Hello veterinary student,

This letter is an invitation to visit our practice and consider applying for our internship program, which starts in June 2018.  We are a multi-specialty, general practice, and emergency veterinary hospital located in Walnut Creek, CA, and an emergency-only hospital in Antioch, CA.

About Us:
- Our hospital has 2 internists, 1 oncologist, 2 dentists, 1 neurologist, 2 surgeons, 1 criticalist, 4 emergency doctors, 15 RVTs, and 1 VTS (anesthesia).
- Diagnostic/treatment capabilities:  Abdominal ultrasound, color flow/spectral Doppler echocardiography, in-house lab analyzers (blood gases, PT/PTT, chemistry, CBC), electrocardiography, blood pressure, video endoscopy, digital radiography, laparoscopy/thoracoscopy, ventilators, and computed tomography. We outsource our MRIs to a local MRI center.

About the Program:
- Internship program was established in 2004
- There are 6-7 interns per class
- Our internship consists of thirteen 4-week rotations. The first month is for orientation and the following months are spent in internal medicine, surgery, dentistry, general practice, oncology, neurology, anesthesia, and emergency medicine.
- Interns have a lot of primary case responsibility with support by senior clinicians 24/7.
- Interns are given the opportunity to perform abdominal ultrasounds and echocardiograms with mentorship on a regular basis.  We feel these are invaluable skills to learn and give our interns the opportunity to do so.
- We have an intern surgery program, which allows clients with financial constraints to pursue surgery for their pet, and for the interns to do these surgeries with supervision from a veterinary mentor.  Examples of intern surgeries are the following:  splenectomy, gastrotomy, enterotomy, cystotomy, gastropexy, amputation, enucleation, mass removal, c-section and pyometra.  The interns each perform 7-15 surgeries during the year.  They also perform spays and neuters during a rotation at a local animal shelter and other minor procedures and surgeries while working with our general practitioners and specialists.
- Benefits include medical insurance, dental insurance, vision care plan, HSA option, 401(k), discounted veterinary services and products.

This is a great opportunity for veterinarians who want an internship with primary care responsibility and the ability to learn ultrasonography, echocardiography and surgery.  If you are interested in visiting our practice and applying for an internship, please contact Christina Sutu (acsutu@encinavet.com) and she can help you schedule a visit with us.  We will need your CV by the time you visit us.

We look forward to meeting you!

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**Internship Reviews**

**Kyle Marano, DVM**
**Intern Class 2010-2011**
"I was in intern 2010-2011 from the University of Florida.   I interviewed at all five northern California programs and a few in Colorado.  I chose Encina for a number of reasons.  First, the surgery experience was far and away the best.  I came out having done at least 70 spays/neuters, and more importantly, had performed all of the major surgeries – gastrotomy/enterotomy, GDV, splenectomies, enucleations, amputations, and even c-sections.

Second, I got great ultrasound/echocardiogram experience. Unfortunately, the machine you get spoiled with at Encina is nowhere to be found in the real world, but it was a great start.  I feel confident in identifying all of the major abnormalities, and I've even been able to pick up some of the more subtle lesions.  It's all because I had significant time with the ultrasound and numerous cases. I feel quite confident in doing an echo when I get the opportunity.

Lastly, I simply learned a lot. It's the most diverse specialist-wise, and having all of those resources was one of the biggest draws.  The setup for the satellite ER hospital is perfect.  There's always someone awake at the main hospital to go over cases which is the way it should be. You have the autonomy to manage your cases, and help is a phone call away.  It was a great confidence booster and made the learning quicker than would be in another situation.  The docs there are genuinely interested in teaching.

There are long days like any internship.  I felt worn out from time to time.  Most importantly, I enjoyed coming to the clinic every day because I was able to practice the way I wanted to practice, I was in a place where they were interested in making me better, and it was the perfect start to the best career in the world.

To any future intern, I highly recommend EBVSE/EVH.  I would not hesitate to do it again. I do recommend you visit any practice you are considering applying to. It's well worth your time because it's one of the most important years of your career."


**Erica Chiu, DVM**
**Intern Class 2011-2012**
"As an intern at EBVSE/Encina from 2011-2012, I had a very full year of working with dedicated, talented, and personable veterinarians and staff. Having completed the internship, I felt much better prepared entering general practice, especially in the realms of surgery, ultrasonography, and emergency medicine. I still reference cases and experiences from that year and I think I am a better veterinarian for it!"


**Charlotte Jones, DVM**
**Intern Class 2013-2014**
"This internship offers a great balance of primary case responsibility and mentorship from multiple specialists. The clinic has a high case load and you will become comfortable managing all types of cases. Ultrasound experience is emphasized throughout the year, with daily opportunities to practice both abdominal and cardiac exams. The intern surgery program allows you to quickly expand your surgical skills by acting as the primary surgeon for cases with financial constraints.  Common intern projects include pyometra, splenectomy, enterotomy, cystotomy, amputation and enucleations. Encina is a great place where you will be hard-pressed to hit the ceiling of learning. There is always room to expand your knowledge, skills, and experience and there is the support you need to get there."