

Hello veterinary student,

This letter is an invitation to visit our practice and consider applying for our internship program, which starts in June 2019. We are a 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, 6 emergency doctors, 3 GPs, 11 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 7 interns per class
- Our internship consists of a 3-week orientation, followed by thirteen 4-week rotations 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.
- Salary is \$45,760

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](mailto: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

### **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."

### **Jennifer Lew, DVM Intern Class 2015-2016**

"The rotating small animal internship at EBVSE provided me with the skills to practice high-quality medicine in a hands-on fashion. I developed essential skills in emergency/urgent care, internal medicine, wellness, ultrasonography, surgery, and anesthesia. This internship helped transform my practice of veterinary medicine, and I felt confident continuing my career as an emergency/urgent care clinician here at EBVSE."

### **Karen Sorenson, DVM Intern Class 2016-2017**

"As an intern at East Bay Veterinary Specialists & Emergency/Encina Veterinary Hospital, you can expect to encounter a wide variety of small animal cases. The specialists, general practitioners, and emergency clinicians on staff enjoy training interns and are generous with their time and knowledge. In addition to rotating through the specialties, interns have opportunities to practice primary case management and client communication. Interns develop strong skills in ultrasonography, surgery, anesthesia, and emergency procedures. Since graduating, everyone from my intern class felt well-prepared to pursue their desired paths from relief general practice/emergency to specialty residency."