

Education:

Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, obtained with honors- May 2007

Professional Experience:

Veterinary Referral and Emergency Center South Abington TWP, PA
Small Animal Internal Medicine Specialist, Department Head August 2011 - Present

- Creation and management of Internal medicine referral service.
- Appointments for consultation and in hospital diagnostics and care of patients with endocrine diseases, immune mediated diseases, infectious/inflammatory diseases, and chronic degenerative diseases, among others.
- Common procedures performed include; diagnostic ultrasound, ultrasound guided fine needle aspiration, bone marrow aspiration, cerebrospinal fluid collection, gastrointestinal endoscopy, rhinoscopy and bronchoscopy.
- Work closely with Surgery and Emergency/Critical Care departments to ensure the best patient care.
- Conduct continuing education lectures for staff and referring veterinarians.

Louisiana State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Baton Rouge, LA
Small Animal Internal Medicine Resident July 2008 - July 2011

- Residency provides the opportunity for clinical, teaching, and research experience.
- Most time on clinics is spent on the Small Animal Internal Medicine Service, with additional rotations in Oncology, Cardiology, and Radiology.
- LSU Internal Medicine Service is one of the busiest services in the clinic with the geographic location providing unique experience in infectious diseases.
- Duties include taking transfers from the emergency service, as well as seeing referral cases, walk-in emergencies, and primary care cases.
- Common procedures performed include cerebrospinal fluid collection, gastrointestinal endoscopy, rhinoscopy, bronchoscopy, and feeding tube placement, among others.
- Emergency service duties include being on on-call for intern back-up, being on-call for emergency endoscopy, and as the primary clinician for Sunday shifts.
- Teaching experience is gained in formal student/intern lectures, as well as on the clinic floor. In addition, the third year provides the opportunity to be service head.
- Additional residency requirements include research with publication, presenting and attending house officer seminars and case presentations, participating in journal club, and attending regular rounds (pathophysiology, cytology, radiology, neuro-imaging, and gastrointestinal histopathology).

Louisiana Veterinary Referral Center (LVRC)
(Now MEDVET Medical and Cancer Centers for Pets)

Mandeville, LA
July 2007 - Jun 2008

Small Animal Intern

- Rotations include internal medicine, oncology, emergency/critical care, and surgery.
- Internal medicine rotation provides opportunities to improve technical skills by participation in procedures such as ultrasound, rhinoscopy, and gastrointestinal endoscopy.
- Emergency and critical care rotation entrusts primary case responsibility including performance of minor surgeries and procedures.
- Primary goal of the surgery rotation is developing basic surgery skills and gaining knowledge needed to educate clients regarding surgery outcome and potential complications.
- Other responsibilities include presenting journals, participating in rounds, attending continuing education seminars, and preparing and giving presentations to clinic veterinarians.

Louisiana State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Baton Rouge, LA
Oct 2003 - Dec 2005

Live-In Resident Student

- Primary responsibilities include performing after-hours laboratory work and assisting with emergency surgeries in both the large animal and small animal clinics.

Parker Coliseum Animal Shelter at LSU

Baton Rouge, LA
Fall 2005

Student Volunteer

- Volunteering to perform triage and care of Hurricane Katrina rescues.

Metairie Small Animal Hospital

Metairie, LA
Jan 2000 - Aug 2004

Veterinary Assistant

- A full-time Head Assistant until September 2003.
- Major responsibilities include patient care in ICU and all other hospital wards, taking radiographs, performing dental prophylaxis and radiology, maintaining and preparing all surgery equipment, supervision of veterinary assistants, providing client education, and preparing patients for surgery by placing catheters, obtaining laboratory samples and performing E.C.G.s.
- An additional benefit of this position is that it offers many opportunities to attend continuing education seminars designed for technicians as well as veterinarians.

Rural Area Veterinary Services, H.S.U.S

Knoxville, TN
Jun 2004

Student Volunteer

- Duties include aiding in set up of temporary animal clinic, performing physical exams, administering vaccines and medications, inducing and maintaining general anesthesia, performing ovariohysterectomies and orchiectomies, and providing client education.

