



WHEAT RIDGE
ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Veterinary Student Externship Program

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Please contact us at wrahinternship@ethosvet.com for more information.

Thank you for your interest in our externship program. We have an outstanding staff and hospital. This information sheet contains a description of our hospital, requirements for the externship and additional information that you might need for your externship.

Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital (WRAH) is a busy hospital with three practices under one roof: a general practice, a specialty referral practice and a 24/7 emergency/critical care practice. These three practices also work together to manage our large and varied caseload. There are 25+ staff doctors currently employed here including specialists in internal medicine, surgery, emergency and critical care, radiology, oncology, neurology, cardiology, anesthesia, ophthalmology, sports medication & rehabilitation, dermatology and general practice. For the 2017-2018 year we have 15 rotating interns that have matched through VIRMP and one surgery intern. Our hospital has a total staff of 209, including over 70 certified veterinary technicians. The general practice was established in 1955 and became AAHA accredited in 1961. We recently moved into our new building that is a 32,000 square foot state of the art facility. We see approximately 30,000 cases per year and average 20 hospitalized cases and 10 surgeries daily. The current facility contains an intensive care unit, five surgery suites, a large dental suites, digital radiography, MRI suite, endoscopy suite, blood bank, and a new 64-slice CT scanner.

We encourage and have students visiting our practice from all over the country. ***We particularly encourage visits from highly motivated students who are seriously considering applying for a postgraduate rotating small animal internship and believe WRAH is a serious option.*** We believe such a visit not only gives us a chance to meet you, but also gives you a chance to fully evaluate our work environment. A visit will enable you to talk first hand to our clinicians (including our current interns), our technicians and other staff members. Student externs may visit for as short one day to up to two weeks at a time; graded externships are possible with advance notification and submission of all required paperwork from your school. We value the time it takes for you to arrange a visit and a visit is strongly recommended for anyone seriously considering pursuing an internship at WRAH.

Our externship program is more observational than hands on – students will actively participate in daily hospital rounds, case discussions, outpatient receiving, emergency case management, hospital treatments, diagnostics and client communications, but you will not be doing surgery, receiving patients or have responsibility of treatments on your own (you could assist technicians or clinicians when an extra hand might be needed). We want to hear your thoughts and questions about cases, treatments and the various diagnostics that you encounter. We are happy to share our experiences and practice philosophy with you. We have many resources on site which allows students to delve into the literature, to answer questions that arise during their visit and to bring this new information to all of us at a subsequent rounds session.

We feel that an externship here is an opportunity for you to "show us your stuff", to see our WRAH family and to learn how a busy multi-faceted private practice functions. If you have an interest in applying for an internship after graduation in a high quality private specialty practice, we hope that you will come visit us in beautiful Colorado! We limit our externs to three at a time and we accept students on a first come, first served basis, so you should submit your application for externship early. We have more applicants than we can accept for externship, therefore we only accept applicants who are in the top 50% of their class. We are also requiring that extern applicants be in their final clinical year of study to visit WRAH for an externship. If you are a first, second or third year student not yet in your clinical year, please consider applying in the future. If you would like to apply for the externship, please fill out your application and return this with your CV to the Extern Coordinator at wrahinternship@ethosvet.com. Please include dates that you are free to come for externship in that e-mail. There are no costs or fees charged and no stipend is provided. We neither require nor provide insurance (liability, health or workman's compensations) for visiting students; students are required to provide these should your college require them.

This page contains some additional information that you may need when you come for externship. If your questions have not been answered below, please feel free to contact the Extern Coordinator with additional questions at wrahinternship@ethosvet.com.

Additional Information For Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital Externship

ATTIRE:

Please wear clothing that you would wear for your clinical rotations at school. You should also bring scrubs so that you can spend time with the surgery service and the emergency/critical care service. Plan to bring your lab coat, your stethoscope, and if you have one, plan to wear a name tag as well.

SCHEDULE:

Morning rounds begin at 8 am every day except for Tuesdays. On Tuesday mornings we have scheduled didactics and there will either be an intern lecture or morning rounds starting at 7 am. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of morning rounds.

On your first day, introduce yourself at the front desk and someone will direct you to the conference room for rounds. We will introduce you in rounds and give you a tour of the hospital after rounds. We will also take a photo of you on your first day – this is just so we can put names with faces when we are selecting interns for the following year.

Staff doctors will make our best efforts to sit down with you, but sometimes our best way of getting to know you is to have you spend time with us during our day. We encourage you to be assertive about coming into appointments or observing procedures.

If you are receiving credit for your externship, you should plan to spend a minimum of five days at the hospital. If you would like to spend time here on the weekend or come in for a later shift to get a sense of what nights and weekends are like at the hospital, just let us know and we can accommodate you.

PARKING:

Parking for employees and visitors is located within our parking lot on the east side of the building or along the outside of the parking lot on the north and west sides. Please leave spaces closest to our main entrances for clients.

FOOD:

For meals, there are many local restaurants within driving distance of the practice or you can bring meals with you. We have a communal refrigerator that you can use and a fresh food market where food can be purchased, both are located in our staff breakroom.

LODGING:

There are many local hotels near the hospital (see list below). Occasionally one of the staff members may be willing to provide lodging while you are visiting. If you would like to request lodging, please contact the extern coordinator at wrahinternship@ethosvet.com, they can provide you with the list of employees willing to rent out a space.

HOLIDAY INN – 303-279-7611
14707 W Colfax Avenue, Golden CO 80401 (I-70 and Colfax)
(approximately 5.5 miles from WRAH)
www.holiday-inn.com

LA QUINTA INN – 303-279-5565
3301 Youngfield Service Rd, Golden CO 80401
(approximately 3.0 miles from WRAH)
www.laquinta.com

DENVER MARRIOTT WEST – 303-279-9100
1717 Denver West Blvd, Golden CO 80401
(approximately 4.0 miles from WRAH)
www.marriotthotels.com

RAMADA INN WEST – 303-423-4000
4700 Kipling St, Wheat Ridge CO 80033
(approximately 1.0 mile from WRAH)
www.ramada.com

RESIDENCE INN – MARRIOTT – 303-271-0909
14600 W 6th Ave, Golden CO 80401 (6th Ave and Indiana)
(approximately 6.0 miles from WRAH)
www.marriott.com