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We are excited to tell you that the **referring veterinarian's webpage** has gone live! Everything you need to refer a case to UTCVM is now at your fingertips. This includes interactive referral and consult forms, answers to a variety of referral questions, and downloadable client information sheets. There are also links to clinical services. Please take a look and give us your feedback. The address is:

<http://www.vet.utk.edu/rdvm>

And don't forget that I'm here to assist you. You may reach me by calling 865-974-8387.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

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## Welcome to Our Incoming House Officers

### INTERNS

- Dr. Joseph P. Greene:** DVM- Mississippi  
**Dr. Sara A. Hyink:** DVM- Virginia  
**Dr. Stephanie B. Moore:** DVM- North Carolina  
**Dr. Amanda Rainey:** DVM- Georgia  
**Dr. Jessica Rodriguez:** DVM-Texas A&M

### RESIDENTS

- Dr. Jacqueline Bryan (Dermatology):**  
Internship- Red Bank Veterinary Hospital; DVM- Minnesota  
**Dr. Erika (Riki) Evans (Avian/Exotic Medicine):** Internship- University of Illinois; DVM- North Carolina; MBA- Morehead State  
**Dr. Kristin Fischer (Ophthalmology):**  
Internship- VCA Alameda East Veterinary Hosp., Denver; DVM- Tennessee  
**Dr. Jason Headrick (Surgery):** PhD program- Tennessee; Post-doc orthopedic

fellowship- Tennessee; Surgery internship- Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists; Internship- University of Missouri, Columbia; DVM- Wisconsin, Madison

- Dr. Rebecca Hodshon (Surgery):**  
Internship- Affiliated Veterinary Specialists, Maitland, FL; DVM- Tennessee  
**Dr. Rebecca Manley (Radiology):**  
Internship in diagnostic imaging; Internship & DVM- University of Prince Edward Island  
**Dr. Maryanne Murphy (Nutrition):**  
Internship- VCA 5th Avenue Veterinary Specialists, New York; DVM- Iowa State  
**Dr. Sabrina Reilly (Anesthesia):**  
Anesthesia internship- Oklahoma State; Equine internship- Manor Equine Hospital, Monkton, MD; DVM- University of Prince Edward Island  
**Dr. Bethany Sabatino (Internal Med):**  
Internship- Cornell; DVM-Mississippi

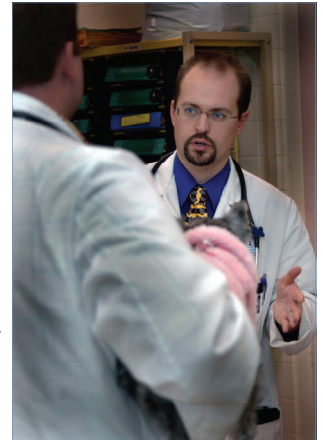
## Congratulations to Our Departing House Officers

### INTERNS

- Dr. Sara J. Almon:** Private practice
- Dr. Menolly R. Beittenmiller:** Private practice, Norway, Maine
- Dr. Glen A. Bonin, Jr.:** Surgical internship, Dallas Veterinary Center
- Dr. Javier Gallegos:** Private practice
- Dr. Brian A. Maran:** Cardiology residency/ PhD program, Washington State
- Dr. Courtney P. Kleinhelter:** Private practice, Louisville, KY

### RESIDENTS

- Dr. Matthew C. Allender (Zoological):** University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine
- Dr. David A. Hicks (Surgery):** Private practice
- Dr. Scott A. Rizzo (Medicine):** Private practice, Louisville, KY
- Dr. Mohammad Reza Seddighi (Anesthesia):** Clinical assistant professor of anesthesia, University of Tennessee
- Dr. Christina M. Wolf (Neurology):** Private practice, Louisville, KY



## Veterinary Technician Internship Program

The veterinary technician internship program is a rotating internship for graduate veterinary technicians through the Small Animal Teaching Hospital. It is designed to offer technicians the opportunity to increase knowledge and gain practical experience in an educational environment. Applicants to the internship must be graduates of AVMA-accredited veterinary technology programs.

Please welcome our incoming interns: **Jacqueline Cole**- SUNY, Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge, NY, and **Samantha Adams**- Western Career College, Stockton, CA.

And best wishes to our finishing interns: **Heather Gear**- SACS in temporary position, **Jennifer Nichiporuk**- private practice in Nashville, **Kayla Reger**- staying in Knoxville, and **Talisha Soto**- Anesthesia at UTCVM.

