

Internship Program







Our internship program's goal is to prepare veterinary graduates like you for a residency program or to begin your career in a private practice. Our hospitals feature a progressive approach to practice and utilize the latest equipment. We offer a full-service referral practice to local veterinarians while also providing primary care to our local and horse show clients. As one of the largest practices in Texas, we have multiple board-certified specialists managing cases and mentoring our interns.

Who is this program for?

- Recent veterinary graduates who have completed an equine externship program
- Individuals seeking experience to build a strong and professional foundation in the equine industry

Where is the program and how long is it?

- Our Salado Hospital and Navasota Hospital host a one-year, rotating equine internship program
- Internships start and end around June-July months

What can I expect to gain from this internship?

- Clinical exposure to build a strong foundation in a general and sports medicine practice
- Opportunities to sharpen your diagnostic and decision-making skills in equine medicine, surgery, and intensive care
- Gain hands-on experience working in a fast-paced environment through routine procedures and advanced diagnostics
- Develop confidence in interacting with clients, staff, and other veterinarians
- Develop skills to allow handling of in-house and farm-call appointments and emergency cases

What will I be doing in this program?

- Working alongside staff veterinarians in lameness exams, surgeries, dentistry, reproduction, and neonatal care
- Daily treatments, evaluation, and record keeping of hospitalized patients
- Night duties consisting of patient treatments, intensive care monitoring, and assisting with emergencies
- Working with technicians to treat and monitor hospitalized patients in the mornings and overnight

What are the compensation and benefits?

- Salary will be based on your experience and licensing status with a possibility for future employment
- Benefits include health insurance, on-site housing, malpractice insurance, membership and licensure dues

~ Our Hospitals ~

All hospitals are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment including:

- Computed Tomography capabilities
- One- and three-meter video endoscopes
- Digital abdominal, tendon, cardiac ultrasounds
- Ambulatory repro, abdominal, tendon ultrasounds
- Portable digital x-ray units

- Video arthroscopic equipment
- Video laparoscopic equipment
- Internal fixation equipment
- Extra corporeal shockwave therapy units
- Powered dental floats
- IRAP and Prostride centrifuges

- Platelet rich plasma systems
- Lameness locator
- Dynamic endoscopy
- Clinical laboratory with hematology, chemistry, blood gas analysis, cytology and microbiology
- Fully equipped ambulatory vehicles are available for use on farm calls

SALADO



Facility

Salado is situated on 15 acres with three barns totaling 40 stalls, 7 paddocks, and 3 temperature-controlled ICU stalls. The main hospital building consists of a large examination and lameness area with two stocks and cross-tie areas, standing surgery/procedures room, surgical suite, a radiology room with computed tomography, a clinical laboratory, a pharmacy, a reception area, doctor's offices, and 3 apartments above the hospital.

Caseload

- About 12,000 cases per year; 80% seen at the clinic
- Primarily lameness and sports medicine
- 15-40 cases per day
- 5-15 hospitalized patients treated daily

Veterinarians

- John Janicek, DVM, DACVS
- Beau Whitaker, DVM, CERP
- Jamie Ashbrook, DVM, cVMA
- Rachel Youngblood, DVM
- Saybl Sprinkle, DVM, MS

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NAVASOTA



Facility

Navasota is a 20,000 square foot facility situated on 28 acres with six barns totaling 48 stalls, 4 of which are climate-controlled ICU stalls, as well as 28 large turnout paddocks, and a large lameness area. The main hospital has two exam rooms each with two sets of stocks, a radiology room with computed tomography, a surgical suite, chiropractic area, a clinical laboratory, a pharmacy, a reception area, and doctors' offices.

Caseload

- About 18,000 cases per year
- Primarily lameness and sports medicine
- 15-50 cases per day
- 20-60 hospitalized patients treated daily

Veterinarians

- Terrell "T-Bone" Buchanan, DVM
- Ben Buchanan, DVM, DACVIM, DACVECC
- Kurt Heite, DVM
- Weston Warnock, DVM, DACVS-LA
- Ricci Karkula, DVM, MS, cVMA
- Ted Kellerman, DVM
- Jon Johnson, DVM
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