

University of Pennsylvania
School of Veterinary Medicine
New Bolton Center

Large Animal Medicine - Residency Training Program

Program Description for VIRMP:

The objective of the three-year residency program in large animal medicine is to enable a resident to increase his/her training, knowledge and experience in the discipline of medicine through exposure to clinical medicine, research and teaching.

First Year Resident

The major responsibility of the resident will be to receive patients, examine them, make a diagnosis and be responsible for their care and treatment. The resident is also responsible for teaching clinical medicine, diagnostic techniques, etc. to the students in his/her program. Each resident will rotate among senior staff clinicians during service in the clinic. Residents will be responsible for emergency service after hours, weekends and holidays and will be supervised by a boarded clinician. The resident's responsibility for patient care and client communications, i.e., equine, bovine and other farm animals, will increase as training progresses, and will be dependent upon the demonstrated level of proficiency. Seminars and grand rounds case presentations will be given to the faculty on appropriate medical topics. Two to three months will be spent in Cardiology/Ultrasound, learning large animal cardiology and ultrasonography, 4-6 weeks on the Ophthalmology service, with the remaining time on the various Internal Medicine services including Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and two weeks will be available for other professional development. Two weeks' vacation time is provided.

Second Year Resident

In addition to patient care and clinical teaching responsibilities, time (one and 1/2 months) will be made available for study for specialty board examinations, research, or preparation of material for publication. This time "off duty" must be structured and designed to meet specific objectives, as determined in conjunction with the resident's advisor. In addition, the resident will spend one week in radiology, one week in pathology or clinical pathology, and 4-6 weeks in Ophthalmology. Residents will be responsible for emergency service after hours, weekends and holidays. Two weeks' vacation time is provided.

Third Year Resident

Three months are available within the third year for rotating through other specialties, completing clinical research projects or publications, and/or meeting some requirements for specialty boards, in addition to continuing participation in patient care and clinical teaching responsibilities, including 4-6 weeks in Ophthalmology. The resident is expected to prepare a paper, acceptable to a refereed journal, by the end of the year.



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Two weeks' vacation time is provided.



Continuation of the residency is contingent upon satisfactory performance as determined on an annual basis by the medicine residency committee.

This program fulfills the requirements set forth by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine for board certification and thus an approved program in the ACVIM specialty of Large Animal Internal Medicine.

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