



## PERFORMANCE — EQUINE VETS —

### **Equine Rotating Internship: Program Specifics**

The equine internship at Performance Equine Vets is a 12-month program providing advanced clinical training in internal medicine and surgery, equine general practice, reproduction and other specialties on an elective basis. Performance Equine consists of 4 board-certified specialists and 5 general practitioners providing the opportunity to learn from a diverse skill set. Each intern will be paired with a single clinician on a rotating basis to maximize exposure to a variety of case types. Duties include assisting with inpatient surgical and internal medicine cases, outpatient exams and diagnostics, lameness exams, surgical assistance, reproduction (mares and stallions), anesthesia, and on farm general practice. After-hours treatments are performed by technicians. On average, each intern will enjoy one night off per week and one 3 day weekend off per month (Friday/Saturday/Sunday).

The program is designed to qualify the individual for entry into an approved residency program leading to board certification in a recognized veterinary specialty or entry as a general practitioner into private practice. Under the direct guidance and supervision of staff Veterinarians, the intern will work a minimum of 14 weeks in large animal internal medicine, 14 weeks in large animal surgery, 10 weeks in equine field medicine, 4 weeks in reproduction and have 8 weeks available for elective rotations. Elective rotations include additional rotations in internal medicine, surgery, equine general practice, anesthesia, reproduction, and small animal medicine and surgery. Elective rotations will occur the last two months of the intern year.

The intern will participate in equine after-hours emergencies within the hospital and surrounding ambulatory service along with the respective team they are on rotation with (large animal internal medicine and surgical team, general practice team, reproduction team, anesthesia team). Interns are expected to attend journal club/textbook review/case presentation (M&M rounds) once per week.

We have a wide-range referral base encompassing South Carolina, and extending into North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Our caseload consists of a variety of disciplines ranging from polo, eventing, hunter jumper, dressage, western pleasure, cutting, barrel racing, combined driving, and rodeo to pleasure riding. This internship will facilitate critical thinking and refinement of your skills in a relaxed, yet professional environment. Upon completion of your internship year, you will have participated in a large and diverse surgical and medical caseload, as well as all aspects of sports medicine, emergency medicine, and have a strong foundation in internal medicine.

Any offer of employment is contingent upon:

- a) Successful background screening which may include, but not be limited to, criminal history, verification of employment and education, and driving records.
- b) Verification of identity, residency status and eligibility for employment.
- c) Obtaining USDA accreditation.

1) Maintaining a valid driver's license for the duration of the program is required.

2) The program is restricted to United States Citizens, United States Permanent Residents (i.e. those holding a "Green Card"), or non-residents who have Employment Authorization from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service valid for the duration of the program. Performance Equine Vets provides neither assistance for nor support for obtaining such Employment Authorization. With the exception of Canadian and Mexican citizens, who hold a veterinary degree from University within those countries.

**Program Director:** Dr. Stephanie Caston (stephanie@performanceequinevets.com; 803-641-0644)

Faculty serving as supervisors of the program:

- **Equine Surgery**
  - Stephanie Caston, DVM, DACVS-LA
  - Alanna Farrell, DVM, DACVS
  - Douglass Berry, DVM, DACVS
- **Equine Medicine**
  - Rachelle Thompson, DVM, DACVIM
  - Cassandra Baumgarten, DVM, Board Eligible DACVIM
- **Equine Field Services**
  - Breanne Hall, DVM
  - Brianna Hamrick, DVM
  - Sharlee Lowe, DVM
- **Theriogenology**
  - Sabrina Jacobs, DVM
  - Elizabeth Suarez-Lopez, DVM, Board Eligible ACT
- **Small Animal Medicine**
  - Breanne Hall, DVM
  - Brianna Hamrick, DVM

#### **Clinical program requirements**

- Below is a description of the 52 weeks of training spanning 12 months. The intern will start on or near June 15th.
- The intern will be on each rotation for a minimum of 2-week blocks. Elective clinical rotations will be based on each intern's individual area of interest and selected after discussion of career goals with the intern advisor/ staff Veterinarian. Elective rotations will occur the last two months of the intern year.
- Incorporation of on-call will be at the direction of the separate teams.
- For the first 3 months, the intern will not have primary emergency duty, but rather will attend emergency cases with the on-call staff Veterinarian. After the initial 3 months, the intern will share primary on call responsibilities for the service to which they are currently scheduled, if the supervising Veterinarian is comfortable with the interns' current clinical competence. The intern must call the faculty member on-call for that service for all emergencies to notify them of any incoming emergency cases and consult with them throughout the initial work-up and treatment plan phase.

Intern Program: 52 weeks	
14 weeks	Equine Surgery
14 weeks	Equine Medicine
10 weeks	Equine Field Service
4 weeks	Equine Theriogenology
8 weeks	Elective Rotations* <i>Options: Medicine, Surgery, Field Service, Theriogenology, Anesthesia, Small Animal</i>
Non-Clinical Weeks	
2 weeks	Vacation, Interviews or Additional Elective Weeks

- **Detailed Equine Rotating Intern Schedule**
  - Two rotating equine intern DVM's.
  - Each rotation will be for two week intervals.
- **Separate rotations will occur simultaneously for the two interns (1 intern per rotation):**
  - Internal Medicine (Emergency Medicine & Critical Care)
    - Supervising / Assisting DVM in the hospital during and after normal work hours, critical team member for all after-hours admitted emergencies
  - Lameness and Surgery
    - Intern will be dedicated to assisting Surgeon(s), critical team member for after-hours surgical cases
  - General Practice
    - Intern will be dedicated to assisting General Practice Veterinarian(s), on call for emergencies in the field and anesthesia
  - Reproduction
    - Intern will be dedicated to theriogenology service, on call for foaling / dystocia's as well as other reproductive emergencies and after hours work