### Recognitions:

- **Dr. April Durtschi**– Awarded cardiology research grant at the ACVIM annual meeting in June, 2009, for her proposal entitled, “Pharmacokinetic and bioavailability assessment of carvedilol in healthy cats: Implications for use in systemic hypertension”
- **Dr. David Hicks**– *Mark Bloomberg Memorial Research Award* at the Veterinary Orthopedic Society Conference in March, 2009
- **Dr. India Lane**– *Outstanding Faculty Award* for student doctoral dissertation
- **Dr. Angela Lusby**– *Phi Zeta Excellence in Veterinary Clinical Research Award* at the Comparative & Experimental Medicine Research Symposium in June, 2009
- **Dr. Jacqueline Whittemore**– Received an invention record notification on her Flexible and Rigid Endoscopic training Device (FRED)

### Grants, contracts, and gifts:

- **Dr. Mark Bohling:** Pilot efficacy study: Effectiveness of spinosad for promotion of wound healing in dogs
- **Dr. Cheryl Greenacre:** Pharmacokinetics of morphine, butorphanol, meloxicam, and tramadol pain relievers in bearded dragons (*Pogona vitticeps*)
- **Dr. Amy LeBlanc:** Immunocytokine therapy for dogs with oral melanoma
- **Drs. Amy LeBlanc, Jeffrey Phillips, and Alfred Legendre:** Participation in a multisite biospecimen repository (tumor bank) of canine cancers
- **Drs. Beth Hamper, Joseph Bartges, and Claudia Kirk:** Nutritional adequacy and performance of raw food diets in kittens
- **Yorkie Angel Patrol:** Made donations to the UT Fancy Fund & UT Angel Fund (\$650 each for a total of \$1,300)

An animal's eye  
has the power  
to speak a great  
language.  
- Martin Buber

## Publications:

- **Cekanova M, Lee SH, Donnell RL, et al.:** Nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drug-activated gene-1 expression inhibits urethane-induced pulmonary tumorigenesis in transgenic mice. *Cancer Prev Res* 2009 May; 2(5):450-458.
- **Kelmer E and Tobias K:** Septic peritonitis. *Standards of Care Newsletter*, 2009 March.
- **McCain S, Ramsay E, Allender M, Souza C, and Schumacher J:** Pyometra in captive large felids: A review of eleven cases. *J Zoo and Wildl Med* 2009 Mar; 40(1):147-151.
- **Millard R and Tobias K:** Laryngeal paralysis in dogs. *Compend Contin Educ Vet* 2009 May; 31(5):212-9.
- **Morandi F:** The pancreas. In O'Brien R and Barr FJ, eds: *BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Abdominal Imaging*, Quedgeley, Gloucester, England: British Small Anim Vet Assoc, 2009.
- Paoloni MC, Tandle A, Mazcko C, Hanna E, Kachala S, **Leblanc A**, et al.: Launching a novel preclinical infrastructure: Comparative oncology trials consortium directed therapeutic targeting of TNF $\alpha$  to cancer vasculature. *PLoS One* 2009; 4(3):e4972.
- **Westermeyer HD, Tobias KM, and Reel DR:** Head and neck swelling due to a circumferential cicatricial scar in a dog. *JAAHA* 2009 Jan-Feb; 45(1):48-51.

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

Area	Study	Contact
Dermatology	Hypothyroid dogs on thyroid supplement needed for thyroid study	Dr. Linda Frank
Mycology	Treatment of systemic aspergillosis with a new antifungal drug, posaconazole	Dr. Al Legendre
Neurology	The benefit of hearing tests (i.e., brainstem-auditory evoked response/BAER) in dogs with vestibular disease	Drs. Christina Wolf or William Thomas
Neurology	New drug for initial treatment of idiopathic epilepsy in dogs	Dr. William Thomas
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. Phillips, LeBlanc, or Legendre
Oncology	Whole-body PET/CT scans in dogs and cats with cancer (financial incentive for owners)	Dr. Amy LeBlanc
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
Physical rehab/ CARES	The effect of diet on muscle atrophy following surgery for cranial cruciate ligament rupture	Dr. Marti Drum
Radiology	Contrast enhancement patterns of intervertebral disc herniation in dogs on MRI	Dr. Andrea Matthews
Soft tissue surgery	Evaluation of intra-tracheal stenting in dogs with collapsing trachea <a href="http://www.yorkieangelpatrol.com">www.yorkieangelpatrol.com</a>	Drs. Mark Bohling or Patricia Sura
Soft tissue surgery	Silicone footpad implants in greyhounds with corns	Dr. Mark Bohling
Soft tissue surg/Oncology	Investigation of sentinel nodes in cutaneous mast cell disease	Dr. Patricia Sura