SMALL ANIMAL EXTERNSHIPS
Philadelphia Campus

The School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania is pleased to offer externship opportunities in the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital to senior students at other veterinary institutions. Whenever possible, we recommend that extern students complete the equivalent "core" material at their own institution prior to the Penn Rotation(s). Externships are only available in the summer and fall semesters, rotations 1 – 16 of our School’s schedule. The exception to this is The Working Dog Center (see Calendar on Page 5).

Please complete the application form and be certain to include all required documentation (see #5 of Rules of Externship).

There is a $75 Application Fee. We can only accept a check or money order. Please make out “The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania” and send to the following:

Office for Students
Attn: Externships
University of Pennsylvania School of Vet. Med.
3800 Spruce Street, Suite 106
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6044

Giving us some flexibility in scheduling (dates and/or desired rotations) will increase the likelihood that we can schedule you. Your rotation(s) must correspond exactly to our schedule. No Exceptions. When requesting a rotation - list first, second, third choices if possible. Clearly indicate whether you are requesting two weeks or four weeks. **We will accept students for no more than two (2), two-week rotations.** We will schedule extern students after we know the clinical scheduling needs for the Penn Vet clinical students.

Please be aware that these are participatory externships and not merely “shadowing” experiences. You will be responsible for many aspects of patient care and will be required to provide treatments for hospitalized patients, including weekends. You will be expected to honor and complete your externship commitment as well as have the ability to read, write and speak in English. Preference is given to students from AVMA Accredited Veterinary Colleges.

Mary Bryant, V.M.D.
Office for Students
Executive Director
Office for Students

8/9/16
IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

RULES OF EXTERNSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

1. We only take veterinary students who are in their final/clinical year of Veterinary School.

2. We will accept students for no more than four weeks (two 2-week rotations).

3. When applicable, we recommend that you complete your core clinical rotation of a comparable discipline at your home institution prior to participating in a similar rotation at the University of Pennsylvania.

4. Our Small Animal Medicine Rotation is approximately 4 weeks long for Penn students doing foundation rotations. We orientate all students on the first day of that 28-day rotation. For Small Animal Medicine it is required that you request rotations which include orientation day. These would include Rotations #1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15.

5. Based on your application, you will be contacted regarding tentative placement.

The following documents MUST be included with your application. No exceptions.

a) You must provide a letter from the Office of the Dean that you are a full time student, in good academic standing, eligible to enter your senior year.

b) You must provide proof of Health Insurance, either through your University or through Private Health Insurance at least one month prior to your scheduled rotation. You are financially responsible for any medical costs you may incur during your externship. Please note: As an extern, you may not use the University of Pennsylvania Student Health Services unless you are willing to pay cash (checks are not accepted) upon receipt of services (i.e., Fee for Service). You would then need to submit a claim to your health insurance provider to reimburse you directly. Student Health Services does not provide third party billing - it is either Cash on the spot or No Service. In an emergency, you may go to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Emergency Room. Provided that they accept your health insurance, the HUP Emergency Room will treat you and bill your provider.

c) You must provide proof of Liability Insurance, through your home institution, at least one month prior to your scheduled rotation

d) You must provide proof of pre-exposure rabies vaccination. You cannot participate if you do not have the pre-exposure rabies vaccination.

*The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine Office for Students reserves the right to cancel an externship if the appropriate forms and documentation do not meet our standard. Required documents must be submitted with your application. No exceptions.*
6. Please be aware that we may be unable to sign documents that require the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine to meet guidelines required by your School. Should we receive such a document from your School, we will inform you and/or your School that we are unable to sign the document and your School will determine if you are still eligible for an externship at the University of Pennsylvania.

