

# **ROTATING INTERNSHIP IN ZOOLOGICAL MEDICINE & SURGERY**

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

**1.1** The Internship is designed to provide an intensive one-year experience in management of zoological medicine clinical cases under faculty supervision. The training program will utilize faculty of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences (VCS) and other participating departments. Clinical facilities of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) will be the primary training location. The program will utilize the professional expertise of the staff veterinarian and support staff at the Audubon Institute and Greater Baton Rouge Zoo in conjunction with rotations through those facilities.

**2.0 OBJECTIVES**

**2.1** To provide the opportunity to experience advanced training in diagnostic and therapeutic techniques in zoological medicine and surgery as well as the opportunity for experiences in anesthesiology, dermatology,

Manuscripts submitted for publication will be reviewed, revised and coauthored by a SVM faculty member(s).

## **5.0 CLINICAL PROGRAM**

**5.1 Introduction:** The goal of the program is to provide the intern advanced clinical training in zoological medicine. In addition the opportunity exists for experiences in anesthesiology, dermatology, ophthalmology, and companion animal medicine and surgery. The intern will also gain experience teaching fourth year veterinary students in a clinical setting.

**5.2 Clinical Training:**

**5.5.1** Under faculty supervision the intern will be involved in the evaluation, premedication, maintenance and recovery of anesthetic cases. The cases will be distributed based on the discretion of the faculty. There will be an emphasis on zoological medicine patients.

**5.5.2** The intern will participate in anesthetic procedures that take place at the Rouge Zoo, as the faculty member deems necessary and as it

**5.5.3** The intern will participate in daily student rounds, special topic

## **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. 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.

per request of advisor. All other absences are unexcused unless deemed excusable by the HO advisor.

## **7.0 TEACHING PROGRAM**

- 7.1** Throughout the program, interns will be viewed as role models by professional students. The interns will participate in clinical instruction and in the evaluation of Phase II veterinary students assigned to BZEM, CAS, and Zoological Medicine rotations.
- 7.2** The interns will be involved in teaching Year III students in surgery and clinical labs.

## **8.0 HOUSE OFFICER COMMITTEE**

- 8.1** The Committee is comprised of a representative of each House Officer program. It is responsible for the year-end review of each house officer's progress. This review is based on block evaluations received throughout the course of the program. The Committee grants a certificate to those who successfully complete the program.
- 8.2** 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.

## **9.0 EMPLOYMENT AND BENEFITS**

- 9.1** Louisiana State University classifies interns and residents as University employees. As such, they (and their eligible dependents) qualify for the Louisiana State University Baton Rouge health insurance and benefits. The School of Veterinary Medicine provides malpractice insurance coverage. The salary (not a stipend) is published in the Directory of Internships and Residencies as published by the American Association of Veterinary Clinicians ([www.virmp.org](http://www.virmp.org)). Salary is payable in monthly increments via direct deposit. Retirement contributions are required and withheld from each paycheck. No social security tax is withheld. Federal and state income tax is withheld. The employee may be eligible to petition the IRS for exemption from federal tax on part of his/her salary.
- 9.2** The Veterinary Teaching Hospital operates year round. House officers will share emergency duty with other house officers within their specialty. House Officers will also share evening, weekend and holiday duty on a scheduled basis.
- 9.3** The University offers accrual of annual time off following either the University accrual rate (14 hours/month with a maximum accumulation of 176 hours) or the Civil Service Schedule rate (8 hours/month with no maximum accumulation). Sick time off accrual is 8 hours/month. All time off, except for illness and emergencies, should be requested and

approved 30 days in advance. Time off requests must be entered into Workday (via [@Á{ } \[ \[ ^^^q Á ^ ŠUW&& \[ ~ } Dá ^ Á@ Á{ } \[ \[ ^^^Á\) áÁ](#) approved by the supervisor before time off will be granted. Annual time off will be granted on an individual basis taking into account the reason for the requested absence and the needs of the service and hospital. Annual time off for personal business is to be taken during elective or research blocks. Emergency absence such as for illness or a death in the 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 Y [ \ åæ Á ] [ } Á@ Á [ ~ • ^ Á ~ 3 \ q Á ^ č ! } É 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. q Á ! [ \* ! æ Á æ Á ^ Á ^ Á æ ^ á Á } Á@ • ^ Á ç æ æ } • É
- 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.



- 3) Official academic transcripts
- 4) A minimum of three letters of reference from individuals currently familiar with the applicant

**13.0 APPENDICES**

**13.1 VCS HOUSE OFFICER ROUNDS EVALUATION FORM**

House Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b><u>Evaluation</u></b> E=Excellent G=Good N=Needs Improvement	<b><u>Comments</u></b>
<b>Case Selection</b>		
Complexity of case		

## 13.2 VCS SEMINAR EVALUATION FORM

**Presenter:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Audience:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title/Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluation Criteria:**

### 13.3 HOUSE OFFICER LEAVE REQUEST

#### HOUSE OFFICER LEAVE REQUEST

I am requesting leave approval for the following dates and reasons:

1. To attend the meeting listed below.

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2. To attend to personal activities (illness, family emergency, vacation).

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3. To attend to official activities (out rotations, special circumstance requirements).

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INTERN/RESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Print  Sign

ADVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Print  Sign

BLOCK MENTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Print  Sign

CHAIR HOC: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Print  Sign

## **13.4 House Officer Block Evaluation Form (through E\*Value)**

House Officer Evaluation Form in E-

## **13.5 ZOOLOGICAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY ROTATION PROTOCOL**

**13.5.1** The intern will be directly responsible to the faculty member with whom he/she is rotating on the medical service.

**13.5.2**

- 13.6.5** The intern will be required to select a current journal article for review and discussion with anesthesia group.
- 13.6.6** An intern evaluation form (see appen

