ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CORAL SPRINGS ANIMAL HOSPITAL ROTATING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2016 -2017 IN SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY

What are the dates of the internship?
The dates of the internship are: 6/7/2016 to 7/5/2017
Interns going onto a residency or specialty internship will be allowed to leave early, if needed (up to seven days before that program begins).

How many Interns are there in the Rotating Medicine and Surgery Program?
There will be three rotating interns. One position has already been filled. There are plans to match with three E/CC interns, an Internal Medicine Intern and a Surgery Intern for a total of eight.

How long has your program been in existence?
Since 1994.

What type of rotations do the interns typically work?
1. General practice rotations (about 8% of total schedule)
2. Specialty Rotations (about 45% of total schedule)
   - Internal Medicine
   - Oncology
   - Surgery
   - Cardiology
   - Dermatology
   - Behavior
   - Ophthalmology
   - Radiology/Ultrasound
   - Neurology (service planned to recommence in 7/2016)
   - Dentistry
   - Emergency/Critical Care
   - Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation
3. Emergency Practice (nights) (estimated about 12-18 % of total schedule).
   - There are no “solo” overnight shifts for the first 2-3 months.
   - Doctors are on-call to assist Intern with overnight issues by phone or to come in (i.e. for emergency surgery).
4. Elective Rotations either outside or extra rotations on CSAH services (estimated at 20% of total schedule)

***NOTE: SCHEDULES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED UPON PRACTICE’S NEEDS. SEE MORE ON SCHEDULING BELOW.
How many hours do the interns work in an average week?
On the average, 55 - 60 hours per week.

Do I get to control my own cases?
- Yes. When you admit a case (on emergency service whether day or night, or on primary care service) you do control your cases from beginning to end with back-up help, if needed, from one of our experienced general practitioners, emergency clinicians, or specialists.
- In some cases you may need to transfer the case to someone else because it is best for the patient.

SCHEDULE
The first 2-3 months of the internship are mostly spent training in client communications, hospital policies and “shadowing” a specialist, a GP or E/CC clinician:

After that you will rotate through the following departments usually in two week blocks. Note: specialties that are not on site full time are combined to form a block, whenever possible.

Interns are scheduled to work 5 days/week, typically from 7:30am - 7:30pm (except E/CC Mid Shift which is typically scheduled 2 pm - 2 am E/CC-PM which is typically scheduled from 6 pm - 9 am)*.

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Are interns are supervised during night and weekend emergency shifts?
Interns are not ever on their own on overnight shifts for the first two - three months of the internship. After that, they are scheduled on overnight shifts so that they can independently develop their decision making and clinical skills.
- An experienced E/CC clinician is usually teamed on duty with the intern up until 2-4 AM Tuesday through Friday, and until 8 AM on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.
- Experienced nursing staff (minimum of four) is always on duty until 3 AM and later, if needed.
- Clinicians from various services are on-call, and selected clinicians can view digital radiography remotely from their homes to help you, when needed.

Do you conduct formal reviews?
Yes. We have a formal intern evaluation and reviews usually in February.
What special teaching programs do you typically conduct?
- Formal Rounds (Case Transfer) are daily, Monday through Sunday
- Teaching Rounds are usually a minimum of three times a week
- Our specialists give rDVM seminars at night every other month on a variety of subjects that are practical and useful.
- Journal Club - once a month.
- Intern Presentations to our clinicians - once a month.
- Cage Rounds are twice daily every day.
- M & M Rounds - once a month.
- Business and Management (optional).

If I am interested in a residency, what are my chances if I join your program?
Our program is designed to lead to a university or private practice residency, specialty internship or an ABVP. We have had an excellent record of helping get qualified interns into university and private residencies. Approximately 85% of our interns who have applied to residency programs have been accepted (Surgery, Internal Medicine, Oncology, Zoo, Behavior, Cardiology, Dentistry). Last year the only Rotating Intern who applied for a Surgery Residency was accepted. In addition, our Specialty Intern (Internal Medicine Intern) applied and got a University Residency.

