

Detailed Program Description for ACVD Website

1. Program name and location:
Dermatology Residency
College of Veterinary Medicine
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853
2. Is the program currently on ACVD Probation? No
3. Mentor(s):
 - a. Name: Heather Edginton, DVM, DACVD
 1. Years in ACVD: 9
 2. Years as Mentor: 2
 - b. Name: Mitzi D. Clark, DVM, DACVD
 1. Years in ACVD: 11
 2. Years as Mentor: 5
 - c. Name: Jeanine Peters-Kennedy, DVM, DACVP, DACVD
 1. Years in ACVD: 17
 2. Years as Mentor: 17
4. Specific requirements for applying to the program:
 - a. DVM, VMD, or equivalent degree from an approved veterinary school or college.
 - b. Completed one-year internship or comparable training period of practice equivalency.
 - c. Licensed to practice veterinary medicine in a state of the United States, Province of Canada, or other country of citizenship.
 - d. Member of a national veterinary medical association such as the AVMA or CVMA.
 - e. Fulfill any other requirements of candidature of the ACVD as specified on the ACVD website (www.acvd.org).
5. Length of residency in years: 3 years
6. Is a Master's degree or PhD required? No
7. When the residency was first offered? 1977
 - a. Has it been continuous since then?: No
 - b. If not continual what years was the residency offered?
Offered all years from 1977 to present except an 11-month interruption in 2016-17 and an 11-month interruption in 2019-2020. During these periods, a one-year dermatology specialty internship was offered.

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

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a. How many of these have become board certified dermatologists?

23 – Most recently accepted residents (3) are still in the program (one 1st year and two 2nd years).

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

1500 cases/year

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

1500 cases on average

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

a. New cases: 500

b. Rechecks: 850

c. Consults: 150

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

a. Dogs: 85%

b. Cats: 15%

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

a. Exotics: 12 (consult only)

b. Equine: 30

c. Farm animals: 50

14. What percentage of time is the mentor in clinics with the resident while the resident is seeing cases? (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.)

First year: 95%

Second Year: 90%

Third Year: 90%

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

Internal Medicine (small and large)

Surgery (small and large)
Ophthalmology
Oncology
Cardiology
Neurology
Theriogenology
Exotics and Wildlife
Imaging
Pathology: Anatomic and Clinical
Nutrition
Dentistry
Critical care
Pain management
Sports and rehabilitative medicine

16. Please describe your library access:

The Flower-Sprecher Library and Learning Resources Center is in the building. Physical and on-line access to the holdings of the other Cornell libraries. On-line access to veterinary and medical journals.

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

Yes

18. Does the program have direct access to any basic science or clinical science laboratories that the resident can use for research proposes? If yes, please describe the types of laboratories available and interactions that the resident may have with them.

Yes.

Pathology, microbiology, immunology, clinical pathology has all been used by past residents according to their interests. Residents may submit samples and/or learn/perform techniques.

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: Cases are reviewed with residents patient-side each day in the clinic. Additionally, 1hr every-other-week is dedicated to in-depth case review time (alternating with book review). Mentors are also always willing to hold office hours or meet informally to discuss cases. With three mentors, we frequently hold group texts or emails to discuss dignostics or treatment options on individual patients to enhance everyone's learning experience. We like to take a team approach here to learning. We meet

the 1hr weekly equivalent of case review time. Total case review time – minimum 4hrs/monthly.

