

Detailed Program Description for ACVD Website

1. Program name and locations: 2 locations

North West Veterinary Dermatology Services – Vancouver
1380 Kootenay Street
Vancouver, BC V5K 4R1 Canada

North West Veterinary Dermatology Services – Edmonton
360-665 St. Albert Trail
St. Albert, AB T8N 3L3 Canada

2. Is the program currently on ACVD Probation? No

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? N/A

3. Mentors: 5

a. Name: Jay Korbelik, BVSc, MSc, DACVD

1. Years in ACVD: 5 (since 2019)
2. Years as Mentor: 5

b. Name: Tyler Udenberg, DVM, DACVD

1. Years in ACVD: 10 (since 2014)
2. Years as Mentor: 7.5

c. Name: Vincent Defalque, DVM, DACVD

1. Years in ACVD: 18 (since 2006)
2. Years as Mentor: 7.5

d. Name: Allison Cox, DVM, DACVD

1. Years in ACVD: 4 (since 2020)
2. Years as Mentor: 2.5

e. Name: Kinga Gortel DVM, MS, DACVD

1. Years in ACVD: 23 (since 2001)
2. Years as Mentor: 0 (starting summer 2025)

4. Specific requirements for applying to the program:

1. Be a graduate of an approved veterinary school or college.
2. Have completed a one-year internship or satisfactory practice equivalency.
3. Be approved to practice veterinary medicine in the province(s) of British Columbia and/or Alberta.
4. Be a member of a national veterinary medical association (i.e. CVMA).
5. Be honest, truthful, and always conducting themselves in a professional manner.

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? 2017
Has it been continuous since then? Yes
If not continual what years was the residency offered?
N/A
8. How many residents have been accepted into the program since inception? 5
How many of these have become board certified dermatologists? 1
9. What is the average annual dermatology caseload for the institution over the past 5 years?

Vancouver: 3580
St. Albert: 1935

10. What is the average total caseload seen the entire residency? (average cases annually times the number of years of residency).

Vancouver: 10740
St. Albert: 5805

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

Appointment type	Vancouver	St. Albert
New cases	1181	639
Rechecks	2399	1296
Consults	N/A	N/A

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

Species	Vancouver	St. Albert
Dogs	83.5%	84%
Cats	16%	16%
Equine	0.5%	0%

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

Species	Vancouver	St. Albert
Exotics	1	0
Equine	3	0
Farm animals	0	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: __, second: __ and third: __? (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.)

Vancouver and St. Albert

First year: > 90%

Second year: >50%

Third year: >50%

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

We have relationships with the nearby specialty hospitals/practices in the Greater Vancouver and Edmonton areas. See table below.

Vancouver	St. Albert
Anesthesia	Anesthesia
Behavior	Avian/Exotic
Cardiology	Cardiology
Dentistry	Dentistry
Emergency/Critical Care	Emergency/Critical Care
Internal medicine	Internal medicine
Neurology	Neurology
Nuclear medicine	
Oncology	Oncology
Ophthalmology	Ophthalmology
Radiology	Radiology
Rehabilitation	
Sports medicine	
Surgery	Surgery

16. Please describe your library access:

Residents have access to the ACVD online library and our own library (paper and digital).

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

We can use a statistician from The Mountain-Whisper-Light Statistics.

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. N/A

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:** 1 hour weekly or patient-side throughout the clinical day.
The resident will orally present selected cases for review.
 - b. **Journal club:** 4 hours monthly/3 sessions.
A resident will select four journal articles to review. The resident will write a review stating the clinical importance. An emphasis will be placed on the methods and materials section. The resident will email the articles in pdf format to the mentors prior to the Journal Club.
 - c. **Histopathology training:** 4 hours monthly including rounds and unknown slides review. The program will begin with the 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, slides from clinical cases will be reviewed. Skin biopsies are sent to Idexx Laboratories, Antech Laboratories and/or Harris Histology Services. A copy of the slides will be made available to the residents and added to our already existing collection. Starting in the second year of the program, unknown slides will be introduced. The residents will have access to the Veterinary Dermatopathology Atlas online as well as rounds with a dermatohistopathologist. The residents will be encouraged to attend the ESVD Dermatopathology Workshop.
 - d. **Basic science learning / didactic rounds:** 4 hours monthly/one 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:
Employee health insurance package (includes dental and vision).
Coverage of provincial health care premiums.
 - d. Additional benefits:
Paid fees for College of Veterinarians of British Columbia (CVBC) and/or Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (ABVMA)/Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) dues.
Paid fees for British Columbia and/or Alberta licensure.
Travel/continuing education stipend.

e. Contact Person: Dr. Tyler Udenberg

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: **16**
24. Average number of days a resident will spend on non-clinical pursuits per month (not including Sundays or holidays): **4**
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? **No**
If so how often: **N/A**
27. Is time allotted for externships in other subspecialties or at other dermatology practices? **Yes**
If so explain: **1 week per year can be allotted in the second and third years for externships upon request and initiative from the resident.**
28. How much time is allotted off clinics for board preparation?

The residency program ends July 17th 2028, after which we hope to retain the former residents as non-boarded associates within our practices. Each non-boarded associate will be given 6 weeks of paid leave for board preparation, immediately prior to their board-certifying exam.

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)? **Up to 10 weeks.**

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

**Assist with client and referring veterinarian messages.
Remote consultations with veterinarians via telephone or email.**

31. How many residents has the program had over the past 10 years? **5 (one has completed the program and three are currently in the program as of April 2025). One resident will start with us in July 2025.**

32. How many/what percentage of the above residents (question 31) passed credentials on the
- a. First submission **1 of 1 (100%)**
 - 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 1 of 1 (100%)
 - 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 1 of 1 (100%)
 - 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? No
If yes how often? N/A
36. Please list the papers published by your last 5 residents.

Cox A, Defalque VE, Udenberg TJ, Barnum S, Wademan C. Detection of DNA from undeclared animal species in commercial canine and feline raw meat diets using qPCR. Can Vet J. 2020 Sep;61(9):977-984.

Cox A, Udenberg TJ. *Mycobacterium porcinum* causing panniculitis in the cat. Can Vet J. 2020 Jan;61(1):39-43.

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

Allison Cox acpetderm@gmail.com
Joseph Cordonier joseph.cordonier@vetderm.ca
Jenifer Baker jenifer.baker@vetderm.ca
Venessa Wong venessa.wong@vetderm.ca

YOU MAY CONTACT THE ABOVE PAST RESIDENTS.