Don Low Fellowship: Ophthalmology

The Ophthalmology Service is currently comprised of 6 faculty members who are Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists, 4 residents, 1 ophthalmology intern, 2 technicians, and 4-6 students on service at any one time. Don Low Fellows participate in all activities of the service including client appointments, student teaching rounds, journal club, and procedures.

General weekly schedule:
Mondays: receiving of new and recheck appointments
Tuesdays: surgical procedures, diagnostic workups, and receiving of new and recheck appointments
Wednesdays: journal club, surgical procedures, and diagnostic workups
Thursdays: receiving of new and recheck appointments
Fridays: receiving of recheck appointments
*In-house consultations, emergency appointments, and emergency surgeries can occur every day of the week.

The fellow’s schedule can be either a set day/week or a series of days in a row.

Goals for the Don Low Fellow can be flexible, but typically include:

▪ Learn how to perform a thorough ophthalmic examination and maximize understanding of the equipment utilized to do so

▪ Learn how to diagnose common ocular disorders using the examination findings and adjunctive testing

▪ Gain a more complete understanding of the pathophysiology behind each ocular finding to help generate a comprehensive list of differential diagnoses

▪ Learn the most up-to-date treatment options for common ocular disorders in small animals

▪ Review commonly utilized ophthalmic medications, their indications, and contraindications

▪ Observe ophthalmic surgical procedures and participate in pre-, intra-, and post-operative discussions regarding patient selection, surgical options available, and the importance of adjunctive medical therapy

▪ Attend daily student rounds during which the most common ocular diseases are presented in a case-based format

▪ Attend weekly journal club sessions on Wednesday from 8-9 am when the schedule allows
More information on the ophthalmology service can be found at