7. **You are responsible for your own housing at the Philadelphia campus only.** Please visit the University’s Off-Campus Living Web Page at [http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/offcampusliving/rental/temporary.html](http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/offcampusliving/rental/temporary.html) for information about temporary housing possibilities. You should try to find a location within walking distance of the Hospital. Other helpful links from their web page, including campus maps, can be found at [http://www.upenn.edu/offcampusliving](http://www.upenn.edu/offcampusliving). For maps of the City of Philadelphia, please visit [http://www.pcvb.org/ab_phil/maps.asp](http://www.pcvb.org/ab_phil/maps.asp)

You can also compose and email to our students and see if someone can accommodate you. Send your email to externships@vet.upenn.edu and it will be forwarded to our student body. Here’s an example of such an email:

Hello! My name is Lucy Student and I am an incoming final year vet student from University of Galactic School of Vet Medicine and Surgery in Venus. I am doing my XYZ rotation at Penn Vet and looking for accommodation for the XYZ dates. *Give details here: e.g. if bringing pets, smoking status, and if you’re willing to share in a mixed accommodation.* I would be willing to sublet for a fellow vet student. Feel free to contact me at YOUR EMAIL.

8. There will be **NO** tuition costs.

**Grading Policy**

**Grading Schedule:** Grades are due to the Office for Students by course organizers six times per year – at the end of rotations 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, and 25. **We may be unable to provide grades before the due dates.**

**Grading:** We use the same grading system for externs as for our own students. The University of Pennsylvania’s grading system consists of **letter grades** - A (90-100), B (80-90), C (70-80), F (below 70). If your school’s registrar requires completion of a home institution evaluation sheet, you must present it directly to the course instructor **before the end of your rotation.** It is up to the discretion of the course instructor as to whether he/she will complete external evaluation forms or submit your grade earlier than our internal deadline dates. After we receive your grade, we will e-mail your letter grade to you.
SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE - UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
SENIOR YEAR ROTATION CALENDAR

2017
Rotation 1: May 8-May 21
Rotation 2: May 22-June 4
Rotation 3: June 5-June 18
Rotation 4: June 19-July 2
Rotation 5: July 3-July 16
Rotation 6: July 17-July 30
Rotation 7: Jul 31-Aug 13
Rotation 8: Aug 14-Aug 27
Rotation 9: Aug 28- Sept 10
Rotation 10: Sept 11-Sept 24
Rotation 11: Sept 25-Oct 8
Rotation 12: Oct 9-Oct 22
Rotation 13: Oct 23-Nov 5
Rotation 14: Nov 6-Nov 19
Rotation 15: Nov 20-Dec 3
Rotation 16: Dec 4-Dec 19

2018
Rotation 1: May 7-May 20
Rotation 2: May 21-June 3
Rotation 3: June 4-June 17
Rotation 4: June 18-July 1
Rotation 5: July 2-July 15
Rotation 6: July 16-July 29
Rotation 7: Jul 30-Aug 12
Rotation 8: Aug 13-Aug 26
Rotation 9: Aug 27- Sept 9
Rotation 10: Sept 10-Sept 23
Rotation 11: Sept 24-Oct 7
Rotation 12: Oct 8-Oct 21
Rotation 13: Oct 22-Nov 4
Rotation 14: Nov 5-Nov 18
Rotation 15: Nov 19-Dec 2
Rotation 16: Dec 3-Dec 18

CALENDAR FOR WORKING DOG CENTER (ONLY) also includes the following availability:

2017:
Rotation 23: Mar 27-Apr 9
Rotation 24: Apr 10-Apr 23
Rotation 25: Apr 24-May 7

2018:
Rotation 17: Jan 3-Jan 15
Rotation 18: Jan 16-Jan 28
Rotation 19: Jan 29-Feb 11
Rotation 20: Feb 12-Feb 25
Rotation 21: Feb 26-March 11
Rotation 22: March 12-March 25
Rotation 23: Mar 26-Apr 8
Rotation 24: Apr 9-Apr 22
Rotation 25: Apr 23-May 6
## EXPERIENCES AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ANIMAL ROTATIONS
### IN THE MATTHEW J. RYAN VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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EXTERNSHIP OPTIONS

