

West Coast Equine

Externship Program

Practice name: West Coast Equine

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Availability: Positions available throughout the year on a first come first reserved basis

Staffing number and tasks: 1 boarded surgeon (ACVS), 1 boarded internist (ACVIM), 7 technical, 2 office staff

Type of practice: Full service equine veterinary hospital and ambulatory services.

Facilities: Referral equine veterinary hospital with emergency and critical care services, full medical and surgical capabilities, large barn with isolation stalls, climate controlled ICU stalls, 3 large equine exam rooms, lameness evaluation area, computed and digital radiology, in house laboratory, video endoscopy, gastroscopy, and laparoscopy, laser surgery, digital ultrasound, ambulatory appointments and emergencies, motorized and advanced dentistry procedures, stallion and mare reproduction area.

Number of Interns currently in practice: 2

Names of Veterinarians in practice including any specialty qualifications:

Kent Sullivan, VMD, DACVS. Deborah Kemper, DVM, DACVIM-LA, 2 interns

Case Load: Elective and emergency surgery and medical cases, diagnostic procedures, outpatient exams and procedures, lameness and pre-purchase examinations, mare reproduction, in house foaling, stallion collections and preventative medicine.

Types of cases (estimated % by system or categories): 45% inpatient surgical and medical cases, 25% lameness and pre-purchases, 20% preventative medicine, 15% reproduction

Estimated breakdown of daily or weekly load: 6 day work week with daily inpatient evaluations, preventative medicine, assistance with medical and surgical cases, lameness/pre-purchases, seasonal reproductive work.

Philosophy of Internship: We strive for our externs to develop strong procedural skills and evaluations in all areas of equine medicine and surgery, to develop their diagnostic and therapeutic plans, to participate in case management, to communicate effectively and compassionately with clients, to stimulate an interest in pursuing a rewarding career in equine veterinary medicine, to practice effective teamwork with colleagues, technical and clerical staff and enjoy learning about equine veterinary services.

Prerequisites of externship: Enrolled in an accredited veterinary school, CV, equine veterinary experience, proof of medical insurance if externship is not approved for school credit,

Notification of acceptance: email