- c. Journal club: On average, residents receive the equivalent of 1hr of journal club per week (sometimes offered as 2hrs every-other-week). Didactic trainings and/or journal clubs are held every week, sometimes in tandem, sometimes alternating. Residents will review current journal articles as well as relevant review articles and historically-relevant journal articles. Total hours per month: 4 hours.
 - d. Histopathology training: The resident will attend the weekly Cornell University dermatopathology rounds. We meet every week at a standard time for a minimum of 2 hours. We review all dermatology cases from the animal hospital as well as all skin biopsy samples that come into the New York State Animal Health Diagnostic Center (~10-15-biopsies per session). We discuss lesion description, histological features, differential diagnoses as well as discuss clinical picture and treatment options where applicable. These rounds are lead by a dermatopathologist (typically Dr. Jeanine Peters-Kennedy) or dermatopathology fellow. Total dermatopathology training – minimum 8hrs/monthly. In addition, residents will be given unknown slide boxes towards the end of their residency and will be asked to create mini pathology reports for us on common dermatologic diseases and then these will be reviewed with their mentors.
 - e. Basic science learning rounds: During all three years of the residency, the resident will read Small Animal Dermatology, Equine Dermatology, Farm Animal Dermatology. The readings will be supplemented with resident-created basic science presentations and Dermatology faculty-created didactic teaching sessions. Didactic trainings and/or journal clubs are held every week, sometimes in tandem, sometimes alternating. Additional book review time alternates with expanded case review time each week as well. 1h/week or 2h every other week didactic rounds and 1h every other week book review. Total hours per month: ~6hrs.
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).
- Salary, medical insurance, dental insurance, access to all educational, wellness, transportation, and recreational facilities of the Cornell campus in Ithaca. Direct questions to Amanda Hakes, Program Coordinator, Professional & Clinical Services, alh226@cornell.edu.
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?
The resident can accrue funds from a medical record incentive and also receives a small annual stipend which can be used to help fund the NAVDF trip.
23. Average number of days a resident will spend on clinics per month:
15-20 days per month
24. Average number of days a resident will spend on non-clinical pursuits per month (not including Sundays or holidays):
Off-clinics 8 weeks per year plus an additional 2 weeks of vacation. It is distributed based on resident's wishes – some choose one week off most months. Some choose to work in the clinics two months in a row and then take two weeks off-clinics at a time, so the monthly off-clinic time varies.
25. Does the resident have to take general medicine emergency duty?
No
26. Does the resident take Dermatology emergency duty?
No out-of-hours emergency duty is required, although phone consultations from the emergency service or other specialty services are occasionally requested. Cases presented to the emergency service during normal business hours are generally examined by the entire dermatology service (mentor, resident, and students).
27. Is time allotted for externships in other subspecialties or at other dermatology practices? If so explain:
Yes. The resident may rotate through other services in the hospital or visit other dermatology practices if desired or if we deem additional service time is needed.
28. How much time is allotted off clinics for board preparation?
No specific time is allotted for board preparation. The resident uses some of the imbedded off-clinic period for this purpose.
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)?
This is done in primarily in the off-clinic period.
30. What are the other responsibilities/duties of the resident?
- a. Primary case responsibility in the dermatology clinic in the companion animal, equine, and farm animal hospitals.
 - b. Teach veterinary students on the dermatology rotation.
 - c. Give at least one hour-long lecture to veterinary students or interns/

residents at the CVM.

- d. Present the findings of their research project at the NAVDF or WCVD meeting.
 - e. Have the findings of their research project accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
31. How many residents has the program had over the past 10 years?
7 (3 current)
32. How many/what percentage of the above residents (question 31) passed credentials on the:
- a. First submission? 4/4 (3 still in residency now)
33. How many/what percentage of the above residents (question 31) sat boards for the first time:
- a. The year they finished their residency: 4/4 (100%) (3 still in residency now)
 - b. One year after finishing their residency: 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: 2/4 (50%) of those who sat
 - b. Second time taking the exam: 2/4 (50%) of those who sat
 - c. Have not taken the exam yet: 3 (still in residency)
35. Is your residency program reviewed by an outside committee at your university? If yes how often?
Yes. CAH Executive board every 3 years.
36. Please list the papers published by your last 5 residents.
- Miller, J. E., Mann, S., Fettelschoss-Gabriel, A., & Wagner, B. (2019). Comparison of three clinical scoring systems for *Culicoides* hypersensitivity in a herd of Icelandic horses. *Veterinary dermatology*, 30(6), 536-e163.
- Peden, K. S., Peters, K. J., Clark, M. D., & Miller, J. E. (2021). Erythema multiforme complicated by bacterial folliculitis in a 3-year-old Nubian goat. *Veterinary Dermatology*, 32(4), 389.
- Peden, K. S., & Peters-Kennedy, J. (2022). CD3+ lymphocytes predominate in

the dermis, epidermis, and adnexal epithelia of the normal dorsolateral thorax of horses. *Japanese Journal of Veterinary Dermatology*, 28(2):69-75.

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

Dr. Julia Miller

Dr. Kaitlyn Peden

Dr. Céline Garandean (current)

Dr. Niki Nabavi (current)

Dr. Ana Sofia Barriga (current)

All can be contacted.