

# **RESIDENCY IN ZOOLOGICAL MEDICINE & SURGERY**

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**RESIDENCY PROGRAM  
IN  
VETERINARY THERIOGENOLOGY**

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as VCS HO Rounds/Seminar sessions and that others occurring in the same time slot are not required by the House Officer Committee.

**5.5.2** Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each session.

**5.5.3** HO will be required to present an additional seminar if they have more than one unexcused absence or come late to the seminar more than twice (unexcused) during the program year. All absences must be accounted for by completing a HO Leave Request Form and submitting it to the HOC chair.

**5.5.4** Excused absences include the following: illness, annual leave, attendance or participation in a continuing education program, presentation of a student lecture, scheduled out-rotation or special service requirements per request of advisor. All other absences are unexcused unless deemed excusable by the HO advisor.

## **6.0 TEACHING PROGRAM**

**6.1** Throughout the program residents will be viewed as role models by both interns and professional students. They should always present themselves in a professional manner.

**6.2** The resident will participate in clinical instruction and in the evaluation of year IV veterinary students assigned to Bird, Zoo and Exotic Animal rotations.

**6.3** The resident will participate in preclinical didactic lecture and laboratory instruction as assigned by the faculty mentor.

## **7.0 BOARD CERTIFICATION**

**7.1** An important credential in clinical veterinary medicine is board certification in a specialty area. A major objective of the program is to prepare the resident for certification by the ABVP, avian practice specialty.

**7.2** In order to qualify for examination the resident should commit to the preparations necessary for board certification early in the first year of the residency. Refer to the published guidelines of the ABVP, avian practice specialty.

**7.3** Application to write the general examination should be made before March 1 of year three of the residency. Preparations and application for the certifying examination can be made during the succeeding years following completion of the residency.

## **8.0 CLINICAL PROGRAM**

The resident's program will follow the year IV professional teaching schedule which is comprised of 12 four week blocks.

## 8.1 Year I

- 8.1.1 The resident will be assigned for 8-10 four week blocks on rotation with Bird, Zoo and Exotic Animal faculty members teaching in the VTH&C. Cases will be assigned to the resident from both the general and referral practices at the discretion of the faculty mentor. The non-clinical block will be scheduled and utilized for scholarly activity (research, seminar preparation, publication, scientific meetings, preparation for the ABVP examination) or personal activity.
- 8.1.2 The resident will function as a veterinary exotic animal clinician in the VTH with direct supervision and guidance from faculty in the diagnosis, treatment, and care of exotic animal cases. In addition, the resident will develop clinical expertise in the field of general internal medicine through case management and guidance from board-certified internists. The goal of this training will be to develop problem oriented skills in bird, zoo and exotic animal medicine and surgery.
- 8.1.3 The resident will participate in the instruction of Phase II students and interns. A minimum of one hour of didactic lecture will be presented to SVM Phase I students. Participation in SVM student laboratories will be assigned.
- 8.1.4 The resident will participate in the emergency duty rotation with other house officers.
- 8.1.5 The resident will participate in house officer rounds, ward rounds, journal club, radiology rounds, clinical pathology rounds, special topic conferences, seminars, and other scheduled conferences of the Small Animal Clinic.
- 8.1.6 The resident will present 1 seminar to faculty and house officers on a Bird, Zoo or Exotic topic of interest to the resident
- 8.1.7 During a non-clinical block, the resident may attend a major

- 8.1.11** The resident will prepare a research proposal, review it with their faculty mentor, and is encouraged to submit the proposal for funding consideration.
- 8.1.12** The resident is encouraged to attend zoo rounds at BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo and Audubon Institute.
- 8.1.13** The resident may, with the approval of the faculty mentor, participate in clinically relevant graduate courses. The course work must not interfere with the clinical and instructional responsibilities of the resident.

