

# Brazos Valley Equine Hospital

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The internships at the Brazos Valley Equine Hospital – Navasota is a one year rotating equine internship program 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, staff and other veterinarians. 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 the 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 patient treatments, intensive care monitoring, as well as, assisting with emergencies. Interns will split emergency and night duties as they rotate between inpatient and outpatient evaluations. 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 staff 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.

Appointments are scheduled from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. The hospital accepts 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. Chapter reviews, stall side rounds, and journal club offer supplemental learning to interns. The caseload is approximately 40% sports medicine, 20% internal medicine, 10% dentistry/wellness, 10% reproduction, 5% complimentary medicine, and 5% pre-purchase examinations.

The internship externship in **Navasota** is supported by seven veterinarians: Terrell Buchanan, DVM; Ben Buchanan, DVM, DACVIM, DACVECC; Sarah Sampson, PhD, DVM, DACVS; Semira Mancill, DVM, DACT; Olivia Lorello, DVM; Rolf Modesto, DVM; and Clayton Smith, DVM.

Interns will spend the majority of their time at one of the hospitals, but the potential to spend 4-8 weeks at one of the other facilities is possible.

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In Navasota we saw 13,903 cases in 2015 with 75% seen at the clinic. The in-house caseload varies between 15-50 cases per day. The average number of hospitalized patients treated daily varies from 20 - 60 depending on the time of year. Specific case breakdown is approximately

- lameness = 3,000-4,000 / year
- pre-purchase = 100-200 / year
- surgery = 500-600 / year (25-35% orthopedic, 35-40% soft tissue, 20-25% emergency)
- reproduction = 600-800 / year (30-40 semen collections, 10-20 ET flush, 5-10 high risk pregnancies)
- internal medicine = 1,000-1,500 / year (80-100 neonatal cases; 150-200 ophthalmology, 200-250 gastrointestinal, 200-250 respiratory, 10-20 cardiac, 75-150 neurologic, and 50-75 dermatologic)
- general health = 400-500
- corrective podiatry = 400-500
- dentistry = 500-600
- chiropractic/acupuncture = 200-300
- emergency = 250-300.

All hospitals are equipped with state of the art equipment including; 1 and 3 meter video endoscopes, 1 meter pediatric fiberoptic endoscopes, digital abdominal/tendon/cardiac ultrasound, ambulatory repro/tendon ultrasounds, portable digital x-ray units, video arthroscopic equipment, video laparoscopic equipment, internal fixation equipment, extra corporeal shock wave therapy units, powered dental floats, IRAP centrifuges, platelet rich plasma systems, lameness locator, dynamic endoscopy, a clinical laboratory (with hematology, chemistry, blood gas analysis, coagulation testing, cytology and microbiology), fluid pumps, radio-telemetry EKG and other critical care equipment. Fully equipped ambulatory vehicles are 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, 12 paddocks, a 40X60 riding arena, 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 computed 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 and 8 indoor holding/day stalls. Four additional barns include; ICU with 4 climate controlled stalls, an intermediate care area with four stalls and 9 additional hospital stalls, an isolation unit with 2 stalls and turnout area, and an open outside barn with 11 stalls, and 12 large turnout paddocks.

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 (60%) and race horses (15%). The remainder of the caseload is made of other show/performance horses, endurance horses, drafts, ponies, and camelids.

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 is 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 with paid utilities, stipend for use to attend one meeting, AAEP membership dues, state licensing fees (if applicable), VIN membership, and limited time off for job/residency interviews. Salary will be based on interns experience and licensing status, ranging from 1800 to 2300 / month. There is a possibility for future employment with mutual satisfaction and desire. Internship starting dates will be staggered (May 15 and June 1) 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 when excellent candidates are identified. All candidates will be notified prior to January 10<sup>th</sup> each year. As such, intern applicants are encouraged to have all prerequisites to the hospital by October 1<sup>st</sup>. A letter of intent, curriculum vitae, and letters of reference should be sent to BVEH-INTERNSHIP, 6999 Highway 6, Navasota, TX or by email to [internship.navasota@bveh.com](mailto:internship.navasota@bveh.com).

