

## Detailed Program Description for ACVD Website - 2021

1. Program name and locations:

**Metropolitan Animal Specialty Hospital.**

Los Angeles, California, USA

2. Is the program currently on ACVD Probation? If yes, please describe the reasons for probation, what is being done to correct them and when the program is scheduled to be off probation?

No

3. Mentor(s):

a. Name: Dr. Eva Schmidt.

Years in ACVD: 7

Years as Mentor in this program: 0

b. Name: Dr. Tracy Yen

Years in ACVD: 2

Years as a Mentor in this program: 0

4. Specific requirements for applying to the program:

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

Rotating internship or the equivalent.

*Curriculum Vitae.*

A member in good standing of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

5. Length of residency in years:

3

6. Is a Master's degree or PhD required?

No

If so, which: N/A

7. When the residency was first offered? 2021

Has it been continuous since then? N/A

If not continual what years was the residency offered? N/A

8. How many residents have been accepted into the program since inception? 0

How many of these have become board certified dermatologists? N/A

9. What is the average annual dermatology caseload for the institution over the past 5 years?

2000 cases per year.

10. What is the average total caseload seen the entire residency?

6000 cases (average cases annually times the number of years of residency).

11. On average, how many new patients, rechecks and consults does the program see per year? (give these in actual numbers of cases)

- a. New cases: 770
- b. Rechecks: 1155
- c. Consults: 75

12. On average, what percentage of the program's cases are dogs and cats?

- a. Dogs 80%
- b. Cats 20%

13. On average, how many exotic, equine and farm animal cases does the program see per year?

- a. Exotics: 5
- b. Equine: 0
- c. Farm animals: 0

14. What percentage of time is the mentor in clinics with the resident while the resident is seeing cases during the resident's first year: >90%, second: 75% and third: 50% (*This means that the mentor is either physically seeing patients with the resident or can be contacted by phone and available to see the case within one hour of being called.*)

15. Does the program have access to other specialists?

If so, please list: Yes.

Current full-time specialists at Metropolitan Animal Hospital Specialty Hospital:

Internal Medicine, Surgery, Oncology, Emergency/Critical Care, Nutrition, Dentistry, Ophthalmology, Neurology

16. Please describe your library access:

Electronic Library of 57 textbooks  
Office Library from the past 12 years  
ACVD Online Library

17. Does the program have statistical support for their residents' research projects?

Yes, Moni Neradilek of The Mountain-Whisper-Light Statistics  
Yes, Deborah Keys of University of Georgia

18. Does the program have direct access to any basic science or clinical science laboratories that the resident can use for research proposes? No

If yes, please describe the types of laboratories available and interactions that the resident may have with them.

19. How often do the residents and mentors have the following rounds?

*(For each type of rounds, please list how often they are held, how long each session is, and a detailed description of how they are conducted.)*

a. **Case rounds:**

Weekly sessions, twice weekly; 30 min per session.

The resident will orally present their selected challenging cases for review. Additionally, the resident's referral letters from all cases will be reviewed by a mentor for the first 6 months.

b. **Journal club:**

Once weekly session, 1 hour per session.

Prior to each session, the resident and/or mentor(s) select journal article(s). Each individual reviews his/her journal article and a written review stating the top three salient points is composed. An emphasis will also be placed on analyzing materials and methods of each paper.

The resident is expected to:

- Read all articles prior to the Journal Club.
- Gather the articles in pdf format and email the mentors the articles at least one week prior to the Journal Club.
- Disseminate the reviews after the Journal Clubs.

c. **Dermatohistopathology training:**

Weekly session, one hour per session

The program will begin with review of textbooks and ACVD resident forum material with an emphasis on learning pattern analysis and basics of dermatohistopathology. After the establishment of a foundation in histopathology, slides from clinical cases will be reviewed using the digital microscope. Starting in the third year, unknown slides will be introduced for the resident to write up.

d. **Basic science learning rounds:**

Monthly sessions, 4 hours per session

Readings and presentations on selected topics will be assigned to the resident. The resident will be instructed in the following subjects: genetics, biochemistry, embryology, anatomy/physiology of the skin and adnexal structure, pathomechanisms of all dermatological diseases, immunology, bacteriology, mycology, virology, parasitology, internal medicine, nutrition,

oncology, pharmacology, clinical pathology, dermatohistopathology and comparative dermatology.

20. Resident's benefits: (Please give a general list of benefits and then whom a potential candidate should contact to get more specific information on salary and benefit packages)

- a. Salaried position.
- b. Vacation: 2 weeks per year.
- c. Health insurance: Monthly stipend.
- d. Additional benefits
  - Annual Dues American College of Veterinary Medicine.
  - Expenses related to attendance at NAVDF or the equivalent.
- e. Contact Person: Dr. Eva Schmidt

21. Does the program allow the resident to attend the NAVDF (North American Veterinary Dermatology Forum) meeting annually?

Yes

22. Does the program pay for the resident to attend the NAVDF meeting annually?

Yes

23. Average number of days a resident will spend on clinics per month:

15

24. Average number of days a resident will spend on non-clinical pursuits per month (not including Sundays or holidays):

9

25. Does the resident have to take general medicine emergency duty? No  
If so how often: N/A

26. Does the resident take Dermatology emergency duty? N/A  
If so how often: N/A

27. Is time allotted for externships in other subspecialties or at other dermatology practices? Yes  
If so explain: Time off clinics can be allotted in the second and/or third year (maximum one per year) for externships upon request and initiative from the resident.

28. How much time is allotted off clinics for board preparation?

We anticipate the residency to be completed by the end of August 2024 at the latest, allowing the resident ample time to study.

29. How much time is allotted to carry out a research project (grant writing, data collection, paper preparation) during the residency (please report in number of weeks)?

12 weeks

30. What are the other responsibilities/duties of the resident?

Assist mentor with patient messages.  
Attend to patient messages during study days.  
Occasionally attend to mentor patients when mentor is on vacation.

31. How many residents has the program had over the past 10 years? 0

32. How many/what percentage of the above residents (question 31) passed credentials on the

- a. First submission N/A
- b. Second submission N/A
- c. Third submission or more N/A
- d. Never passed credentials N/A

33. How many/what percentage of the above residents (question 31) sat boards for the first time

- a. The year they finished their residency N/A
- b. One year after finishing their residency N/A
- c. Two or more years after finishing N/A
- d. They never took boards N/A

34. How many / what percentage of the above residents (question 31) passed the board exam on their

- a. First time taking the exam N/A
- b. Second time taking the exam N/A
- c. Third time or more taking the exam N/A
- d. Never passed N/A

35. Is your residency program reviewed by an outside committee at your university?

N/A

If yes how often?

36. Please list the papers published by your last 5 residents.

N/A

37. Names of your last 5 residents and whether they are willing to be contacted by potential residents:

N/A