

The internship at the Brazos Valley Equine Hospital is a one year equine internship designed to provide a level of post-graduate training to prepare an intern for a residency program or private practice. The intern will have the opportunity to sharpen their diagnostic and decision-making skills in equine medicine, surgery and intensive care, gain hands-on experience in routine procedures and advanced diagnostics, as well as develop confidence in interacting with clients. Working in a fast-paced, friendly environment with the large caseload at our hospital can be very rewarding and educational. As a first job after veterinary school, this program should provide the intern with enough clinical exposure to allow a solid foundation to start in a clinical sports medicine practice or engage in a residency program

We strongly believe in mentoring. The amount of supervision will depend on the intern's experience and licensing status and may vary as the year progresses. The intern is expected to develop skills to allow handling of in-house appointments and emergency cases, however the intern will always be under direct or indirect supervision as there is a staff veterinarian within 30 minutes of hospital at all times.

Primary duties include daily treatments, evaluation and record keeping of hospitalized patients, assisting staff veterinarians in lameness exams, surgeries, dentistry, reproduction and neonatal care. Night duties consist of intensive care monitoring, as well as, assisting with emergencies. Interns will split emergency and night duties as they rotate between inpatient and emergency care, reproduction/outpatient evaluations and surgery cases every two weeks. An expected breakdown of responsibilities includes hospital treatments 15%, hospital ICU monitoring 10%, outpatient lameness 30%, outpatient medicine 30%, surgery 10%, and anesthesia <5%. Interns will be expected to present a 45-60 minute summary of new information and techniques learned during their continuing education meeting. Interns are encouraged to identify a case or subject, which with the assistance of a senior veterinarian, would be appropriate for publication. Interns will assist with in house and ambulatory emergencies on a rotating basis. One to 2 after-hours emergencies per week are normal.

The intern will rotate through the hospitals in Navasota and in Morgan Mill, Texas. Appointments are scheduled from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. The hospitals accept emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Hospitalized patients are treated in the mornings by the interns and technicians. Overnight treatments and monitoring are done primarily by the interns. Outpatients are seen throughout the day by the staff veterinarians and by accompanying interns. Elective surgeries are scheduled during the morning and afternoons. Clinic workload increases substantially during the show and breeding/foaling seasons. Weekly chapter reviews, stall side rounds, and journal clubs offer supplemental learning to interns.

The caseload is approximately 70% sports medicine, 15% internal medicine, 10% dentistry, 5% reproduction. The internship is supported by eight veterinarians (Terrell Buchanan, DVM; Charlie Buchanan, DVM; Marty Tanner, DVM; Ben Buchanan, DVM, DACVIM, DACVECC; Wyatt Winchell, DVM, DACVS; Jay Bickers, DVM, DACVS, trained in acupuncture, trained in chiropractic; Ricky Osterloh, DVM; and David Ricks, DVM) including three boarded specialists.

In Navasota we saw 17,000 cases in 2008 with 90% seen at the clinic. In house caseload varies between 15-50 cases per day. Specific cases: lameness = 4,000-5,000 / year, pre-purchase = 100-200 / year, surgery = 400-500 / year (25-35% orthopedic, 35-

40% soft tissue, 20-25% emergency), reproduction = 600-800 / year (70-100 semen collections, 60-80 ET flush, 30-40 ET transfers, 5-10 high risk pregnancies), internal medicine = 1,000-1,500 / year (50-100 neonatal cases; 150-200 ophthalmology, 200-250 gastrointestinal, 300-400 respiratory, 10-20 cardiac, 75-150 neurologic, and 50-75 dermatologic), general health = 400-500, corrective podiatry = 250-300, dentistry = 300-500, chiropractic/acupuncture = 500-600, and emergency = 250-300. The average number of hospitalized patients treated daily = 15-25.

In Morgan Mill we saw 19,000 cases in 2008 with 70% seen at the clinic. In house caseload varies between 18-70 cases per day. Specific cases: lameness 5,000 – 6,000, pre-purchase = 100-150, surgery = 500-600 / year (20-30% orthopedic, 60-70% soft tissue, 5-10% emergency), reproduction = 200-300 / year (60-70 semen collections, 30-40 ET flush), internal medicine = 500-600 / year (45-60 neonatal cases, 80-100 ophthalmology, 250-300 gastrointestinal, 125-150 respiratory, 0-5 cardiac, 150-200 neurologic, and 50-75 dermatologic), general health = 900-1100, corrective podiatry = 200-250, dentistry = 400-500, chiropractic/acupuncture = 350-450, and emergency = 175-200. The average number of hospitalized patients treated daily = 10-20

Both hospitals are equipped with state of the art equipment including; 1 and 3 meter video endoscopes, 1 meter pediatric fiberoptic endoscope, digital abdominal/tendon/cardiac ultrasound, ambulatory repro/tendon ultrasounds, portable x-ray units (3 DR and 1 CR), video arthroscopic equipment, video laparoscopic equipment, internal fixation equipment, extra corporeal shock wave therapy, powered dental floats, IRAP centrifuge, platelet rich plasma system, a clinical laboratory (with hematology, chemistry, blood gas analysis, cytology and microbiology) fluid pumps, radio-telemetry EKG, and other critical care equipment. A fully equipped ambulatory vehicle is available for use on farm calls.

