SUMMER EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN SAN DIEGO

The Pet Emergency and Specialty Center is pleased to again offer ten summer externship positions. The focus of our program is on emergency and critical care medicine; however students may also interface with our team of specialists.

Here’s how our program is structured:

- We select several veterinary students (having finished their first through third year) each summer with an interest in developing their small animal emergency/critical care skills. Our hospital sees a very large caseload and students are typically working alongside a number of experienced technicians and 2-3 veterinarians on each shift. It would not be uncommon to see several trauma cases, a DKA, a rattlesnake envenomation, a toxicity, and a metabolic failure on a single shift. We are equipped with color flow ultrasound, video endoscopy, direct and indirect blood pressure monitors, full in-house lab including blood gas, coagulation and colloid osmotic pressure analysis, ICU ventilation equipment, and more.

- Students are scheduled for approximately 40 hours per week, typically during hours when the emergency service is most busy (evenings and weekends). Students receive a stipend of $350/week and are expected to commit to spending a minimum of 3-6 weeks in the practice.

- We expect students to perform all of the duties of a veterinary technician on scheduled shifts, including nursing care, surgical assistance, cleaning, and client service. This provides an excellent opportunity to develop practical technical skills such as catheter placement (including central lines), etc.

- We strive to include our students in rounds, case discussions, and the decision-making process of case management. Students are invited to our weekly intern rounds, where we review topics in emergency medicine along with monthly doctor meetings. We want to ensure that the time our students spend with us is a great learning experience! We also view our externship as a “working interview” for potential future participation in our internship program.

- Students are welcome to spend any time beyond scheduled shifts with any of our specialists. On the other hand, San Diego has some very nice beaches….

If you are interested in applying for an externship position, or would like to learn more about our program, please contact Dr. Monica Gabourel via e-mail at mgabourel@pescsandiego.com. You can visit our website at pescsandiego.com. Come have fun and develop your skills with us in San Diego!

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