Born in Italy, Valeria graduated in Veterinary Medicine in Pisa. After a few months in the UK, she moved to France to train at the Veterinary School of Alfort. There she achieved a residency in diagnostic imaging, leading her to become the first Italian to obtain the ECVDI Diploma.

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She believes that self-knowledge and metacognition are the solid bases for a critical diagnostic imaging practice and long-life learning. Therefore, her teaching to students is centered on cognitive processes of image acquisition and analysis, and she runs on-line coaching programs to train practicing veterinarians in critical image reading.

Passionate about human relationships and always other-oriented, she has recently trained in strategic problem-solving and brief therapy (Palo Alto model) and she practices part-time as coach for individuals and teams. Mindfulness trainer and yoga professor, she also holds a short training course in interpersonal mindfulness for veterinary students.