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What if our biggest challenges in practice aren't clinical, but social? This provocative session challenges the long-held assumption that veterinary science is purely a medical discipline, making the case for recognising it as a social science too. Drawing on the human-animal bond, interpersonal team dynamics, and rising client complexity, we'll explore how integrating Contextualised Care and Veterinary Social Work can help veterinary teams navigate the "people challenges" they were never trained for. Learn about emerging models and a bold vision for veterinary practice that supports not just animals—but all the humans behind them.