The hospital in Navasota is a 20,000 square foot facility situated on 28 acres with four barns totaling 38 stalls, 8 paddocks, 1 round pen, and a large area for lameness exams both in hand and under saddle. The main hospital building consists of 2 exam rooms (2 stocks in each), 1 radiology/ultrasound room with overhead 600 MA generator for digital and standard radiography, 1 surgical suite with 2 induction recovery stalls, 1 chiropractic area, 1 clinical laboratory, a pharmacy, a library, a reception area, doctor's offices, an employee break room and 8 indoor holding/day stalls. Three additional barns include; a new ICU with 4 climate controlled stalls, an intermediate care area with four stall and 9 additional hospital stalls, an isolation unit with 2 stalls and turnout area, and an open outside barn with 11 stalls. There is a separate breeding barn and 30 stalls within 5 minutes of hospital for stallion evaluation and collection, artificial insemination, and embryo transfer. The hospital in Navasota is supported by 1 business manager, 1 office manager, 1 receptionist, 5 full-time technicians, 2 part-time technicians, 1 full-time lab/x-ray technician, 1 chiropractor, 2 farrier, and 2 barn personnel. A mobile home on site provides housing for interns with three bedrooms, a kitchen, living room, and back porch.

The hospital in Morgan Mill is a 12,000 square foot facility situated on 25 acres with two barns totaling 30 stalls, 3 paddocks, and 1 round pen. The main hospital consists of 10 stalls, 1 large exam room, 1 surgical suite with 2 induction recovery stalls, and a mobile 600 MA generator for digital radiography. A second building houses the pharmacy, clinical laboratory, doctor's offices, and reception. An open outdoor barn provides and additional 20 stalls. A new office area, 3 examination areas, and a large

covered lameness pad is currently under construction. The hospital in Morgan Mill is supported by 1 office manager, 2.5 receptionist, 4 full-time technicians, 1 full-time laboratory technician, and 2 barn personnel. A 2100 square foot house on site provides housing for interns and externs with 4 bedrooms, a kitchen, and a large living area..

The Brazos Valley Equine Hospital is committed to provide the highest quality equine medical and surgical care for our patients and the best service for clients. The caseload has evolved over the last 30 years to include primarily lameness, performance and sports medicine covering a wide variety of breeds and disciplines. The majority of cases are western performance/pleasure horses (75%) and race horses (20%). The remainder of the caseload is made of other show/performance horses, endurance horses, drafts, ponies, camelids, and racing greyhounds.

Internship applicants must be graduate veterinarian with general experience in equine medicine and surgery, and basic knowledge of horsemanship. The ability to work as a team, a positive attitude, and people skills are a requirement. Please send a resume, cover letter, a copy of veterinary transcripts, and two letters of recommendation from equine practitioners or university faculty members in equine medicine or surgery. A prior visit/externship and interview are strongly encouraged. A personal meeting is weighted the most when considering applicants. Foreign students and veterinarians are welcome and encouraged to apply, and we can assist with visas if necessary.

Additional benefits to salary include health insurance, malpractice insurance, housing at hospital grounds (three bed/ two bath living quarters to be shared with other intern and occasional extern) with paid utilities, stipend for use to attend one meeting, AAEP membership dues, state licensing fees (if applicable), VIN membership, and five days vacation (for residency/job interviews). Salary will be based on interns experience and licensing status, ranging from 1800 to 2300 / month. Additional perks increase total package to ~ \$30,000/year. There is a possibility for future employment with mutual satisfaction and desire. Internship starting dates will be staggered (May and July) to allow for overlap between interns. Some flexibility on the starting date can be discussed.

All candidates will be notified in writing of his/her acceptance into the program as soon as the application process is completed. A decision will be made prior to January 1st each year. A decision may be made sooner if outstanding candidates are identified. As such, intern applicants are encouraged to have all prerequisites to the hospital by November 31st. A letter of intent, curriculum vitae, and letters of reference should be sent to Lauren Holt at BVEH-INTERNSHIP, 6999 Highway 6, Navasota, TX or by email to internship@bveh.com

Previous Interns

2001-2002

Chantal Rothschild, DVM, DACVIM

Fernando Castro, DVM, DACVS

2002-2003

Gustavo DeCillo

Alberto Parra (ACVS Qualified)

2003-2004

Gustavo DeCillo

Ferenc Toth (Surgery Resident UT)

2004-2005

Denes Revey
Barbara Alcantara

2005-2006

Denes Revey
Barbara Alcantara

2006-2007

Rolf Modesto
Angelica DeLaCruz

2007-2008

Regan Wizbicki
Miranda Gosselin
Calin Baia (Surgery Resident LSU)

2008-2009

Claudia Cruz (Medicine Resident UT)
Jennifer Lavender (ABVP Resident VT)
Marta Roma
Thiago Scarmuza

2009-2010

Katja Faquet
Kathrin Holzer
Monica Gill
Erica Artega

2010-2011

Jose Narnjo
Joanne Haughn
Talissa Martins

2011-2012

Sylvia Malyie
Courtney Boysen