



2026 VETERINARY SCIENCE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The 2026 Veterinary Science Career Development Event (CDE) will once again focus on two case-based scenarios that blend general knowledge, identification, clinical and handling/restraint practicums, and the team activity.

The two scenarios for 2026 will focus on:

- Emergent care in the canine and feline patient
- Enrichment, behavior, and welfare of animals in a laboratory/research setting

Along with the references provided in the Veterinary Science CDE Handbook, the resources below contain helpful information regarding these topics:

- National Research Council, 2011. Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals: Eighth Edition. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. <https://doi.org/10.17226/12910>
- American Dairy Science Association® (ADSA®), American Society of Animal Science (ASAS), and Poultry Science Association (PSA). Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching. 4th ed., 2020. https://www.asas.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/agguide_4th.pdf
- [2026 Veterinary Science Scenario Resource Guide](#)