Previous Interns

2001-2002

Chantal Rothschild, DVM, DACVIM

Fernando Castro, DVM, DACVS (Radiology Residency UPenn)

2002-2003

Gustavo DeCillo, DVM

Alberto Parra, DVM (Surgery Residency Auburn)

2003-2004

Gustavo DeCillo, DVM

Ferenc Toth, DVM, PhD, DACVS

2004-2005

Denes Revey, DVM

Barbara Alcantara, DVM

2005-2006

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Barbara Alcantara, DVM

2006-2007

Rolf Modesto, DVM (Surgery Residency Minnesota)

Angelica DeLaCruz, DVM

2007-2008

Regan Wizbicki, DVM

Miranda Gosselin, DVM

Calin Baia, DVM (Surgery Residency LSU)

2008-2009

Claudia Cruz, DVM (Medicine Residency Tennessee)

Jennifer Lavender, DVM, DABVP

Marta Roma, DVM

Thiago Scarmuza, DVM

2009-2010

Katja Faquet, DVM (Medicine Residency LSU)

Kathrin Holzer, DVM

Erica Artega, DVM

2010-2011

Jose Narnjo, DVM

Joanne Haughn, DVM (Research Fellow UPenn)

Talissa Martins, DVM

2011-2012

Sylvia Maliye, DVM

Courtney Boysen, DVM (Medicine Residency KSU)

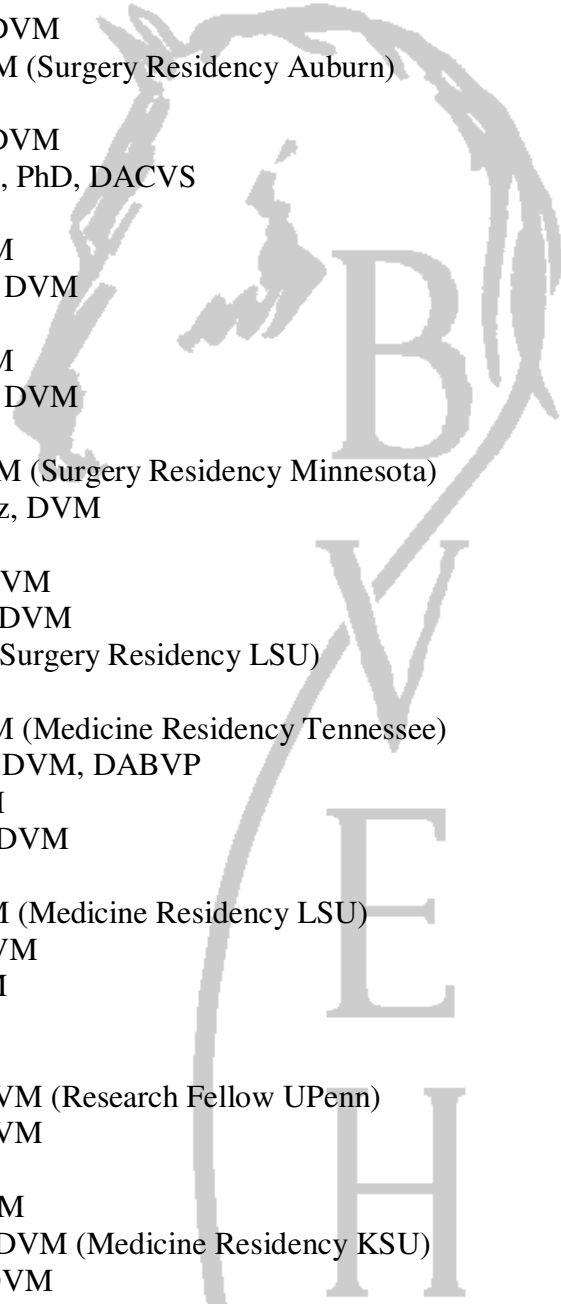
Michelle Milton, DVM

2012-2013

Gabbi Arroyo, DVM (Medicine Residency Purdue)

Danielle Bergan, DVM

Emily McDonald, DVM



2013 – 2014

Andres Rodriguez, DVM

Allison Kilburn, DVM

Ellen Livingston, DVM

2014 – 2015

Natalie Arruda Bergamaschi, DVM

Amanda Chitero Silva, DVM

Sebastian Mejia Moreira, DVM

Lauren Quast, DVM

