

**Detailed Program Description for ACVD Website  
Update August 2024**

1. Program name and location:  
**Residency in Veterinary Dermatology  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
University of Georgia  
2200 College Station Rd  
Athens GA USA 30602**
2. Has the program ever been placed on ACVD Probation? **No**
3. Mentor(s):
  - a. Name: **Drs. Michaela Austel** (primary mentor), **Frane Banovic**
    1. Years in ACVD/ECVD: **14 years (ACVD) / 9 year (ECVD)**
    2. Years as Mentor: **5/7**
4. Specific requirements for applying to the program:  
**DVM degree or equivalent  
Year-long internship or equivalent (either academic or private practice)**
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? **July 2017**  
Has it been continuous since then? **Yes**
8. How many residents have been accepted into the program since inception? **4**  
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? \_\_\_\_ **2237** \_\_\_\_ cases per year
10. What is the average total caseload seen the entire residency? **2016 per resident over 3 years**
11. On average, how many new patients, rechecks and consults does the program see per year?
  - a. New cases **658**
  - b. Rechecks **1405**
  - c. Consults **174**
12. On average, what percentage of the program's cases are dogs and cats?

dogs 70% cats 20%

13. On average, how many exotic, equine and farm animal cases does the program see per year? Exotics 2% Equine 6% Farm animals 2%

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: **99%**, second: **99%** and third: **99%**

15. Does the program have access to other specialists? **Yes**

If so, please list:

**Small animal internal medicine, soft-tissue surgery, orthopedic surgery, oncology, neurology, cardiology, critical care, emergency, ophthalmology, theriogenology, behavior, exotic medicine, anesthesia, radiology, radiation therapy, anatomic pathology, clinical pathology, equine surgery, equine medicine, equine ophthalmology, food animal medicine, nutrition, rehabilitation**

16. Please describe your library access: **Access to hard copies of books and journals/periodicals at University library. Online access to journals/periodicals through university and ACVD website.**

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? **Yes**

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

**On site: Bacteriology, virology, clinical pathology, anatomical pathology, Mycology, flow cytometry, electron microscopy  
Residents are able to utilize fully equipped laboratory space for research.  
Seven research technicians (shared amongst department) are available to support the resident's project.**

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:

**1-1.5 hours every day of clinics/patient-side throughout the clinical day. All new and recheck cases are discussed during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the residency. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, all new cases are reviewed and rechecks as required.**

- b. Journal club: **1.5 hours per week**
- c. Histopathology training: **1 hour per week**
- d. Basic science learning rounds: **1 hour per week**

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)

**The current salary stipends are 1st year - \$45,000, 2nd year - \$47,500, and 3rd year - \$50,000**

**Please contact Maggie Smith, Business Operations Administrator, Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, at Maggie.Smith@uga.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? **Yes**
23. Average number of days a resident will spend on clinics per month:  
**14-16 days per month**
24. Average number of days a resident will spend on non-clinical pursuits per month (not including Sundays or holidays):  
**6-7 days per month**
25. Does the resident have to take general medicine emergency duty? **No**
26. Does the resident take Dermatology emergency duty? **Yes**  
If so how often: **Resident is "on call" every third weekend and every third week during the week after hours for emergency dermatology cases (no primary general emergency service duty; dermatology calls are infrequent)**
27. Is time allotted for externships in other subspecialties or at other dermatology practices? **Yes** If so explain: **With advanced planning, time off clinics can be allotted for externships.**
28. How much time is allotted off clinics for board preparation? **None, though off clinic days can be 'banked' and used as needed with the consent of the dermatology faculty members**
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)? **6 weeks**

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

**To teach veterinary students in their clinical year who are taking a dermatology rotation at our facility**

31. How many residents has the program had over the past 10 years? **4**

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

- a. First submission **1/100%**
- b. Second submission **0**
- c. Third submission or more **0**
- d. Never passed credentials **0**

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

- a. The year they finished their residency **1/100%**
- b. One year after finishing their residency **0**
- c. Two or more years after finishing **0**
- d. They never took boards **0**

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

- a. First time taking the exam **1/100%**
- b. Second time taking the exam **0**
- c. Third time or more taking the exam **0**
- d. Never passed **0**

35. Is your residency program reviewed by an outside committee at your university? **No**

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

- a) McClintock D, Austel M, Gogal RM, Banovic F. Oral dexamethasone sodium phosphate solution significantly reduces pruritus and clinical lesions in feline hypersensitivity dermatitis: an open-label study. *Veterinary Dermatology* 2021;32:497-e137.
- b) McClintock D, Banovic F, Rakich P, Austel M. Successful long-term management of pemphigus vulgaris with oral cyclosporin and vitamin E in a dog. *The Japanese Journal of Veterinary Dermatology* 2021;27(2):81-84.
- c) McClintock D, Banovic F, Lieske D, Stanton J, Austel M. Cutaneous Botryomycosis in a Cat. *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* 2021;259(S2):1-4.

- d) Vargo C, Strzok E, Howerth E, Austel M, Banovic F. Pathology in Practice (Pemphigus foliaceus Masquerading as Necrolytic Migratory Erythema in a Dog). *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* 2022; 259(2):1-3.
- e) Chong E, Austel M, Banovic F. A Retrospective Evaluation of the Steroid-Sparing Effect of Oral Modified Ciclosporin for Treatment of Canine Pemphigus Foliaceus. *Vet. Sci.* 2022, 9(4), 153.  
<https://doi.org/10.3390/vetsci9040153>
- f) Vargo C, Austel M, Banovic F. Comparison of whole blood concentrations of oral human generic modified ciclosporin capsules with microemulsified ciclosporin capsules approved for canine atopic dermatitis following a single oral administration to healthy dogs. *Veterinary Dermatology* 2023; 00:1-7.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/vde.13147>
- g) Chong E, Austel M, Banovic F. Evaluation of the correlation of serological and intradermal allergen testing with clinical history in 29 dogs with atopic dermatitis.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/vde.13276>

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

**Dayle McClintock, Yes**

**Cheryl Vargo, Yes**