

Small Animal Community Practice

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The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine has opened a *Small Animal Community Practice* for UT employees, retirees, and students. Unlike the college's Veterinary Teaching Hospital specialty services, the Community Practice doesn't require a veterinary referral and can serve as a client's regular veterinary clinic.

Fourth-year students, under the guidance of faculty members Drs. Amy Holford and Beth Johnson, will provide primary care for dogs and cats. Primary care includes wellness examinations, vaccinations, spay/neuter, flea/tick/heartworm preventions, and dental services. Veterinary students receive excellent training in treating complicated medical cases referred into the hospital, but the Community Practice is designed to provide them hands-on experience with many of the cases they are likely to encounter in general practice. Patients that require more advanced medical care will be referred to specialists either at the veterinary teaching hospital or within the veterinary community.

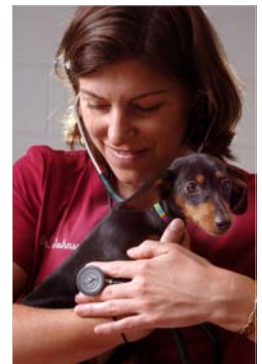
Communication plays a vital role in becoming proficient veterinarians. To help veterinary

students hone their communication skills, appointments will be



videotaped with the client's permission. The teaching faculty will then review the video with the students during rounds to enhance their communication skills.

Clients must have a valid UT I.D., and payment is expected at the time of the visit. The Community Practice is in the new wing of the John and Ann Tickle Small Animal Veterinary Teaching Hospital at 2407 River Drive by the UT Trial Gardens. For an appointment, call 974-VETS. For more info, visit www.vet.utk.edu/communitypractice.



— Sandra Harbison, Media Relations

Congratulations to:

- Dr. Jacqueline Whittemore — Had a provisional patent accepted for her Flexible and Rigid Endoscopic training Device (FRED)
- The following residents who passed the Preliminary (Written) ACVR Board Examination:
Dr. Matthew Baron
Dr. Dawn Macready
- The following technicians on their advancement in the veterinary technical career ladder:
Rebecca Smith, LVMT — Vet Tech I to Vet Tech II (ICU)
Bobbie Werbe, LVMT, BS, CCRP — Vet Tech II to Sr. Vet Tech I (Physical Therapy)
Erin Wood, LVMT — Vet Tech I to Vet Tech II (Anesthesia)

Funding:

- Dr. Claudia Kirk: Feline body composition methods & weight loss.

Publications:

- **Alvarez L, Whittemore J:** Liver enzyme elevations in dogs: Diagnostic approach. *Compend: Contin Educ for Vet* 2009 Sep; 31(9): 416-425.
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- **Stieve-Caldwell E, Morandi F, Souza M, Adams W:** What is your diagnosis? Otitis externa, media and interna in a Dutch rabbit. *J Am Vet Med Assoc* 2009 Sep; 235(6): 665-6.
- **Sykes J, Cox S, Ramsay E:** Evaluation of an osmotic pump for fentanyl administration in cats as a model for nondomestic felids. *Am J Vet Res* 2009 Aug; 70(8): 950-5.
- **Tobias K:** *Manual of Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery*. Ames, IA: Wiley Blackwell, 2009.
- **Wellehan J, Greenacre C, Fleming G, Stetter M, Childress A, Terrell S:** Siadenovirus infection in two psittacine bird species. *Avian Path* 2009 Oct; 38(5): 413-417.



“Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace.”

— Albert Schweitzer

Clinical Projects <http://www.vet.utk.edu/studies/index.php>

Area	Study	Contact
Internal Medicine	Treatment of feline infectious peritonitis with polyprenyl immunostimulant	Dr. Alfred Legendre
Neurology	New drug for initial treatment of idiopathic epilepsy in dogs	Dr. William Thomas
Nutrition	Body composition of overweight and extremely obese dogs	Drs. Angela Lusby or Claudia Kirk
Nutrition	Body composition of overweight and extremely obese cats	Drs. Angela Lusby or Claudia Kirk
Oncology	Evaluation of the mTOR inhibitor Rapamycin in dogs with osteosarcoma	Dr. Jeffrey Phillips
Oncology	Identifying risk factors for the development of canine osteosarcoma	Dr. Jeffrey Phillips
Oncology	Immunocytokine therapy for dogs with oral melanoma (financial incentive for owners)	Dr. Amy LeBlanc
Oncology	Treatment with tyrosine kinase and chemotherapy of advanced malignancies	Dr. Al Legendre
Oncology	The UTCVM comparative oncology program tumor tissue and DNA databank	Drs. Jeffrey Phillips, Amy LeBlanc, or Al Legendre
Physical rehab/ CARES	Clinical evaluation of extracorporeal shock wave therapy for management of canine osteoarthritis of the elbow joints (financial incentive for clients)	Drs. Marti Drum or Darryl Millis
Physical rehab/ CARES	Effects of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation, low level laser treatment, and acupuncture on hip and stifle osteoarthritis in dogs	Drs. Darryl Millis or Marti Drum
Radiology	Contrast enhancement patterns of intervertebral disc herniation in dogs on MRI	Dr. Andrea Matthews
Radiology/Oncology	MRI characterization of cutaneous mast cell tumors and their regional lymph nodes in dogs (free MRI exam for dogs meeting inclusion criteria)	Drs. Steve Pokorny or Silke Hecht
Soft tissue surgery	Evaluation of intra-tracheal stenting in dogs with collapsing trachea www.yorkieangelpatrol.com	Drs. Mark Bohling or Patricia Sura
Soft tissue surgery	Silicone footpad implants in greyhounds with corns	Dr. Mark Bohling
Soft tissue surgery/ Oncology	Investigation of sentinel nodes in cutaneous mast cell disease	Dr. Patricia Sura
Urology/Nephrology	Evaluation of dietary management of cats with calcium oxalate urinary stones and idiopathic hypercalcemia	Dr. Joe Bartges or Amanda Callens
Urology/Nephrology	Evaluation of Bichons with calcium oxalate urinary stones	Drs. Lucia Alvarez or Joe Bartges

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