VSCP770 Small Animal Internal Medicine Clinic
Dr. M. Rondeau and Staff
Quarters: 0, 1, 2
Duration: 2 weeks, full-time
Limitations: Based on Hospital Needs

The Internal Medicine rotation involves clinical training in all core medicine disciplines including endocrinology, gastroenterology, hematology, infectious disease, nephrology, oncology and pulmonary medicine. Fourth year students will assist doctors in history taking, physical examinations and the medical management of patients presented to the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Students will also have directed supervision on nutritional aspects of internal medicine cases by a board-certified clinical nutritionist. Emphasis will be placed on problem solving, understanding of pathophysiology and integration and utilization of principles of medicine. As experience is gained, students will assume more responsibility in patient management. Students and staff will participate in daily rounds and conferences.

VCSP777 Small Animal Comprehensive Oncology Service
Dr. E. Krick and Staff
Clinical Rotation, All Quarters
Duration: 2 weeks, full-time
Limitations: 2-5 students/rotation

This rotation will expose students to a comprehensive approach to clinical oncology in small animals, including cancer diagnosis, staging, treatment, and palliative care. This service is primarily comprised of faculty and staff from Medical Oncology, Surgery, and Radiation Oncology. Other services, such as Interventional Radiology and Dentistry and Oral Surgery, will also be involved. Students are expected to participate in the care of outpatient and hospitalized cases (including pre and post-operative care -for Surgical Oncology patients) and in patient care rounds in the morning and afternoon. Weekend duties include morning and afternoon treatments for hospitalized - patients. Each student will present and discuss a journal article or relevant tumor topic once during the rotation.

VCSP772 Small Animal Intensive Care Medicine Service
Dr. D. Silverstein and Staff
Quarters: 0, 1, 2
Duration: 2 weeks, full-time
Limitations: Based on Hospital Needs

The ICU rotation provides a good medical approach to the management of critical and often very unstable patients. Since these cases are often very challenging diagnostically, and also very dynamic, they provide an excellent learning experience, with ample opportunity for one-on-one discussion with the clinician, and for background reading. Students have an opportunity to become familiar with use and interpretation of the advanced technical equipment available in the ICU, and are also encouraged to perform and perfect technical skills such as catheterization of blood vessels and urinary bladder, obtaining arterial blood samples, etc. During the rotation, we encourage integration and a team approach among the students, the ICU clinicians, and the nursing staff. Students on the ICU service start daily at 7:00 a.m. Their day ends when their cases are stable and all of the proposed diagnostics have been completed (usually 6-7 p.m.). The students are expected to SOAP the cases daily including
weekends, and to be closely involved in decision-making, diagnostics and therapeutics, and present and discuss the cases at daily rounds. Students are internally scheduled to assist in treatments in the Intensive Care Unit. Weekend duties are distributed among all assigned students equitably. Rounds are held daily Monday through Friday at approximately 2 p.m.

**VCSP779 Small Animal Pediatrics/Genetics/Reproduction Clinic and Community Practice**

*Drs. Casal, Giger, Mengel, and Staff*

Clinical Rotation: All quarters
Duration: 2 weeks; Mon - Fri
Required: SA, SALA
Limitations: Minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 students per rotation

This rotation combines the Pediatrics, Genetics, and Reproduction (Peds/Gen/Repro) Clinic with the Community Practice Service (CPS).

The Peds/Gen/Repro Clinic and their board certified faculty will emphasize aspects of pediatrics such as preventative health care programs (immunizations, treatment and prevention of parasitism and nutrition counseling), evaluation of normal development, and diagnosis of diseases in puppies and kittens. They will also cover examination and management of animals with known or suspected inherited disorders in young and adult animals for which genetic counseling or special diagnostic studies are required. Reproduction issues such as infertility, pregnancy, and breeding timing will also be addressed. The practical information and hands-on experience provided by the Peds/Gen/Repro Clinic will serve as a foundation for the cases presented to the CPS. Patients evaluated by the Peds/Gen/Repro clinic may be seen for follow up through Community Practice Services.

