

# Ophthalmology Internship required at Southern Counties Veterinary Specialists, Ringwood

## The Role

Southern Counties Veterinary Specialists have an exciting opportunity for an Ophthalmology Intern to join their team.

The goal of the ophthalmology internship programme is to provide the successful applicant with a mentored experience in all aspects of clinical veterinary ophthalmology, with priorities to include ophthalmic diagnostic and surgical skills, and appropriate case management approaches in preparation for subsequent application to ECVO or ABVO residency training programmes. Additional goals include strengthening clinical reasoning and communication skills.

The ophthalmology intern will participate in all clinical activities of the service, including after-hours and weekend emergency duty. The intern will assume small animal patient care responsibilities under the supervision of an ophthalmology staff member. Additional duties will include timely client and referring veterinarian communications. Participation in ophthalmology rounds (journal club, image recognition, topic rounds) is expected, as is participation in the SCVS weekly seminar programme.

This is a full-time position with hours varying from week to week. Most day shifts are 8:00am to 6:30pm, however some flexibility is required based on case pressure within the practice. You will also be required to work in a rota, working on-call, nights, weekends and a share of bank holidays.

We are offering a competitive salary of up to £32,000pa for this role.

As part of the recruitment process, we will require the following:

- A personal statement describing your background, reasons for applying for this internship and your career goals
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two letters of recommendation from staff/faculty members or practitioners who have worked with you

Start date for internship: July 2023 - July 2024.

## About Us

Come and join our friendly team in the heart of the New Forest! Southern Counties Veterinary Specialists is a busy multi-disciplinary referral centre, committed to providing a high standard of patient care, with state-of-the-art equipment and Specialist services in anaesthesia and analgesia, soft tissue and orthopaedic surgery, neurology, cardiology, dermatology, medicine, oncology,

ophthalmology and imaging.

We are also excited to announce that we expanded our Hospital in October 2022. Our expansion offers a new purpose-built theatre complex, with a two-storey facility housing a large client reception and waiting area, 10 new consulting rooms and a new rehabilitation centre. The improvements do not stop there, with further additions to include a new diagnostic suite and ICU area, plus much more.

## **About the Team and Culture**

The ophthalmology service is supported by a board-certified specialist in ophthalmology, an advanced practitioner in ophthalmology, a dedicated service nurse and VCA.

## **Applicant Requirements**

Applicants should have the following:

- DVM degree or its equivalent
- One-year rotating internship or equivalent practice experience
- Demonstration of professional motivation and good interpersonal skills
- Eligibility to work in the United Kingdom at the time the internship begins
- Ability to communicate effectively in English
- Eligibility to hold a veterinary licence with the RCVS

## **Because our employees matter**

We recognise that our people are fundamental to the success of our business. Investing in our people, premises and processes is at the heart of what we do. In addition to a competitive base salary, you will benefit from:

### **Work-life balance**

- 5 weeks annual leave plus bank holidays
- Your birthday as a paid day off

### **Well-being**

- Private medical insurance
- Enhanced family-friendly policies, including maternity/paternity/adoption/shared parental and surrogacy pay
- Cycle to Work scheme
- Initiatives focused on employee wellbeing
- Non-accidental injury support

### **Development**

- £1500 CPD allowance with 5 days paid pro-rata
- Learning and development opportunities via the IVC Evidensia Academy

- Access to Vetlexicon – our online encyclopaedia provider
- All our Vets & Nurses can apply for research funding
- All our Vets get £1000 per annum to spend via our Care Fund
- Infection Prevention and Control Programme
- Quality Improvement Programme

### **Professional Memberships**

- BVA membership
- VDS cover
- RCVS fees

### **Additional**

- Pawsome Benefits – reward gateway giving discounts and cashback with 100's of retailers
- Pension – 5% Employee/3% Employer
- Discounted staff pet care

As a BAME and LGBTQ+ inclusive employer, we are keen to hear from candidates from all minority and diverse groups. As a Disability Confident Employer, we are keen to hear from candidates with disabilities and long-term health conditions and would be happy to discuss any reasonable adjustments needed during the recruitment process.

If this position is of interest to you then please get in touch. To apply, please email your CV to Ryan at [ryan.powell@ivcevidensia.com](mailto:ryan.powell@ivcevidensia.com) or call 07816202690 for more information. **Please quote BH9001 when applying for this role.**