

## **RESIDENCY IN ZOOLOGICAL MEDICINE**

The Section of Zoological Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University is soliciting applications for a three-year residency program in Zoological Medicine, beginning July 18, 2011 through July 20, 2014 (inclusive). All application materials must be mailed and postmarked November 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. Late applications **will not** be reviewed. Applications should be sent certified receipt return. Applicants who would like to know when their application is complete should include a self-addressed stamped postcard. The postcard will be returned to the applicant as soon as we have received all of the application materials.

Following the review of the material, a select number of applicants may be interviewed by telephone between November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> 2010. The successful candidate will be offered the position by e-mail and telephone on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 and will be given 48 hours to respond. Interested individuals should submit their application to:

Ms. Ramona J. Andersen, Program Coordinator  
Cornell University Hospital for Animals  
C2 209 Veterinary Medical Center, Mailbox 20  
Ithaca, NY, 14853-6401

### **Application material:**

- 1- Letter of intent describing your reasons for applying for this residency and career goals.
- 2- Curriculum Vitae
- 3- Three to five letter of references from faculty members or practitioners. These letters must be mailed directly to Ms. Andersen by the writer and postmarked by November 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. The letters should discuss your aptitude and performance in pursuits pertinent to knowledge of veterinary medicine, clinical skills, scientific research, team work, ability to communicate with others, and experience in zoological medicine.
- 4- Official transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended and class rank from veterinary school. An official English translation of these must be included if they are not in English.
- 5- Candidates may be required to take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). Foreign national residents are appointed on H-1 visas, additional documentation is required. Contact us or visit: <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/education/foreign.htm>

### **Description of Program:**

The residency in Zoological Medicine is a three-year program divided into clinical responsibilities, teaching and research. The resident will rotate between clinical responsibilities at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park in Syracuse, the Janet L. Swanson Wildlife Health Center at Cornell University, and in the Companion Exotic Animal Medicine service in the Cornell University Hospital for Animals (CUHA).

The CUHA Exotic Animal service receives approximately 1350 cases annually of commonly kept birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians and the Wildlife Health Center receives approximately 800 native wildlife cases annually. The resident will assist in the clinics with a senior faculty member. After a period of time, the trainee will assume primary responsibility for clinical cases and will be expected to assess, diagnose, and treat the aforementioned species under direct supervision and guidance from senior zoological medicine faculty. The resident will also be on-call for after hours emergencies at specified times. The Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnett Park maintains approximately 1000 specimens made up of 225 species. The resident will participate in all aspects of zoo medicine including: zoo husbandry and management, assisting in writing and implementing protocols (i.e., quarantine, rabies, pre-shipment, etc.), preventative and therapeutic medicine and surgery, and necropsy.

The resident is required to attend formal didactic lectures and laboratories offered by the Section of Wildlife Health covering all aspects of zoo, wildlife, and exotic animal medicine. The resident is expected to prepare and deliver assigned lectures for these courses. In addition, the resident will supervise veterinary students in their third and fourth year electing the Zoo/Wildlife/Exotic Companion Animal Medicine clinical rotation. The resident will to prepare formal rounds discussions with the students and assist in their evaluations. Excellent inter-personal and client/peer communication skills are essential.

The resident is required to develop an independent research project, and submit the results of this project to a peer-reviewed journal. The resident will be strongly encouraged to fulfill the requirements for submission of publications for ACZM board eligibility. On average, six hours per week will be allotted for independent study time and manuscript publication. The trainee is encouraged to partake in continuing education opportunities and to present a topic of interest in at least one major conference per year.

A "Certificate of Residency" will be issued to residents who have successfully completed all requirements of the program.

Inquiries about the program can be sent to Dr George Kollias ([gvk2@cornell.edu](mailto:gvk2@cornell.edu)) or Dr Noha Abou-Madi ([na24@cornell.edu](mailto:na24@cornell.edu)). Please do not sent application material to these addresses.

Applicants from both foreign and American colleges of veterinary medicine are welcome to apply. Preference is generally given to applicants from AVMA accredited colleges.

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