

INTERNSHIP IN COMPANION ANIMAL SURGERY

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Internship in Companion Animal Surgery at the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) at Louisiana State University is designed to provide 1 year of post internship training in the discipline of Companion Animal Surgery. The clinical facilities of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) will be the primary training site for this program. The training program will use Faculty from the Companion Animal Surgery Service in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences as mentors.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1** To provide the opportunity to experience advanced training in Companion Animal Surgery.
- 2.2** To prepare the Intern for residency training or entry into a high quality small animal practice.
- 2.3** To provide experience in the review and evaluation of the scientific literature pertaining to the discipline of Companion Animal Surgery

- 4.1 The Intern will be assigned a Faculty Mentor who is a member of the Companion Animal Surgery Department. This mentor will monitor the intern's progress through the program and also the intern's progress of case and seminar presentations to ensure timely and acceptable preparation. The mentor may suggest the intern seek other guidance from faculty more closely associated with the cases or topics. Manuscripts submitted for publication will be reviewed, revised and coauthored by a SVM faculty member(s).

5.0 CLINICAL PROGRAM

- 5.1 **Introduction** The major thrust of the Internship program is to provide advanced training in the field of Companion Animal Surgery under direct supervision from the Faculty Mentor and the other members of the Companion Animal Surgery Department. The Interns independent case responsibility will increase commensurate with their experience and competency.

5.2 Clinical Training

- 5.3.1 In the 1-year program there will be a total of 50-52 weeks (12 blocks) of clinic duty split between the soft tissue and orthopedic/neurology service. The intern will be trained in all pertinent aspects of the delivery of surgery to companion animal patients. The training will include, but not be limited to, patient assessment & diagnosis including interpretation of contrast radiography, CT and MRI studies; a wide variety of surgical techniques in all areas of companion animal surgery, and post-operative patient assessment and management. All of the Intern's work will be under the supervision of a Faculty member within the Department. Initially it is anticipated that direct Faculty supervision will be significant. It is anticipated that as the program progresses that direct supervision will decrease commensurate with the development of the intern's clinical skills.

- 5.3.2 The intern will have the opportunity to rotate through two half blocks in one of the following disciplines if available: Diagnostic Imaging, Small Animal Medicine, Anesthesia, Oncology, Pathology.

- 5.3.3 The intern will participate in clinical instruction and tutorials for students.

- 5.3 **Emergency Duty.** The Intern will participate in the emergency duty as assigned.

- 5.3.1 The intern will participate in emergency duty scheduled with other members of the Companion Animal Surgery Service. This duty will commit the Intern to evening, weekend and holiday duty on a rotating schedule. Early in the Intern's program, Faculty supervision during emergency duty will be significant. A member of

the Surgery faculty will always be available for backup when the intern is on emergency duty.

6.0 HOUSE OFFICER ROUNDS AND SEMINAR PROGRAM

6.1 The House Officer Rounds are designed to provide the intern an opportunity to receive and present interesting, unusual, or difficult clinical case material utilizing a problem oriented approach to professional colleagues and to develop manuscripts for publication. The intern will participate with other VCS house officers on a rotating basis and will make at least 1 case presentation in House Officer Rounds during the year.

6.2 The House Officer Seminar series is designed to provide the intern with the opportunity to research and present scientific material to professional colleagues. One seminar will be presented during the year. The seminar will include a written manuscript with references in a form suitable for publication that is to be forwarded electronically one week prior to the seminar to the VCS office secretary who will distribute it to the faculty and house officers

6.3 A SVM faculty member will be selected by the intern to mentor both case presentations and seminar preparation. Any manuscript submitted for publication will be reviewed, revised and coauthored by a SVM faculty member(s).

6.4 Attendance: The intern is req04.892oach bn3(n)6(.0 1 124.70399 Tm0a)(d)-3(istn(d)-5

presentations will be provided by those in attendance. (Appendices)

7.0 TEACHING PROGRAM

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immediate family should be brought to the attention of the clinician to whom the House Officer is assigned as soon as the House Officer learns that he/she will be absent. The official request should be entered into Workday upon the House Officer's return. Except in unusual circumstances, approval will not be granted for time off during the final month of the program.

10.0 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

- 10.1** House Officers receive a Block Performance Evaluation at the end of each rotation to document his/her performance during the program. Every two weeks the house officer will assign a faculty member to evaluate them for the previous rotation using E*Value software.
- 10.2** The Intern is to meet with his/her Advisor at the beginning of each block to report accomplishments and plans.
- 10.3** The House Officer Committee reviews block evaluations and has the capability to recommend continuation, probation or termination of the house officer's program at any time based on these evaluations.
- 10.4** The House Officer Committee meets in May of each year to determine if the house officer has successfully completed his/her program. This determination will be based on all evaluations received for the house officer.
- 10.5** All House Officers are required to complete an annual evaluation of their program with suggestions for improvement before continuation or completion of their program is granted.

11.0 POST INTERNSHIP STUDY

- 11.1** If the intern is considering a residency or graduate program following completion of the internship, it is suggested that he/she consult with relevant faculty to maximize preparation for that program.

12.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 12.1** Candidates may apply for the Internship in Companion Animal Surgery by submitting:

- 1)** A standard application through www.VIRMP.org.
- 2)** A statement of Internship objectives and career goals.
- 3)** Official academic transcripts.
- 4)** A minimum of three letters of referen3(e)-c of-11(o)-3(ro-3()8(o)m)-6(d)-3(co)4(e

13.0 APPENDICES

13.1 VCS HOUSE OFFICER ROUNDS EVALUATION FORM

House Officer: _____ Date: _____

13.2 VCS SEMINAR EVALUATION FORM

Presenter: _____ Date: _____

Audience: _____

Title/Topic: _____

Evaluation Criteria:

Points	
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