



# INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Westhills Equine Veterinary Services offers mentorship for new graduates to develop confidence, strong technical skills, educated decision making and the exceptional client communication required for general equine practice. We have a very collaborative, team-based work ethic and are proud to offer an inclusive and supportive teaching environment.

## ABOUT WESTHILLS EVS

Westhills Equine Veterinary Services is a 5 doctor, general equine practice located 10 minutes west of Stony Plain, Alberta. We offer a variety of services including preventative medicine, dentistry, reproduction, sports medicine and emergency care. Our facility offers stocked treatment areas, a large, heated arena for lameness exams and exercising horses year round, numerous 24 hour monitored stalls for hospitalized patients, covered outdoor pens, a round pen and a complete lab with several in-house capabilities.

Our practice has a large sports medicine and lameness component and is well equipped with two portable digital radiographs, four digital ultrasounds, shockwave, Prostride and PRP, an endoscope and a gastroscope. Two of our veterinarians are also licensed in chiropractic and acupuncture.

General equine, preventative medicine and 24/7 emergency services make up the remainder of our busy caseload. Our patients range from top level performance horses to backyard companions, which results in a very diverse caseload that allows interns to identify their futures goals and interests.

During breeding season we also have two full-time veterinarians that focus exclusively on reproduction. We breed a large number of mares with fresh and frozen semen as well as perform embryo transfers. Stallion services such as collections, semen shipping, semen freezing and phantom training are also provided. In addition, we offer foaling out services including emergency dystocia and neonatal foal care. A reproduction focused internship opportunity is available for discussion with interest from the applicant.



## SCHEDULE AND DUTIES

Interns will rotate between hospital, reproduction and ambulatory care responsibilities.

The hospital and ambulatory component consist of managing hospital cases as well as participating with in clinic or on farm appointments. Initially, the intern will assist veterinarians in appointments and emergencies and will then move to performing their own appointments as their experience and comfort level increases. A hospital tech is available to support the intern and help with treatments. The interns will be supplied with a fully stocked vehicle for appointments and learn the technical and communication skills to feel confident to complete appointments on their own. A senior veterinarian will always be available for questions or mentoring as needed.

The reproduction component consist of working alongside our reproduction veterinarians, ultrasounding and palpating mares, developing mare management plans, managing the recipient mare herd and performing diagnostics and treatments. The intern will participate in foaling out mares, neonatal care and developing treatment plans for sick foals. A senior veterinarian is also always available in this department for monitoring and consulting as needed.

On call duties are shared 50% between two interns, alternating weekdays and weekends (2 weekdays per week and 2 weekends per month). Interns are required to be on site when on call. An overnight tech is available for evening treatments and monitoring, to allow the intern to focus on case management and emergencies.

## SALARY AND BENEFITS

- \$40,000 annually
- ABVMA dues covered
- CE allowance
- Health Spending account
- Uniform allowance
- One week vacation
- On-site housing (if needed)

## EXTRAS

- Mentorship from an Internal Medicine Specialist including organized lectures
- Rotation at surgical referral center for complete equine practice experience
- Organized weekly wet labs to further advance technical skills in a comfortable setting

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- DVM degree or equivalent and the ability to be licensed in Alberta
- Resume
- Letter of intent
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Eligibility to operate a motor vehicle
- Previous externship strongly encouraged but not required

\* 6 and 12 month internships available.

**Please submit applications  
via email to:  
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