

## Connecting Animal Healthcare and Pharmacy Education

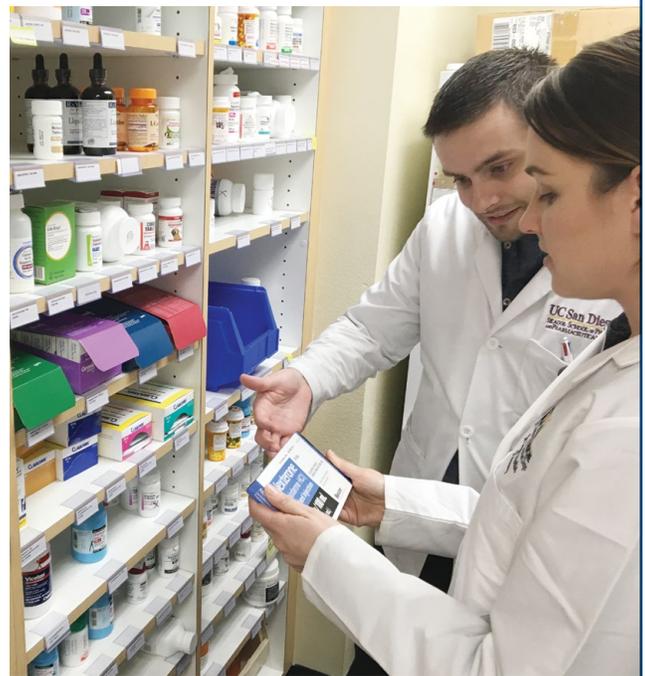
Historically, pet owners have relied upon their veterinarians for pet medications, as well as their knowledge about appropriate dosages and adverse reactions for a wide range of species. However, a growing number of pet owners obtain prescriptions for their pets from community-based pharmacies, online retailers or compounding facilities.

Recognizing this trend, the American Veterinary Medical Association recently announced its plans to work with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to offer veterinary education for pharmacists. Currently, schools of pharmacy in the U.S. are not required to include veterinary pharmacology in their curriculum.

Already at the forefront, the school has established training for Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) graduates through a residency at the veterinary hospital and the Clinical Pharmacy Fellowship Program at the UC Veterinary Medical Center, San Diego. UC Davis is one of only four recognized programs across the country that offers advanced training for pharmacists, specifically designed to integrate them in veterinary medicine and prepare professionals who are well-suited to meet the growing industry needs in veterinary medicine.

Residents and fellows divide their time between Davis and San Diego. Through advanced clinical training in all aspects of small animal clinical pharmacology and rigorous research, post graduate pharmacists are able to understand and participate in the management of small animal patients with a variety of common diseases, perform basic compounding procedures and oversee technical staff performing compounding functions.

The residency and fellowship programs rely exclusively on partnerships for funding to support the operational needs of the program, which includes research and innovative clinical training support. For information about supporting the residency and fellowship programs, please contact the Office of Development at 530-752-7024.



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