

# VCA Veterinary Referral Associates Internship in Avian and Exotic Animal Medicine and Surgery

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**Inclusive Dates of Program:** 7/5/2010 to 6/30/2011

**Salary:** \$34,000

**The following information represents the average of cases in direct support of this program**

Total No. Annual Cases	Average Daily No. Cases Presented to Hospital	Average No. Cases Treated Daily as Outpatients	Average No. Cases in Hospital Daily	Average No. Daily Surgeries Performed
16000	35-50	20-30	15-25	5-8

**Number of Faculty in Direct Support of Program:** 25

**Number of Residents in Direct Support of Program:** 5

**Diplomates in the following Specialty Area are direct support of internship**

	Full Time	Part Time/Consultant		Full Time	Part Time/Consultant
ABVP			ABVT		
ACLAM			ACPV		
ACT			ACVA		
ACVB			ACVCP		
ACVD			ACVECC	3	
ACVIM/CARD	1		ACVIM/INTMED	5	
ACVIM/NEUR	1		ACVIM/ONC		
ACVM			ACVN		
ACVO	1		ACVP		
ACVPM			ACVR	2	
ACVS	1		ACZM		
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## Requirements for Application

- Must have previously completed a small animal rotating internship or have equivalent clinical experience with avian and exotic animals

- Maryland state license, contact state board at (410) 841-5862 or on their website at [www.mda.state.md.us](http://www.mda.state.md.us)
- Veterinary School Official Transcript from University Registrar
- Personal Statement/Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- 3 - 6 Letters of Reference

### Other Information

1. Do your interns have an assigned mentor and/or receive performance evaluation? **Yes**
2. Are interns permitted to attend Continuing Education Courses? **Yes**
3. Are your interns required to present formal seminars? **Yes**
4. Does the intern have 24 hour access to library/computer facilities? **Yes**
5. Are your interns provided with a computer to use? **Yes**
6. Do your interns perform surgery? **Yes**
7. What percentage of the internship does the intern spend on on-call emergency duty? **50%**
8. Does the practice employ formally trained veterinary technicians? **Yes**
9. The intern has access to the following equipment/technology:
  - Blood Pressure Monitoring
  - Bone Plating Equipment and other Orthopedic Equipment
  - CT Scan and MRI
  - Digital Radiography and Ultrasound
  - Echocardiography
  - Electrocardiography
  - Rigid and Flexible Endoscopy

The VCA Veterinary Referral Associates Animal Hospital is offering an internship in avian and exotic animal medicine and surgery beginning July 5, 2010. The training program is 51 weeks in duration. Applicants will be considered based on a letter of intent, resume, interview, academic record and letters of recommendation. Prior completion of a rotating small animal internship and/or equivalent clinical experience with avian and exotic species is required. A Maryland license is required to enter the internship.

Our team has board-certified specialists in neurology/neurosurgery, ophthalmology, radiation oncology, radiology, surgery, internal medicine (5), and emergency/critical care (3). We also have residency-trained veterinarians in medical oncology (2), surgery (3), emergency/critical care (3), avian and exotic medicine and radiology. We have renowned residency training programs in emergency/critical care medicine and small animal internal medicine, and currently

the rotating internship is supported by 5 residents in these programs. Cardiology services are provided by Chesapeake Veterinary Cardiology Associates located in our hospital, and rotating interns will complete a rotation with this team.

Specialized capabilities include acupuncture, diagnostic ultrasonography, echocardiography, MRI, CT, endoscopy, fluoroscopy, laparoscopy, pulse oximetry, radiology, electrocardiography, cystoscopy, blood gas analysis, extensive surgical capabilities (soft tissue, orthopedic and endoscopy), I-131, radiation therapy and ventilator therapy.

The internship is oriented toward avian and exotic companion animals in order to prepare a candidate for either an ABVP or ACZM residency. Species that are treated include, companion birds, raptors, small mammals, amphibians, reptiles as well as others. Both primary and referral cases are seen. This is a non-rotating internship and the intern will work directly under the supervision of the senior faculty member. Primary case responsibility is encouraged through the day service and on-call emergency care is expected. Support from the emergency department and the senior faculty member is available for the emergencies. Interns will work closely with other departments in the hospital as is necessary to address a patient's problems.

Case rounds are carried out cage side daily and journal discussions as well as didactic teaching are conducted. The intern will complete a grand rounds presentation and is encouraged to research and publish or present findings on scientific works to their colleagues. Participation in rounds, journal clubs and intern lectures with the nine rotating small animal interns is required.

We have a very good relationship with both the National Aquarium in Baltimore as well as the National Zoo in Washington, DC. Opportunities to spend time with these facilities are often possible.

Internet access, a paid subscription to VIN and an extensive library onsite (as well as the NIH Medical Library only 20 miles away) are available. Our location, just north of Washington DC, is close to many cultural, educational, recreational facilities and offers a good quality of life.

Applications and inquires should be emailed to [lisa.carr@vcahospitals.com](mailto:lisa.carr@vcahospitals.com) or mailed to:

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