

About Peterson & Smith

Peterson & Smith Equine Hospital is located in Ocala, "the Heart of Florida", only 90 miles north of Orlando and 90 miles west of Daytona Beach.

Ocala, an award winning All-American City, is known for its National Forest and crystal clear springs. It is "Ocala/Marion County – Horse Capital of the World." It boasts of rolling hills and majestic tree-lined scenic country roads and is home to over 1,000 horse farms. Despite being a virtual showcase to every equine breed, it is firmly anchored by the Thoroughbred industry – breeding and training – and has produced many of the Thoroughbred racing industry's top stars.

Peterson & Smith is an equine veterinary center offering 24 hour emergency care. It was founded in 1981 by Drs. John Peterson and Johnny Mac Smith. The hospital is staffed with veterinarians boarded in medicine, surgery, and sports medicine and rehabilitation disciplines; laboratory technicians; veterinary technicians; and an administrative support team. It also offers an established veterinary internship and surgery residency program. We number from 75-100 employees.

The practice is owned by eight partner veterinarians: Philip Matthews, Kevin Hahn, Donnie Slone, Jr., William Russell, Faith Hughes, Allen Riggs, Carol Clark, and Timothy Lynch. There are eight associate veterinarians, two surgery residents, four hospital interns, two ambulatory interns, and one equine reproduction intern.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Internship Program

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Our internship program began with a single intern in 1981, although, we now typically recruit four hospital interns, two ambulatory interns, and one equine reproduction intern. However, these numbers vary with caseload. Our internship program provides a solid skill and knowledge base for the first year graduate. We feel as though our program improves every year toward a goal of creating a solid skill and knowledge base for the first year graduate.



The ambulatory interns spend approximately six weeks on rotation with our ambulatory clinicians. During this time they become familiar with the area and our core clientele. It also provides time for intensive instruction and a period of "mentoring". This introductory period allows time for interns to learn the administrative part of our business (submission of lab work, billing, fee schedules, standard examination forms, etc.).

Once this introductory period is over, the ambulatory interns are expected to practice independently, and are set up with their own vehicles, equipment, supplies, etc. With this, a new stage of learning begins. Although we encourage constant communication between the interns and other



clinicians, it is at this time that the interns are making their own diagnoses and prescribing treatments. They will also be asked to assist and become involved in "more interesting", challenging or unusual cases or procedures.

The hospital internship involves the intern with medicine, surgery, sports medicine and outpatient cases. They are involved in all aspects of these cases. As opposed to some internship programs we do not bring in our interns to be anesthetists or technicians, but rather as veterinarians. As such, their veterinary skills and knowledge, capacity for client interaction and work ethic will be called upon. The hospital internship provides an excellent basis in all aspects of referral cases and is ideal for the new graduate who is considering a residency program in the future.

All interns are required to attend a series of practice wet labs during their internship with Peterson & Smith. These wet labs are scheduled as follows:

JULY

Radiographs – Part I
Radiographs – Part II
Proper bandaging

AUGUST

General Colic Assessment
Passing a NG tube/refluxing
Placing catheters especially long-term catheters
Nerve blocks/joint injections
Regional limb perfusion
Hoof abscess management



- SEPTEMBER** Castration
Endoscope
Subpalpebral lavage
Guttural pouch flushing
Nasolacrimal flushing
- OCTOBER** Transtracheal washes
Ultrasound demonstration
Shockwave therapy
Freeze firing
Tendon ultrasounds
- NOVEMBER** Dystocias/epidurals
Neonatal/pediatrics
- DECEMBER** Mare reproduction discussion/wet lab
- JANUARY** Stallion reproduction wet lab

In the past we have selected most of our interns from students that have visited our practice on our externship program. We make our selections by the end of December.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM OUR INTERNS:

- Written notification of your intention to apply for an internship.
- Provision of a resume, a photograph of yourself, and three letters of reference by November 30th. Notifications will be made by January 1st.
- You must obtain a Florida driver's license by the start of the internship.
- You must commit to a one-year internship from June 1 through June 30 of the following year.
- We expect interns to dress appropriately (khaki's and a collared shirt will be fine) and conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.