

Website Description for Training Program (March 2023)

1. Program name and location: Veterinary Skin and Ear West LA
2. Is the program currently on ACVD Probation? No
3. Mentor(s):
 - a. Name: Megan Boyd
 1. Years in ACVD: 3yr
 2. Years as Mentor: 0yr
 - b. Austin Richman
 1. 4yr
 2. 0yr
 - c. Brittany Lancellotti
 1. 3yr
 2. 0yr
4. Specific requirements for applying to the program:
 - a. Be a graduate of a veterinary school or college
 - b. Have satisfactory moral and ethical standing
 - c. Be approved to practice veterinary medicine in California
 - d. Foreign applicants should have an equivalent license to practice in the country of citizenship
 - e. Be a member of the AVMA or an equivalent national veterinary medical association
5. Length of residency in years: 3yr
6. Is a Master's degree or PhD required? If so, which? No
7. When the residency was first offered? N/A
 - a. Has it been continuous since then?
 - b. If not continual what years was the residency offered?
8. How many residents have been accepted into the program since inception? N/A
 - a. How many of these have become board certified dermatologists?
9. What is the average annual dermatology caseload for the institution over the past 5 years? 7200 cases per year

10. What is the average total caseload seen the entire residency? 900

11. On average, how many new patients, rechecks and consults does the program see per year? (actual numbers of cases)

a. New cases 1700

b. Rechecks 5500

c. Consults (we take a number of phone consults to primary vets per week)

12. On average, what percentage of the program's cases are dogs and cats?

a. Dogs 85

b. Cats 15

13. On average, how many exotic, equine and farm animal cases does the program see per year?

a. Exotics Occasional zoo consults; externship time provided.

b. Equine externship time is provided; particularly dermatology in Santa Barbara.

c. Farm animals externship time is provided

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 year: 90-100%

third year: 90-100%

(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:

a. Cases are shared with multi specialty practices nearby. The resident will be encouraged to keep the specialists informed on mutual cases. Cases are frequently shared with internal medicine, surgery, neurology, ophthalmology, and emergency.

16. Please describe your library access:

a. ACVD online library, personal library between the 3 mentors

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

a. We will consult with a statistician and the primary mentor has training in medical statistics.

18. Does the program have direct access to any basic science or clinical science laboratories that the resident can use for research proposes? If yes, please describe the types of laboratories available and interactions that the resident may have with them.

- a. There is no direct access on site. The primary mentor has permission to work with University of Florida and share lab space in the comparative dermatology laboratory that is fully equipped for basic science 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: Cases will be rounded during the time of consultation, the resident will start with 1 hour (rechecks) 1.5 hour new consults cases the first year then 1 hours cases in year 2, then 0.5 hour rechecks and 1 hour new consults year 3. The resident will summarize history, clinical findings, differentials, diagnostic plan, and treatment plan. Reading assignments will be recommended per conversations to widen knowledge base.
- b. Journal club: 4 hours per month, multiple articles will be evaluated followed by discussion and application of knowledge
- c. Histopathology training: 4 hours per month, veterinary textbook, digital slides, normal and abnormal histopathology, application of special stains and IHC
- d. Basic science learning rounds: 1 hour per week (4 hours per month), book club chapter review

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. Salaried position.
- b. Vacation: 2 weeks per year.
- c. Health insurance:
 - Employee health insurance package.
 - Coverage of provincial health care premiums.
- d. Additional benefits:
 - Paid fees for local veterinary associations.
 - 401 k
 - Travel/continuing education stipend.
- e. Contact Person: Dr. Austin Richman

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: 16

24. Average number of days a resident will spend on non-clinical pursuits per month (not including Sundays or holidays): 4

25. Does the resident have to take general medicine emergency duty?

a. No

If so how often:

26. Does the resident take Dermatology emergency duty?

a. No, unless there is an emergency during office hours

If so how often: Never has this occurred

27. Is time allotted for externships in other subspecialties or at other dermatology practices? If so explain:

a. Yes, 1 week per year can be allotted in the second and third years for externships upon request and initiative from the resident.

28. How much time is allotted off clinics for board preparation?

The residency program would end mid July 2026, after which we hope to retain the former residents as non-boarded associates within our practices. Each non-boarded associate will be given 6 weeks of paid leave for board preparation, immediately prior to their board-certifying exam.

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)?

a. 9 weeks, one day per week and an additional 2 weeks to schedule accordingly

30. What are the other responsibilities/duties of the resident?

- a. Writing detailed records and communicating with the referring veterinarian
- b. Compile correct estimates for diagnostics and treatment plan
- c. Maintaining client communication between recheck exams
- d. Maintain case log
- e. Promote teamwork and maintain a positive attitude

31. How many residents has the program had over the past 10 years? N/A

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

- 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

- 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? If yes, how often? No

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

37. Names of your last 5 residents and whether they are willing to be contacted by potential residents: N/A