(Professional experience continued;)

Audubon Center for Research of Endangered Species

New Orleans, LA

Volunteer Veterinary/ Research Assistant

Summer 2003

- Primary volunteer duty is assisting in care of domestic feline and exotic feline research colonies. This also includes participating in administration of hormone injections to domestic felines for embryo transfer research.

Presentations/Publications:

Clinical Snapshot: Multicentric Disease in a Young German Shepherd

Compendium, Vol 34, No 12

December 2012

Hyperadrenocorticism in Dogs

Continuing Education Presentation for Referring Veterinarians and Staff

VREC/Pfizer
December 11, 2012

A Case of Feline Cytopenias

Continuing Education Presentation for Referring Veterinarians and Staff

VREC/Pfizer
July 10, 2012

Feline Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Clinical Update

Continuing Education Presentation for Referring Veterinarians and Staff

VREC/Pfizer
November 8, 2011

Survival and Prognostic Indicators for Cycad Intoxication in Dogs

Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Vol 25, Issue 4, pg 831-837

July/August 2011

A Case of Feline Thrombocytopenia

House Officer Case Presentation

LSU
January 28, 2011

Sago Palm Toxicity

Presentation for meeting

SVECCS LSU
October 9, 2010

Sago Palm Toxicity

Continuing education conference

LSU Technician Conference
October 30, 2010

Cycad Intoxication in Dogs: Survival and Prognostic Indicators

Oral presentation of Resident Abstract

ACVIM Forum
June 11, 2010

Cycad Intoxication in Dogs: Survival and Prognostic Indicators

House Officer Seminar

LSU
January 2010

Feline Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Student lecture

- Small animal gastrointestinal disease elective for year 4 students

LSU
April 2010 & 2011

Cardiac Manifestations of Systemic Disease

Student lecture

- Cardiology rotation lecture for year 4 students

LSU
April 2009

(Presentations and Publications continued;)

- Thrombocytopenia** LSU
Student lecture November 2009 & 2010
- Clinical pathology class for year 2 students
- Feline Idiopathic Inflammatory Bowel Disease** 2009
Veterinary Focus Volume 19 No 2
- Heatstroke Complications and Treatment** LSU
House Officer Case Presentation September 2009
- Feline Inflammatory Bowel Disease** LSU
House Officer Seminar July 2009
- The paralyzed Coonhound that didn't have Coonhound paralysis** LSU
House Officer Case Presentation October 2008
- Addison's Disease** LVRC
Intern Rounds August 2007
- Arthropathies** LVRC
Intern Rounds February 2008
- Additional Experience:**
- Tiger H.A.T.s** Baton Rouge, LA
Volunteer Spring 04 - 2010
- Human-Animal Therapy. This consists of visiting nursing homes, foster homes, and libraries with my pets to promote the human-animal bond.
- Royal Canin, USA** Baton Rouge, LA
Student Representative for Louisiana State University Jun 2004 - Jun 2006
- Primary duties are to organize seminars and provide information to students and faculty regarding Royal Canin, Waltham, and Innovative Veterinary Diets.
- Louisiana Nature Center** New Orleans, LA
Volunteer May 2003 - Jul 2003
- Primary responsibility is to maintain the husbandry of a large collection of exotic animals and wildlife for display and educational purposes.
- Rabies Drive** New Orleans, LA
Volunteer April 2002
- Volunteer duties are to aid in the set up and operation of a low cost rabies vaccine day clinic.

Activities and Accomplishments:

2011	Obtained Board Certification in Small Animal Internal Medicine Completed Small Animal Internal Medicine Residency Program (LSU)
2008	Completed Small Animal Rotating Internship (LVRC)
2007	Earned with honors; Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
2007	Recipient of Award for Excellence in Companion Animal Medicine and Surgery; LSU
2007	Tau Chapter of Phi Zeta Honor Society
2007	Who's Who Student in American Universities and Colleges
2005 - 2007	American Animal Hospital Association Student Representative for Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine for the Class of 2007
2006	Recipient of the Nestlé Purina Award for Excellence in Companion Animal Nutrition
2005	President of the Student Chapter of American Animal Hospital Association at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine
2004 - 2007	Dean's Honor List
2004 - 2007	Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society
2003 - 2004	Vice-President of University of New Orleans Pre-Veterinary Club

Professional Affiliations:

- American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine
- Pennsylvania Board of Veterinary Medicine licensee
- Northeastern Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Member