**Detailed Program Description for ACVD Website**

1. **Program name and location:**

   Dermatology Residency, Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843

2. **Is the program currently on ACVD Probation?** No

3. **Mentor(s):**
   a. **Name:** Alison Diesel, DVM, DACVD  
      1. Years in ACVD: 10  
      2. Years as Mentor: 5  
   b. **Name:** Adam P. Patterson, DVM, DACVD  
      1. Years in ACVD: 15  
      2. Years as Mentor: 5

4. **Educator(s):**
   a. **Name:** Aline Rodrigues-Hoffman  
      1. Years in ACVP: 11  
      2. Years as Mentor: 11  
   c. **Name:** Dominique Wiener  
      1. Years in ECVP: 9  
      2. Years as Mentor: 3

4. **Specific requirements for applying to the program:**
   a. Be a graduate from an AVMA approved veterinary school/college, or a graduate from an accredited and recognized school from another country.  
   b. Have completed a one-year small animal medical/surgery rotating internship, or comparable practice equivalency.  
   c. Be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the United States and in the state of Texas (or eligible to sit for the state of Texas veterinary board examination upon arrival).  
   d. Be a member of the AVMA or equivalent National Veterinary Medical Association.  
   e. Be of satisfactory moral and ethical character including, but not limited to, being honest and truthful, not be habitually intoxicated or addicted to drugs, and not have been convicted of cruelty to animals.  
   f. Fulfill any additional dermatology residency candidate requirements as specified by the ACVD Education Committee. A complete list of requirements may be found on the American College of Veterinary Dermatology website (www.acvd.org).
5. Length of residency in years: 3 years

6. Is a Master’s degree or PhD required? No  
   If so, which______

7. When the residency was first offered? July 2016  
   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?  
   2  
   How many of these have become board certified dermatologists?  
   0

9. What is the average annual dermatology caseload for the institution over the  
   past 5 years? __815__ cases per year

10. What is the average total caseload seen the entire residency?  
    __2445__ 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 – 260-350  
    b. Rechecks – 300-480  
    c. Consults – 175-250

12. On average, what percentage of the program’s cases are dogs and cats?  
    Dogs: 83%  
    Cats: 10%

13. On average, how many exotic, equine and farm animal cases does the program  
    see per year?  Exotics 5-10  Equine 20-40  Farm animals 5-10

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: 100%, second: >90%  
    and third: >90%?  
    (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? Yes  
    If so, please list: internal medicine (SA – 8; LA/Equine – 8), emergency and  
    critical care (3), neurology (5), cardiology (3), oncology (4), radiation oncology  
    (2), ophthalmology (3), surgery (SA – 10; LA/Equine – 7), anesthesia (4),
radiology (7), dentistry (1), zoo/avian medicine (1), rehabilitation (3), clinical pathology (3), clinical pharmacology (1), and clinical microbiology (3).

16. Please describe your library access: Texas A&M University’s (TAMU) library system consists of 6 branches; the Medical Sciences Library (MSL) is connected to the CVM via an underground tunnel between the two buildings. The MSL possesses hard copies of both human and veterinary medical texts, bound serial publications and journals, and offers extensive online electronic journal (and text) access. Materials not directly housed in the MSL are available free of charge via “Get It For Me” – an electronic document delivery service available for publications elsewhere on TAMU campus or obtained from other non-TAMU libraries around the world.

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. We have the ability to consult with and use lab space for support of research projects with the following laboratories: pathology, clinical pathology, microbiology, GI lab, and oncology laboratories. Additionally, the department has clinical trials laboratory space for shared use. These laboratories are available for both clinical and bench-top research endeavors. Active collaborations with the microbiology and pathology laboratories are currently in place.