How would you describe your staff?
No hospital of this size could function well without an exceptional staff. We strive to have caring, compassionate, knowledgeable, talented, well trained Veterinary Nurses (one with advanced certification in anesthesia, another in Internal Medicine, and three in Rehabilitation), Receptionists, Nursing Assistants, and Pet Care Attendants to assist our veterinarians in the delivery of companion animal medical and surgical services. We have minimal staff turnover at Coral Springs Animal Hospital.

What type of clientele do you have?
Most of our owners are educated middle to upper middle class socio-economically. We cater mostly to a clientele who are likely to say yes and are compliant with recommended procedures for their pets.

Tell me about your physical facility.
In November 2008 we moved into a brand new building four blocks north of our former location. The new hospital is 38,000 square feet. The facility won the prestigious Veterinary Economics “Hospital of the Year” Award for Design in 2012.
The building has:
- 18 examination rooms,
- Five surgery suites,
- An ICU/ Treatment area,
- In-House laboratory,
• Procedure Rooms,
• Physical Therapy Ward,
• Three Isolation Wards,
• An Idexx Regional Reference Laboratory.
• Our building is one of most modern, sanitary, efficient, and beautiful veterinary facilities anywhere. We pride ourselves in keeping our facility immaculately clean and odor free.
• In June 2016, the MRI unit will be moved onsite from its current location (assuming we can provide an in-house neurology service).

Hospital Awards:
• American Animal Hospital Association’s (AAHA) Practice of the Year 2015
• PetPlan’s - Veterinary Practice of the Year for 2015
• Coral Springs- Special Recognition Award for being a finalist for two National Veterinary Awards. – January 2015
• Coral Springs - Special Recognition Award for receiving the AAHA ECC (Emergency & Critical Care) accreditation and
• Vet Economics 2012 Hospital of the Year

What is the salary and what are the benefits?

Salary
The salary is $33,000 plus a bonus of $10 for each paid emergency seen as the primary emergency clinician.

Benefits
• $150 Uniform Allowance
• Two weeks paid vacation
• Health Insurance (allowance to be determined based on rates at the time of start of the internship)
• Discounts for personal pets
• Professional Liability Insurance
• Continuing Education - $250 + 2 days off paid
• NAVC Folio access
• DEA License Fee Paid for 13 months
• Membership - Broward County VMA

Can I learn about the management-business side of veterinary medicine?
Yes. Coral Springs Animal Hospital is well known, great client service, as well as its ethical excellence in Companion Animal Medicine. Dr. Meisels, the hospital director, is a nationally known speaker (NAVC, AAHA TASK FORCE, VSIPP, FVMA, Cornerstone Information Management Conference), will teach client communications, business, contracts, time utilization, and management to the interns. Client communications is part of Intern training, the rest of the topics are optional.
What does South Florida have to offer culturally?

- Coral Springs is in NW Broward County. Broward County is between Dade County (Miami) to the south and Palm Beach County (Boca Raton, West Palm Beach) to the north.
- The largest city in Broward is Ft. Lauderdale (eighteen miles away).
- The Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Hard Rock Theatre, and BB&T Center host many popular shows and concerts throughout the year.
- Dade and Palm Beach Counties have similar facilities about forty miles away from Coral Springs.
- South Miami Beach is an "in spot" for many celebrities and tourists.
- There are frequent art exhibits and cultural festivals too.
- Southeast Florida is known for its beautiful and sunny warm winters.
- Water sports are very popular year round.
- For sports lovers, the area has abundant facilities for all popular sports enthusiasts. If you prefer to just watch, we have professional hockey, football, basketball, baseball, and soccer.

Is South Florida a safe place to live?
Coral Springs is one of the safest cities in the state of Florida. It has a population of around 120,000. Violent crime is very rare in this family community, and surrounding communities as well. Please visit the city's website at: http://www.coralsprings.org/.

What is the cost of living in Broward County, Florida?
The average rental fee for a one bedroom apartment within fifteen minutes of the hospital costs $850-$950/month. You may wish to share an apartment with another intern. There is no state or city income tax.

May I contact current and past interns for further information?
Yes. We pride ourselves on having “happy” interns whose expectations we meet or better yet, exceed. Interns are treated respectfully as colleagues. This is an important step in determining if this internship is well suited for you. We recommend also contacting last year’s interns. Having completed the program they are in a much better position to judge it.

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We are very proud that eight former interns remain on our staff:
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If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Truly,

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