

West Coast Equine

Internship Program

Application deadlines: November 14, 2014

Practice name: West Coast Equine

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Staffing number and tasks: 1 boarded surgeon, 1 boarded internist, technical and office staff

Type of practice: Full service equine veterinary hospital and ambulatory services. Established 2009.

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, laparoscopy, laser surgery, digital ultrasound, ambulatory appointments and emergencies, motorized and advanced dentistry procedures, stallion and mare reproduction services and internships and externship programs.

Number of Interns/Externs currently in practice: 2

Names of Veterinarians in practice including any specialty qualifications:

Kent Sullivan, VMD, DACVS. Deborah Kemper, DVM, DACVIM

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

Types of cases (estimated % by system or categories): 35% inpatient surgical and medical cases, 15% outpatient surgical and medical evaluations/procedures, 20% lameness and pre-purchases, 20% preventative medicine/dentistry, 10% 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 interns to develop strong procedural skills and evaluations in all areas of equine medicine and surgery, to solidify their diagnostic and therapeutic plans, to gain confidence 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, to understand the business aspect of veterinary medicine and to learn to balance the demands of their career with their personal life.

Prerequisites of application and internship: DVM/VMD or equivalent degree from accredited school, CV, Cover letter, 3 letters of references, University transcripts, in-person or telephone interview, CA licensure is mandatory. Externship at our practice is highly recommended.

Notification of acceptance: By telephone or email

Employee Benefits: Medical and professional liability insurance, AAEP dues, rent subsidized housing near hospital, phone and CE stipend with 3 CE days, 7 days vacation

Employment contracts: Yes

Externship available: Yes

List of internship duties in practice: Inpatient care and monitoring, liaison between primary clinician and staff/client, assist with diagnostic, therapeutic, surgical and anesthetic procedures, perform dentistry, receive emergencies and provide ambulatory service.

Emergency duty requirements: Rotational with primary clinicians; between primary ambulatory emergencies, secondary ambulatory and hospital emergencies and anesthesia

Amount of supervision: Fully supervised initially, then indirect supervision depending upon competence and type of case. Interns will do ambulatory calls and ambulatory emergencies, once they are proficient.

Internship salary: \$30,000

Term of Employment: July 1st – June 30th, 6 days per week.