The Community Practice Service (CPS) is designed to give students first-hand experience in dealing with common general practice clinical cases and client communication. The goal is to give students the opportunity “to be the vet.” Aside from annual wellness exams, patients with minor injury, lameness, or illnesses such as mild respiratory, eye, gastrointestinal, skin/ear, urinary tract, and other disease will be seen and evaluated through CPS. Students are expected to gain experience in diagnosing and treating these common ailments under the supervision of the CPS veterinarian.

**VCSP775 Small Animal Cardiology Service**

*Dr. M. Oyama and Staff*

Quarters: 0, 1, 2
Duration: 2 weeks, full-time
Limitations: Based on Hospital Needs

Students will participate in outpatient and inpatient cardiovascular examinations and treatments. Responsibilities include obtaining a complete medical history and performing a thorough physical examination with emphasis on the cardiovascular system. After an orientation period on the first day, students are responsible for recording and interpreting electrocardiograms as well as interpreting thoracic radiographs and pertinent clinical laboratory data. Students assist with recording echocardiograms and are expected to become familiar with echo image recognition and common measurement techniques. Students are also expected to summarize pertinent findings in cases under their care at daily rounds and be able to discuss their significance. Completion of the medical case record for review by the attending cardiologist is required. The group captain will develop a schedule
for the daily examination and morning treatments (seven days/week) of all hospitalized cases for which cardiology service is responsible. A quiz is administered the final day of the rotation and determines 15% of the students grade for the rotation. Students should review notes for VMED611 and the small animal cardiology computer assisted learning site prior to beginning the rotation. Unless a student electing a second clinical rotation through the Heart Station makes special arrangements with the Section Chief, there is no distinction between this elective rotation and VCSP715 (7115). However, if a student has objectives for the elective rotation beyond the opportunity to see additional case material, an attempt will be made to accommodate proposals for a more individualized rotation to the extent that the regularly scheduled Heart Station activities are not compromised.

**VCSP776**  
Dermatology & Allergy Service  
Dr. C. Cain and Staff  
Clinical Rotation, All Quarters  
Duration: 2 weeks  
**Prerequisites:** Core Medicine Courses  
**Limitations:** Based on Hospital Needs

This course exposes the student to case material presented to the Dermatology and Allergy Clinic at the small animal hospital, and may include case material presented to the large animal hospital at New Bolton Center. Special emphasis is given in the discussion of each patient to the etio-pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of disease. Attendance during receiving of large animal cases at NBC may be required on one Thursday of each block, although volunteers will be sought first.

**VCSP778**  
SA Neurology  
Drs. Dr. Evelyn Galban  
Clinical Rotation, All Quarters  
Duration: 2 weeks  
**Limitations:** 4 students maximum

**The purpose of the rotation is for students to experience the clinical aspects of neurology and to:**
1. practice efficient and informative discovery of the history of your patient/owner’s complaint  
2. practice careful neurologic examination and determine the site or sites of the lesion/s  
Your goal should be to become competent at performing these basic tasks:  
3. To create a useful and likely list patient related differential diagnoses  
4. To observe and learn about confirmatory tests

Students are expected to apply as much as possible of what they have learned about the nervous system to the task of understanding their patient’s neural illness. During the course of this rotation, the ability to perform a useful neurologic examination will be assessed. Acceptable performance will be required to demonstrate competence of the valuable task. Students will have the opportunity to call a client whom they will meet the next day in clinic to introduce your self and to record a pertinent history. We will discuss and critically asses the student’s experience and the patient’s history the next morning. Students will be expected to consult resources to amplify knowledge, skill and understanding of the tasks, problems, illnesses that they may see. We will review the day’s experience each afternoon.

