fracture repair. In the future, Dr. Davis would like to pursue additional surgical training in exotic animals as well.

With parents serving in the Air Force, Dr. Davis has lived all over the world but has always wished to come back to sunny California where her family originally was based. She enjoys many hobbies and activities with her husband and Labrador-Mix Perdita (she is a huge Disney fan!), including hiking, running, traveling, video games (Zelda: Ocarina of Time is her favorite!), painting, drawing, sewing, and reading.

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### VCA Contributes to COVID19 Disaster Relief Funds

With the pandemic creating numerous challenges for many within the veterinary industry, VCA Animal Hospitals has donated **\$50,000** to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation's (AVMF) COVID-19 Disaster Relief fund. Launched last May, the AVMF fund for veterinary technicians, nurses, and assistants received \$200,000 from contributions from Hill's Pet Nutrition, Zoetis, and the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA). Unfortunately, only a quarter of the program's applicants received assistance due to limited fund availability. VCA Animal Hospitals donation enables the foundation to support some of the previously submitted applications.

Also, VCA Animal Hospitals and the AVMF have contributed **\$50,000** each for the COVID-19 Disaster Relief Grants for Veterinarians. The funding will provide **\$500** grants for AVMA members impacted by the pandemic.

To apply:  
<https://avmf.org/CovidVetGrants>

To Donate:  
<https://avmf.org/forms/donate-to-avmf/>

## Murrieta

### Please welcome our new Hospital Administrator!



#### Cassee Wdowiak, CVPM

Cassee has been with California Veterinary Specialists for 19 years and was previously the Hospital Administrator at VCA CVS Ontario.

She was born and raised in Washington State, where she studied business management. When she came to California, her first job was with California Veterinary Specialists in San Marcos. She worked in almost every aspect of the company at every location but realized that management was her passion. Cassee had the rare privilege of opening the Ontario practice with Dr. Tim Concannon in 2011. She dived even deeper into her management role by earning a certificate from the Veterinary Hospital Management Association as a Certified Veterinary Practice Manager. She founded the North Inland Valley Management Group in 2012, where she was the leader in Specialty/ER veterinary management.

Her management interests include conflict resolution, management organization, and human resources. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, three step-children, and two dachshunds.



#### Sumitra Price, RVT, CVPM, CCFP

previously our Hospital Administrator, will now be focusing on our training programs here in Murrieta.

Sumitra has 28 years of experience in the veterinary profession with a Bachelor's degree, RVT, CVPM, and CCFP credentials. She is also an Advisor on the Board for PIMA Medical Institute Veterinary Technician programs. There is no better person to manage our training programs!

### Give A Dog A Bone Week

Our staff at Murrieta held a supply drive in honor of Give A Dog A Bone Week, created by the nonprofit organization Pets of the Homeless. This nationwide effort focuses on helping local communities across the US raise donations of pet food and supplies for homeless individuals' pets.

#### In total, the Murrieta staff collected:

<b>49</b> bags of pet food (ranging from 5 lbs. to 20 lbs.)	<b>7</b> pet crates
<b>96</b> cans of pet food	<b>2</b> cat litter boxes
<b>63</b> pet toys	<b>2</b> harnesses
<b>55</b> bags of dog training treats	<b>3</b> leashes
<b>10</b> pet beds	<b>1</b> collar
	<b>2</b> large quilt blankets

The City of San Diego's Operation Shelter to Home and The Path of Life Ministries in Riverside, whose work supports homeless individuals with pets, received the collected items.



## Ontario

### Please Welcome Our New Radiologist!



#### Marc Ledesma DVM, MS Practice Limited to Radiology

Dr. Ledesma began as a surgery assistant while working towards his Bachelor of Science degree in

Animal Science and minoring in music at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

He attended veterinary school at Western University of Health Sciences. With Western U's distinct Problem Based Learning curriculum and the opportunities provided by The Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA), he was able to refine his communication, leadership, and clinical skills.

Dr. Ledesma completed a rotating internship in Medicine & Surgery at VCA West Los Angeles Animal Hospital and stayed as an emergency doctor and supervisor to the rotating interns with those services.

He completed a 3-year residency in Diagnostic Imaging & Radiology and earned a Masters of Science at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

His focus is to provide excellent customer service to his fellow veterinarians and aid them in any diagnostic imaging necessary to enhance patient care. Dr. Ledesma enjoys and encourages interactions with his colleagues, committed to serving as a valuable resource.



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### Please welcome our new Hospital Administrator!



#### Sharon Money, aPHR

Sharon has been with California Veterinary Specialists in Ontario since its opening in 2011. She has always taken on key roles

throughout the hospital, first as a Client Services Representative (CSR), quickly transitioning into a CSR leadership role. She also held the Front Desk Supervisor position for many years as well as Office Manager. Her compassion and commitment to our Ontario hospital are unwavering. We are thrilled to have Sharon at the helm.

### Please welcome our new Office Manager!



#### Darla Rodriguez, RVT

As the former Internal Medicine/Neurology Supervisor, Darla oversaw patient care and had an integral role with client

communication, ensuring questions and concerns were addressed. These well-developed communication skills will serve her well as the Ontario Office Manager. We could not be more proud to have her take on this position as she has always personified our philosophy of providing Special Care From the Heart.

### Neurology and Internal Medicine Services Now Offered Tuesday - Friday

As of September, our Ontario hospital has made adjustments to the Specialty Services schedules. Our goal is to create a better team-centered workflow by having both Internal Medicine and Neurology services on the same weekdays.

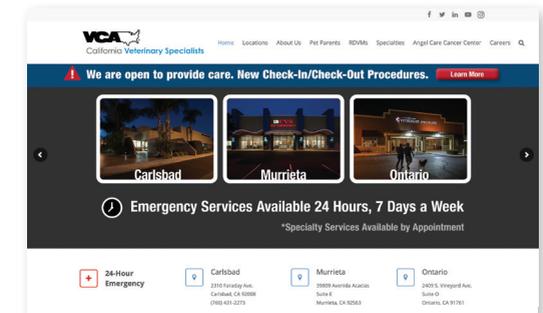
### Ophthalmology services

Recently, Dr. Sheahan embarked on a new adventure by opening her own practice. We fully support her endeavor and will keep our strong bond with her going forward.



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