Detailed Program Description for ACVD Website

1. Program name and location: Auburn University, Auburn AL

2. Is the program currently on ACVD Probation? NO If yes, please describe the reasons for probation, what is being done to correct them and when the program is scheduled to be off probation?

3. Mentor(s):
   a. Name: Dr. Amelia White (main mentor)
      1. Years in the ACVD: 4
      2. Years as Mentor: 4
   b. Name: Dr. Robert Kennis,
      1. Years in ACVD: 20
      2. Years as Mentor: 11

4. Specific requirements for applying to the program: DVM or equivalent from AVMA accredited university and completion of a rotating internship or a minimum of 2 years private practice equivalent

5. Length of residency in years: 3

6. Is a Master’s degree or PhD required? YES If so, which? Masters

7. When the residency was first offered? 1987
   Has it been continuous since then? YES
   If not continual what years was the residency offered?

8. How many residents have been accepted into the program since inception? 8
   How many of these have become board certified dermatologists? 7

9. What is the average annual dermatology caseload for the institution over the past 5 years? 1440 cases per year

10. What is the average total caseload seen the entire residency? 4320 cases (average cases annually times the number of years of residency)

11. On average, how many new patients, rechecks and consults does the program see per year? (give these in actual numbers of cases)
    a. New cases 40%
    b. Rechecks 50%
    c. Consults 10%

12. On average, what percentage of the program’s cases are dogs and cats?
Dogs 70%  Cats 20%

13. On average, how many exotic, equine and farm animal cases does the program see per year? Exotics 5-10  Equine 20  Farm animals 10-15

14. What percentage of time is the mentor in clinics with the resident while the resident is seeing cases during the resident’s first year: 98%; second: 98%; and third: 95%

(This means that the mentor is either physically seeing patients with the resident or can be contacted by phone and available to see the case within one hour of being called.)

15. Does the program have access to other specialists? If so, please list: Ophthalmology, internal medicine, soft tissue surgery, anesthesia, critical care, theriogenology, cardiology, endocrinology, clinical pathology, pathology, pharmacology, oncology, radiology, small mammals and exotics, large animal medicine and surgery, food animal medicine and surgery, acupuncture, physical therapy, orthopedic surgery, basic sciences researchers in physiology & parasitology

16. Please describe your library access: On site library and excellent electronic access to journals and electronic books.

17. Does the program have statistical support for their residents’ research projects? YES

18. Does the program have direct access to any basic science or clinical science laboratories that the resident can use for research proposes? YES
   If yes, please describe the types of laboratories available and interactions that the resident may have with them. There are endocrinology, parasitology, virology, bacteriology/mycology, pathobiology, clinical pharmacology and clinical pathology laboratory access. Interactions are dependent upon the interests of the resident and range from help with individual cases to support with research.

19. How often do the residents and mentors have the following rounds? (For each type of rounds, please list how often they are held, how long each session is, and a detailed description of how they are conducted.)

   a. Case rounds: Daily with students, discussion duration dependent upon the case load of the day

   b. Journal club: every 1-2 weeks for a minimum of 1 hour. The resident or mentor selects and leads the discussion of the articles
c. Histopathology training: every other week. Sessions are 1-2 hours. All clinical dermatology cases are reviewed with mentors using a multi headed microscope. All biopsied cases have recut slides for the resident. Archived cases are reviewed to expand the breadth of materials on species not seen on a regular basis.

d. Basic science learning rounds: Formal graduate classes provide the basis of basic science learning during the first two years. Some examples include: clinical pathology, advanced medicine, immunology, advanced histopathology, clinical pharmacology, mechanisms of diseases, and statistics. The mentors provide a class on structure and function, large animal dermatology and exotic animal dermatology during the course of training.

20. Resident’s benefits: (Please give a general list of benefits and then whom a potential candidate should contact to get more specific information on salary and benefit packages) This information is available on the VIRMP website

21. Does the program allow the resident to attend the NAVDF (North American Veterinary Dermatology Forum) meeting annually? YES

22. Does the program pay for the resident to attend the NAVDF meeting annually? Some funds are available but might not be sufficient to support the full expenses incurred.

23. Average number of days a resident will spend on clinics per month: 20

24. Average number of days a resident will spend on non-clinical pursuits per month (not including Sundays or holidays): The first year there are 6 weeks (average 2.5 days/month), 8 in the second year (average 3.3 days/month), and 8 in the third year (average 3.3 days/month) - not counting vacation

25. Does the resident have to take general medicine emergency duty? NO If so how often:

26. Does the resident take Dermatology emergency duty? YES, but always under the guidance of the mentor. Primary duty is shared with mentor. On average fewer than 5 emergency calls occur per year.
If so how often: weekends, holidays

27. Is time allotted for externships in other subspecialties or at other dermatology practices? YES If so explain: 2 weeks are allowed to take internal medicine rotation the first year (more if needed) and 2 weeks are allowed for externships outside of the university in subsequent years.
28. How much time is allotted for board preparation? Up to 8 weeks, depending upon the time used for research and credentials.

29. How much time is allotted to carry out research (grant writing, data collection, paper preparation) during the residency (please report in number of weeks)? Year 1 – 6 weeks, Year 2 – 8 weeks, Year 3 – 8 weeks

30. What are the other responsibilities/duties of the resident? Provide back-up duty after hours and weekends and holidays to be available to provide consultations to other services within the VTH. The resident is expected to participate and contribute to M+M rounds every other week and to attend resident seminars if not conflicting with formal classwork sessions. The resident is expected to present a minimum of 1 resident seminar each year during the program. The resident is to abide by the requirements of graduate students within the College of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn which includes attendance and participation in research seminars and defense seminars. The resident is required to provide approximately 5 total lectures to the third year students during the core dermatology course over the course of the residency.

31. How many residents has the program had over the past 10 years? 4 (one every 3 years)

32. How many/what percentage of the above residents (question 31) passed credentials on the
   a. First submission - 4 of 4
   b. Second submission
   c. Third submission or more
   d. Never passed credentials

33. How many/what percentage of the above residents (question 31) sat boards for the first time
   a. The year they finished their residency - 4 of 4
   b. One year after finishing their residency
   c. Two or more years after finishing
   d. They never took boards

34. How many / what percentage of the above residents (question 31) passed the board exam on their
   a. First time taking the exam - 2
   b. Second time taking the exam
   c. Third time or more taking the exam - 1
   d. Never passed – 1 (candidate has had 1 attempt)

35. Is your residency program reviewed by an outside committee at your university? YES
    If yes how often? 4 times annually
36. Please list the papers published by your last 5 residents.


Toops, E; Blagburn, B; Lenaghan, S; Kennis, R; MacDonald, J; Dykstra, C. Extraction and characterization of DNA from demodex canis. Int J Appl Res Vet Med., 2010; 8(1): 31-44


37. Names of your last 5 residents and whether they are willing to be contacted by potential residents: Karen Ho, Jacqueline Gimmler, Meghan Umstead, Elizabeth Toops, Carolyn Kidney, Julie Gunter, Keith Hnilica, Anthony Yu