Students in this rotation will be expected to report to the 3rd floor lab by 7:00am each weekday morning. The
weekend schedule will be organized on the first day of the rotation. Please review and understand the contents of previous classroom notes before arriving on the first day.

**VCSP870**  
**Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery**  
Dr. Holt and Staff  
Credits - 6  
Quarters: 0, 1, 2  
Duration: 2 weeks, full-time  
Limitations: Based on Hospital Needs

Students rotate through the Soft Tissue Surgery Service and are responsible for the diagnosis, preoperative, operative and post-operative care of animals presented to this service under the supervision of Surgery staff. Night and weekend duties will be scheduled. Ward rounds (informal case discussions) are conducted regularly. A neuter service is scheduled each week. Every effort will be made to provide at least one opportunity for each student during the 2-week rotation to have primary responsibility as surgeon to spay or castrate a dog or a cat.

**VCSP873**  
**Small Animal Emergency Service**  
Dr. Drobatz and Staff  
Credits - 6  
Quarters: 0, 1, 2  
Duration: 2 weeks, full-time  
Limitations: Based on Hospital Needs

Students are assigned to a busy 24-hour, 7-day per week emergency service on a shift system. The students are responsible for diagnosis and management of animals presented to the service under the supervision of Emergency Service staff. Emergency Service rounds are held Monday through Thursday and include topics related to emergency medicine and surgery centered around case discussion.

**VCSP871**  
**Small Animal Orthopedic Surgery**  
Dr. L. Aronson and Staff  
Credits - 6  
Quarters: 0, 1, 2  
Duration: 2 weeks, full-time  
Limitations: Based on Hospital Needs

Students rotate through the Orthopedic Surgery Service and are responsible for the diagnosis, pre-operative, operative and post-operative care of animals presented to this service under the supervision of Surgery staff. Night and weekend duties will be scheduled. Ward rounds (informal case discussions) are conducted regularly.

**VCSP874**  
**Small Animal Radiology Service**  
Dr. J. Suran and Staff  
Credits - 6  
Quarters: 0, 1, 2  
Duration: 2 weeks, full-time  
Limitations: Based on Hospital Needs

This course primarily offers experience in small animal diagnostic radiology with some exposure to diagnostic ultrasound. Principles of radiographic interpretation teaching rounds are held daily. Students will assist in the positioning of animals and taking of routine and special procedure radiographic examinations and will observe and
assist with ultrasonographic examinations of Ryan Hospital clinic cases. Students will also interact with the radiologist or radiology resident during their interpretation of the clinic cases. A 2-hour examination is given on the last day of the rotation.

**VCSP877**  
Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery Service  
Dr. A. Reiter and Staff  
Quarters: 0, 1, 2  
Duration: 2 weeks - Monday-Friday (with one weekend day on-call)  
Limitations: 2-3 students/rotation

Students participate in the client communication (including assessment of medical history), clinical examination, diagnostic testing (including patient restraint for intravenous catheter placement), treatment planning and treatment of animals presented with dental and oral diseases, including periodontal, endodontic, restorative and occlusal problems and oral and maxillofacial inflammation, infection, malformation, trauma and cancer. Mondays and Wednesdays are clinic appointment days, with rounds and a teaching laboratory or treatment procedures in the afternoons. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are treatment days. Occasionally, cases are hospitalized into Saturdays, and emergency cases may be referred from ES on Saturdays and Sundays. Responsibility for Saturday and Sunday patient care will be one to maximum two weekend days per student during the two-week rotation, and will most often consist of being on-call. Typically, Mondays and Wednesdays run from 8.30am-5.30pm (only rarely are there cases to SOAP on these mornings), and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7am-6.30pm. One student will be assigned to early-call (7am) on Fridays (other students will have an 8.30am start); Friday responsibilities typically extend to 4pm, except for one late-call student.

