



San Marco

Rotating Internship

The Rotating Internship is a one-year, non-degree educational program that provides training for practical experience and is a prerequisite for advanced specialty internships and residency programs.

San Marco Veterinary Clinic offers an annual one-year rotating clinical internship program in small animal medicine and surgery, structured according to the international Guidelines for Internships (AVMA Guidelines for Veterinary Internships).

General information

The program is designed for highly motivated recent veterinary graduates who wish to expand their clinical knowledge, skills, and experience in all aspects of small animal practice, working under supervision in our multidisciplinary tertiary hospital.

The internship program is based entirely at San Marco Veterinary Clinic & Laboratory, a tertiary hospital in the northeast of Italy (Veggiano, Padova). The primary purpose is to provide a comprehensive educational experience for the intern. Effective biosecurity protocols for human and animal safety must be followed.

Moreover, at San Marco, interns are trained in ethical practices and animal welfare standards to ensure the humane treatment of all animals. The rotating internship includes a formal orientation program to ensure a successful clinical training experience.

Supervision

Rotations will provide hands-on experience under the supervision of experienced veterinarians in all services, including daytime and overnight primary emergency service, hospitalization, intensive care, and clinical laboratories. Interns will participate in daily patient rounds with board-certified specialists in collaborative, inclusive, and in-depth discussions about the mechanisms of diseases and thorough reviews of case management plans for each patient. The level of supervision will decrease as the intern develops greater medical and surgical proficiency.

Didactic Training

Teaching rounds will be held at least weekly and may include journal clubs, seminars, lectures, clinicopathological conferences, etc. Throughout the internship, interns will have ready access to the clinical and didactic areas of San Marco, as well as diagnostic and therapeutic equipment to support their learning objectives.

Interns will be expected to periodically deliver a professional presentation or seminar to senior clinicians and peers. A program board will set specific learning objectives and the performance evaluation process, including minimum post-internship competencies.

Detailed Program Description

The internship consists of 52 weeks of rotations, which include the Hospitalization service (4 weeks) and the following referral services:

Internal Medicine	16 Weeks
Cardiology	4 Weeks
Oncology	4 Weeks
Neurology	4 Weeks
Surgery	4 Weeks
Anesthesiology	4 Weeks
Diagnostic Imaging	4 Weeks
Emergency	4 Weeks
Critical Care	4 Weeks

The program consists of two consecutive phases:

Phase 1 (4 months) - Internal Medicine. During this period, interns will become familiar with clinical activities, including diagnostic work-ups, therapeutic management of first-opinion and referral cases, basic clinical procedures, medical reasoning, and data recording.

Phase 2 (8 months) - Rotations in the Hospitalization service and specialty services. The knowledge gained will be applied to manage both basic and complex cases under the supervision of experienced veterinarians.

Employment information

Interns are required to work 6 days per week, with scheduled shifts during nights, weekends, and holidays. Interns receive two weeks of vacation per year; the holiday period must be approved by the program board. Attendance at master classes and other certification courses during the rotation period is discouraged, as this is a full-time commitment. Salary is not provided.

The economic value of the training delivered is estimated at €20,000, taking into account elements such as personalized supervision by recognized international specialists, complimentary access to the San Marco EDU platform, and free participation in courses, congresses, and other activities organized by our clinicians, including journal clubs and case presentations.

Shared accommodation with other interns is available just a 5-minute drive from the clinic. Veterinary surgeon order registration, along with professional and accident insurance, is required.

Credentials for Application

Newly graduated veterinary surgeons who are no older than 33 years of age and have graduated within the last three years are eligible to apply for the internship program. Documents to be submitted for the application include:

- **Curriculum Vitae;**
- **Reference letter;**
- **Letter of intent.**

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