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: Informal case rounds occur daily with the students during receiving and case work-up. Formal resident case rounds are held on a weekly basis.

   b. Journal club: Dermatology Journal Club will be held weekly (1 hour) with at least one of the mentors throughout the entire residency. One to three articles will be reviewed during each session. Journal articles will be chosen by the resident with oversight provided by the mentors.

   c. Histopathology training: Dermatopathology rounds are held every other week for one hour. During the first year of residency training, the resident will also attend structured training in dermatopathology taught by the
dermatopathologists (12-hour training course to provide both an introductory and more in-depth approach to evaluating skin histopathology samples. A teaching set of slides will be provided to the resident; examples from the teaching set will be assigned on an every other week basis for review with the dermatopathologists during rounds (2 hours). The resident will be responsible for direct evaluation of all histopathology slides taken from biopsies of all of his/her cases to be reviewed monthly with one of the dermatopathologists (1 hour). The resident will periodically be provided with “unknown” slides that will be examined and a histopathology report generated to include the species of animal, histopathologic abnormalities, morphologic/pathologic diagnosis, and a specific or list of differential diagnoses. These reports will be reviewed and evaluated by at least one of the dermatopathologists.

d. Basic science learning rounds: Basic science learning rounds will be held at least twice monthly (2 hours each session) with either one or both mentors. Prior to these rounds sessions, directed readings will be assigned along with study guide question. Topics are derived from texts listed in the ACVD reading guide with specific focus on structure and function, allergy and immunology, infectious disease, parasitology, equine dermatology and any other material the mentor(s) deem valuable to the resident’s education.

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)
   a. Salaries are determined annually by the Head of the Department. They are standard for all residents in the Department of Veterinary Small Animal Clinical Sciences; currently salaries increase with each year of service.
   b. Residents may participate in the University’s medical-surgical insurance program.
   c. All courtesies, such as athletic ticket purchases, use of university facilities, etc. are the same as for other university employees.
   d. For complete details regarding benefits please contact - Nicole Waltman (nwaltman@cvm.tamu.edu)

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? Yes

23. Average number of days a resident will spend on clinics per month: 18-23

24. Average number of days a resident will spend on non-clinical pursuits per month (not including Sundays or holidays): 5-10
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** If so how often: The resident is the first contact person for the emergency and critical care faculty and interns. This occurs very infrequently.

27. Is time allotted for externships in other subspecialties or at other dermatology practices? **Yes** If so explain: The resident is encouraged to pursue externships during their second and third year of training. Experiences at a private practice hospital and/or another academic institute are suggested.

28. How much time is allotted off clinics for board preparation? **No specific time is set aside** for board preparation as the residency finishes in July and the exam has been moved to November. However, it is expected that a portion of the off-clinic time during the residency program will be used for board preparation and organization of study materials.

29. How much time is allotted to carry out a research project (grant writing, data collection, paper preparation) during the residency (please report in number of weeks)? The resident gets 8-12 weeks off clinics each year (not including 2 weeks of vacation, 1 week annual NAVDF meeting, and additional days off for University holidays) affording them a total of 30+ weeks to pursue activities related to their research project, manuscript preparation, presentations, and case reports.

30. What are the other responsibilities/duties of the resident?
   a. To assist in the training of senior veterinary students.
   b. Participate in the department’s house officer functions, which includes giving at least 1 presentation a year.
   c. To complete a research project and present those results at the NAVDF/WCVD dermatology forum.
   d. To publish the findings of their research results in a peer reviewed scientific journal approved by the ACVD.
   e. This program also strongly encourages the resident to pursue a second publication or the publication option for their case reports.

31. How many residents has the program had over the past 10 years? **2**

32. How many/what percentage of the above residents (question 31) passed credentials on the **N/A**
   a. First submission
   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 N/A at this time
   a. The year they finished their residency
   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 N/A at this time
   a. First time taking the exam
   b. Second time taking the exam
   c. Third time or more taking the exam
   d. Never passed

35. Is your residency program reviewed by an outside committee at your university? Yes
   If yes how often? Yearly

36. Please list the papers published by your last 5 residents. N/A at this time

37. Names of your last 5 residents and whether they are willing to be contacted by potential residents: Kaitlin Hopke (current) - YES

Please send completed form to Alexis Borich via email to: itchypet@aol.com