**VCSP875**  
Small Animal Anesthesiology Service  
Dr. Juan Pavez and staff  
Quarters: 0, 1, 2  
Duration: 2 weeks, full-time  
Limitations: Based on Hospital Needs

Students are responsible for anesthetizing animals presented to the anesthesia service under the supervision of the Anesthesia staff. During the day, students will work closely with either the anesthesiologist on duty or a senior technician. Students will be scheduled with a technician for "on-call" night and weekend duty. On-call duties begin the first Tuesday (or second day) of the rotation and continue through to the last Sunday (or last day before the next rotation). The anesthesia service provides on-call services from 8 pm until 8 am during weekdays, and from Friday 8 pm until Monday 8 am over the weekend. In general, students schedule themselves for the on-call duties. Most rotations assign one student on-call per night during weekdays and split the weekend into 8 or 12-hour shifts. Anesthesia student rounds are conducted Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. The first rounds on the first day of the rotation (usually a Monday) will occur at 9 am. Rounds on Wednesdays are at 8 am. Rounds on Thursdays and Fridays are at 7:30 am. Students are expected to attend grand rounds on Tuesdays. It is highly recommended that students prepare for their rotation by reviewing the course notes from the anesthesia core course and student surgery labs. The anesthesia handout will be given to students on the first day of the rotation. The rounds schedule and topics will be presented in more detail then.

**VCSP876**  
Small Animal Behavior Clinic  
Dr. C. Siracusa  
Quarters: 0, 1, 2  
Duration: 2 weeks, part-time. Wed/Thurs; Additional days may be available.
Limitations: Based on hospital needs

This is an elective clinical rotation in small animal behavioral medicine. Clinics are Wednesday and Thursday. Appointments are also seen on Tuesdays and most Fridays, and students are invited, but not required, to join us. Out-patient behavior clinic appointments are scheduled at approximately 3-4 hour intervals. Each student is responsible for reviewing behavior notes from VMED616 (9005), prior to his/her first scheduled clinic. Students are required to attend all case rounds (twice per day), review records before rounds, and be prepared to present all cases. Students will assist with medical and behavioral history-taking, physical examination and diagnosis, and are responsible for a selecting handouts and writing discharge letter summarizing the recommendations made. Behavioral topics are offered, when possible, between afternoon appointments and rounds.

VCSP878
Dr. L. Latney and Staff
Quarters: 0, 1, 2
Duration: 2 weeks full-time
Limitations: 2-4 Students/rotation

The purpose of this rotation is to introduce the student to pet special species medicine. Students will gain knowledge of these animals by hands-on experience and participation in rounds. The student will be expected to obtain histories, develop a rule-out list and a diagnostic plan on all appointments. Students will participate in patient management and assist with various diagnostic and treatment procedures. There will be a Monday through Friday weekly clinic schedule. On Saturday and Sunday, students are expected to provide care for hospitalized patients and to be "on-call" for night and weekend emergencies. Students should expect the typical day to run from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Monday and Wednesday afternoons are reserved for rounds and short procedures. Clinic appointments will be seen on Monday and Wednesday mornings and occasionally on Saturday mornings. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday are used for inpatient care and for longer procedures. Rounds will include husbandry and medical and surgical diseases of special species. Students will be encouraged to read handouts and use audio-visual material to supplement the rounds presentations and discussions. There may be occasional field trips to local zoos or aviaries.

SMALL ANIMAL CLINICAL ROTATIONS

The Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia Campus - 3900 Delancey Street (39th and Spruce Streets)
Philadelphia, PA 19104

TRANSPORTATION

The Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania is located in West Philadelphia, on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. This is a large, urban campus, with easily accessible transportation, however, you do need to be reasonably careful about your personal safety. It is best to do your traveling during daylight hours. If you have a car, free parking is very difficult to find, and most parking lots within the area average about $12.00 per day. (There is a lot at 38th & Walnut that charges $12/day if you arrive before 9:00 A.M.)

The airport is located nearby, and taxi or limousine service is available for approximately $25.00.