

ACVD PROVISIONAL RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION

1.0 Program name and location:

Animal Dermatology Specialist – Southeast Queensland, Australia.

104 Eastlake Street, Carrara, Queensland, 4211.

2.0 Is the program currently on ACVD probation?

No.

3.0 Mentor(s):

Dr Evie Knight BVSc, MANZCVS FANZCVS DipACVD.

Years in ACVD: 6

Years as a primary mentor: 0 (new program).

Years as a secondary mentor: 3 (with previous employer)

4.0 Specific requirements for applying to the program:

As per the ACVD requirements, the resident will:

1. Hold a degree from an accredited veterinary university.
2. Successfully complete a one-year internship or demonstrate equivalent practical experience.
3. Obtain approval for the practice of veterinary medicine in Queensland.
4. Hold a membership in the Australian Veterinary Association.
5. Demonstrate satisfactory moral and ethical character, which includes honesty, no history of cruelty to animals, and not be addicted to drugs.
6. Fulfil any other residency requirements as per the ACVD website (www.acvd.org).

5.0 Length of residency in years:

3 years.

6.0 Is a Master's degree or PhD required?

No.

7.0 Is the program provisional or established?

Provisional.

a) **When was the residency first offered?** N/A. Proposed for 2025.

b) **Has it been continuous since then?** N/A.

c) **If not continual, what years was the residency active?** N/A.

8.0 Is the program funded by the parent institution or an external source?

Parent institution.

- a) Is a post-residency commitment required? No
- b) What is the annual resident salary? \$75,000 AUD / year
- c) Other resident benefits:
 - a. 4 weeks annual leave
 - b. 1 week conference leave per year
 - c. Paid conference registration
 - d. Further information may be obtained by contacting management@animalderm.com.au

9.0 How many residents does the program train concurrently?

Applying for one.

- a) How many residents have been accepted into the program since inception? N/A
- b) How many of these have become board certified dermatologists? N/A

10.0 What is the average annual dermatology caseload over the past 5 years?

1884 per year.

11.0 What is the average total caseload seen during the entire residency?

5652 per residency.

12.0 On average, how many new patients, rechecks and consults does the program see per year? (actual numbers of cases)

- a) New cases: 368
- b) Rechecks: 1470
- c) Consults (internal referral): 46

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

- a) Dogs: 89%
- b) Cats: 10%

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

- a) Exotics: 15
- b) Equine: 10
- c) Farm animals: 1

15.0 What percentage of time is the mentor in clinics with the resident while the resident is seeing cases during the resident's:

- a) First year: 95%

b) **Second year:** >80%

c) **Third Year:** >80%

16.0 Does the program have access to other specialists? If so, please list:

- a) **Internal medicine**
- b) **Surgery**
- c) **Cardiology**
- d) **Oncology**
- e) **Dentistry**
- f) **Ophthalmology**
- g) **Emergency and Critical Care**
- h) **Feline medicine**

17.0 Please describe your library access:

The resident has access to the ACVD online library, in addition to an in-house collection of current, relevant human and veterinary textbooks relevant to the study of veterinary dermatology.

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

Not in-house, but there are available services that can be accessed via the University of Queensland.

19.0 Does the program have direct access to any basic science or clinical science laboratories that the resident can use for research purposes?

Facilities available at the University of Queensland to conduct research.

Pathology (clinical) and microbiology laboratories – QML may be used for case discussion, in person histopathology training and access to digital photographs.

20.0 How often do the residents and mentors have the following rounds?

- a) **Case rounds:** This is performed daily, for 30 minutes, 4 days per week. Each new case is discussed to ensure a thorough assessment has been performed, and appropriate treatment has been / will be instituted. Any questions regarding on-going cases are addressed.
- b) **Journal club:** Each fortnight, the mentor and resident will spend 2 hours reviewing and discussing relevant journal articles.
- c) **Histopathology training:** Training will be conducted fortnightly, by the mentor, for 2 hours. Training will involve review and analysis of histopathology slides returned to the clinic by the laboratory, for each patient. Unknown slides will also be described and assessed. Histopathology descriptions, discussion of appropriate special stains, immunohistochemistry and comparative anatomy will be included. The candidate will also attend an externship at a private pathology laboratory for 2-weeks in for further training in dermatohistopathology.
- d) **Basic science learning / didactic rounds:** Each fortnight, the mentor and resident will spend 2 hours reviewing and discussing one of the basic science topics, including but not limited to:

structure and function of the skin, comparative anatomy and pathology, embryology, genetics, biochemistry, hypersensitivity, immunology, physiology, mycology, virology, bacteriology, parasitology, pharmacology, and internal medicine.

21.0 Resident's benefits:

4 weeks annual leave, 1 week conference leave per year.

10 days sick leave per year.

Residents are required to attend one specialty or national meeting each year during their program, with the approval of the mentor. International dermatology meetings are encouraged.

Paid conference registration.

Further information may be obtained by contacting management@animalderm.com.au.

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

Yes.

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

Conference fees are paid.

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

16.

25.0 Average number of workdays a resident will spend on non-clinical pursuits per month (based on a 5-day workweek):

5.

26.0 Does the resident have to take general medicine emergency duty?

No.

27.0 Does the resident take Dermatology emergency duty?

Yes.

If so, how often?

The resident and mentor will share availability for emergency phone consultation with the emergency department. No in clinic emergency time is expected. The mentor will always be available for backup if required.

28.0 Is time allotted for externships in other subspecialties or at other dermatology practices?

Yes.

If so, explain:

The resident will spend time in externships as follows:

- a) Internal medicine – 2 weeks
- b) Veterinary pathology – 2 weeks
- c) Oncology – 2 weeks
- d) Specialist dermatology within a different facility – 4 weeks. NB: This may be split into 2 x 2-week blocks at different facilities to maximise breadth of knowledge.

29.0 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)?

Up to 4 weeks.

30.0 What are the other responsibilities/duties of the resident?

- a) **Provision of advice and education to referring veterinarians:** This may be through telephone consultation, educational presentations, and lectures.
- b) **Present research project findings at local or international conferences:** Research project findings will be presented at the NAVDF and/or the ANZCVS Science week meeting.
- c) **Publication of research findings:** Research project findings will be published in a scientific peer reviewed journal.

31.0 How many residents has the program had over the past 6 years?

N/A

32.0 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: N/A
- d) Never passed credentials: N/A

33.0 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

34.0 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

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

N/A

36.0 Please list the papers published by your last 5 residents:

N/A

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

N/A