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Residency-Program

The following regulations particularly apply for the Department of Veterinary Surgery, small animal hospital, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, Germany, and are meant to be complementary to the rules stated in the Veterinary Surgery Residency Program” (VSRP) of the ECVS

The Residency-program is designed for a period of four years.

Requirements for participation in the Residency-Program:

- Licence to practice veterinary medicine
- Completion of a small animal internship of at least 12 months' duration or proof of a comparable work experience in a private practice or institution
- Participation in an interview with a member of the supervising staff

Residency Schedule

The first three years of the residency should meet the requirements of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS) and therefore are constituted accordingly to their guidelines. During the fourth year the clinical work of a resident will be coordinated in such a way, that sufficient time will remain for scientific research projects, literature reading and exam preparation. After the fourth year the resident is expected to sit the exam.

Certain requirements have to be met for permission to sit the exam. Among those are a well documented surgery catalogue and at least two publications. For more detailed information please visit the ECVS [website](#).

In detail this means:

During the first year, residents participate in a rotational program passing through three different surgical fields: once orthopaedic surgery, soft tissue surgery or general surgery. Two days a week the resident will be doing consultations and admitting new inpatients, on which surgery will be performed on the remaining three days. The residents are expected to take the medical history, perform the clinical examination and interpret further diagnostic tests. Findings will be double-checked and reassessed (if necessary) by the supervising professors and senior residents.

Main focus of the educational program is to perform surgery. In the beginning the resident will assist or perform surgery under direct supervision. During the course of the residency, he/she will learn to independently perform surgeries. Clinical experience will be gained by rotating through different services and doing consultation hours whereas experience with diagnostic facilities (radiology, ultrasonography, MRI, CT) will be gained through daily radiology rounds, which imply the discussion of different cases.

According to ECVS rules every resident needs to absolve a 100 hour rotation through anaesthesia, radiology, internal medicine and pathology services. If possible this should be done during the beginning of his/her residency.

On-clinics time during the first year is a minimum of 40 weeks. For the second and third year a minimum of 32 weeks on-clinics is required. During off-clinics the resident is expected to organize and perform research projects and attain the certificates required by the ECVS.



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Before the end of the third year two research projects need to be completed and admitted for publication. The doctorate thesis may be counted as one publication.

The continuation of the residency program each year depends on the performance of the resident and will be evaluated by the supervisors and by a committee of the ECVS.

After completion of the residency, the residents will receive a certificate from the university.

Only after passing the ECVS exam successfully, extraordinary publications or exceptionally dedicated supervision of students, a diplomate may become a long term staff member of the university.

Duties of the Resident:

Daily medical care of the ambulant and stationary patients, including those animals that have been brought in during the emergency duties.

The resident needs to intensively prepare the medical therapy and treatment plan of his/her patients. Therefore he/she needs to be familiar with the anatomy, pathophysiology and the latest literature.

The resident is expected to regularly participate in the educational program for interns and to get involved with the clinical education of the interns.

The residents are expected to keep a detailed case log accordingly to the recommendations of the ECVS.

Every resident is obliged to participate in the clinical education and practical surgery lessons for students.

He/She should supervise and instruct students during treatment rounds.

The resident needs to keep the patients' records up to date. Since those records are fundamental for research studies, these records need to be kept very accurately.

It is the resident's duty to communicate with the patients owners and to formulate the correspondence with the referring veterinarian. Communication with the owners should be kept up until the patient is entirely cured.

The resident needs to take tests on a regular basis. The outcome of those tests influence the overall performance appraisal.

During the residency the resident needs to attend at least one annual meeting of the ECVS and one small animal DVG-meeting. For those residents that show great effort in their job, financial support for this may be granted by the clinic.



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