The Unsung Heroes of Clinical Care

With nearly 50,000 patient visits a year to the veterinary hospital, there are many service units that play important roles in patient care. Anesthesia and Diagnostic Imaging Services contribute to the majority of visits, and are critical to the success of each case.

Consisting of nine anesthesiologists (eight of whom are board certified), the Anesthesia Service is vital to every surgery at the hospital. UC Davis has the only veterinary hospital in Northern California with multiple board-certified anesthesiologists offering a high level of specialized care to patients.

The service also consists of four resident veterinarians training to become anesthesia specialists, as well as 18 specially-trained technicians. Some are Veterinary Technician Specialists, an advanced Registered Veterinary Technician certification indicating expertise in a specific area of care.

An equally impressive group of specialists and technicians that keep the hospital running at peak efficiency are the members of the Diagnostic Imaging Service. They provide expertise and support for all hospital specialty services through radiology, CTs, MRIs, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, and nuclear scintigraphy—essential parts of properly diagnosing patients’ conditions.

Recognized as some of the most successful diagnostic imaging clinicians in the world, the service’s faculty members are pioneering work in image modalities such as tissue engineering, cross-sectional imaging, and minimally invasive therapeutic techniques.