## **8.2 Years II & III Resident's Program**

- 8.2.1** The resident will be assigned for 6 of 12 four week blocks on rotation with Bird, Zoo and Exotic Animal faculty members teaching in the VTH. Two 4 week blocks will be at the Audubon Institute and 2 four week blocks will be at the BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo. Two off-clinic blocks can be utilized for a special topic that may be applied to the completion of the MS program (with prior approval of appropriate faculty and house officer committee) and other scholarly activity including preparation of seminars, publications and preparation for sitting the ABVP avian specialty examination. Three credits, per year, of special topic course work may be scheduled for the off-clinic rotation. If the resident does not sit the ABVP avian specialty examination during the third year, then only one off clinic rotation will be scheduled.
- 8.2.2** See 8.1.2 through 8.1.8
- 8.2.3** The resident will submit three papers to a refereed journal for publication. Topic considerations should be discussed with the faculty mentor prior to manuscript preparation.
- 8.2.4** The resident should make application for the ABVP avian specialty examination prior to the March 1 application deadline.
- 8.2.5** The resident will begin or continue the research project if funding has been obtained.
- 8.2.6** See 8.1.12 through 8.1.13
- 8.2.7** The resident should become well familiarized with specific requirements to sit the ABVP avian specialty examination, as collection of clinical assets will be critical for completion of the application.

## **8.3 OUT ROTATION**

- 8.3.1** The resident will spend the equivalent of four blocks per year in Years 2 and 3 in outside clinical or research-oriented rotation(s). Outside

rotations at 1) Audubon Institute, New Orleans, LA, or 2) BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo, Baton Rouge, LA.

**8.3.2** Four 4 week blocks will be at the Audubon Institute and/or the BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo. Two off-clinic blocks can be utilized for a special topic that may be applied to the completion of the MS program (with prior approval of appropriate faculty and house officer committee) and other scholarly activity including preparation of seminars, publications and preparation for sitting the ABVP avian specialty examination. Three credits, per year, of special topic course work may be scheduled for the off-clinic rotation. If the resident does not sit the ABVP avian specialty examination during the third year, then only one off clinic rotation will be scheduled.

**8.3.3** The following are required upon completion of the outside rotation:

**8.3.3.1** Case log if rotation involved clinical responsibilities

**8.3.3.2** An evaluation of the resident provided by the primary mentor involved in the outside rotation

**8.3.3.3** An evaluation of the outside rotation provided by the resident.

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**10.3.3** A minimum of 6 hours of research/thesis credit must be completed (only 6 hours counted towards degree)

**10.3.4** A maximum of 4 hours of seminar (VCS 7001) may be applied toward the MS degree

**10.3.5** A maximum 8 hours of special topics (VCS 7003) may be applied toward the MS degree

**10.3.6** A minimum of 8 hours of non-VCS courses

**10.4** The resident shall choose a major advisor. The resident and major advisor are responsible for the selection of a graduate committee (usually 3 members) by January of the first year.

## **11.0 ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES**

## **12.0 EVALUATION AND REAPPOINTMENT**

**12.1** An evaluation will be provided by the block mentor at the end of each assigned block through the E\*Value software. A summary evaluation will be made quarterly by the faculty in conjunction with the r

that if met, may allow the resident to be re-instated at the end of the specified period.

- 12.4** 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.

### **13.0 HOUSE OFFICER COMMITTEE**

- 13.1** 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 recommendation for reappointment or a certificate to those who successfully complete the program.
- 13.2** 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.

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 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.

- 14.4** Reappointment to the second and third years of the residency program is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the previous year's requirements.

## **15.0 APPLICATION**

- 15.1** Candidates may apply for the Residency in Zoological Medicine by completing:
- 15.1.1** A standard residency application through [www.virmp.org](http://www.virmp.org).
  - 15.1.2** A statement of residency objectives and subsequent career goals.
  - 15.1.3** Official academic transcripts.
  - 15.1.4** Three letters of reference from individuals currently familiar with the applicant's professional status.
  - 15.1.5** A curriculum vitae.
  - 15.1.6** A GRE score less than five years old if admission to graduate school is sought.

## 16.0 APPENDICES

## 16.2 VCS SEMINAR EVALUATION FORM

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

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

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

### Evaluation Criteria:

	Points	Evaluation
Definition of subject: introduction, importance, clinical significance	0-5	
Organization	0-10	
Quality of material	0-10	
<b>Presence: speaking ability</b>		
Clarity	0-10	
Rate of delivery	0-10	
Enthusiasm, expressiveness	0-10	
<b>Support Materials</b>		
Handouts, manuscript	0-15	
Visual aids	0-5	
Appropriate Summary	0-5	
Presentation consistent with audience level	0-10	
Questions/discussion handled appropriately	0-10	
	<b>Total</b>	

### Comments:

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

### 16.3 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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**16.4 HOUSE OFFICER BLOCK EVALUATION FORM (E-**