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## Externship Quick Fact Sheet

### **Practice Overview**

Old Dominion Equine offers a hands-on externship for students seeking experience in equine ambulatory medicine. Our office features a fully stocked equine pharmacy, in-house laboratory, and digital media viewing room. The practice operates four field vehicles equipped with digital radiography, digital ultrasound, endoscopy, and shockwave. The primary emphasis of our practice is to provide complete ambulatory veterinary care to the sport horse, thoroughbred, and breeding farms of central Virginia. Sport horse and lameness work includes all levels of hunters, jumpers, eventers, dressage horses, and thoroughbred racehorses. Reproductive caseloads include work at thoroughbred and warmblood breeding farms, routine mare and stallion management, as well as advanced assisted reproductive techniques.

### **Candidates**

Well-qualified externship candidates should have a declared interest in equine sport horse and reproductive medicine, have career ambitions to join an ambulatory practice, and have demonstrated experience in handling and assisting with treatment of horses. Externs are expected to assist the veterinarians in daily work, and to be available for emergency calls at night and on weekends. Externs should also have a good work ethic and positive attitude. Successful completion of an externship at ODEA is a pre-requisite for those candidates interested in pursuing a future internship with our practice.

### **Application**

Prospective externs should submit a resume and cover letter to the practice, along with a completed copy of our Externship Questionnaire. There is no deadline for submitting an application. However, openings do tend to fill quickly, often before the start of the academic year for which you are applying. While we do give scheduling priority to 4<sup>th</sup> year students, externships are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please forward application inquiries to Dr. Lauren Gallaspy, DVM at [staff@olddominionequine.com](mailto:staff@olddominionequine.com).

### **Dates and Duration**

The practice is open to externs from March through October. Externships typically last 2-3 weeks.

### **Housing**

Housing is available at no cost to externs, although students are free to arrange their own accommodations if desired.

### **Insurance**

Students are responsible for their own insurance for the duration of the externship. Student professional liability insurance can be obtained from AVMA-PLIT.



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### Externship Questionnaire

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Concentration or Track (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**What are your primary areas of interest in the field of veterinary medicine? Please circle all that apply.**

- |                              |                                 |                                 |                      |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Food Animal/Equine<br>Mixed  | Mixed Large and Small<br>Animal | Lameness                        | Dentistry            |
| Equine Only                  | Small Animal Only               | Reproduction and<br>Neonatology | Sport Horse Medicine |
| Small Animal/Equine<br>Mixed | Radiology                       | Ophthalmology                   | Surgery              |

**What type of experience do you have handling or treating horses? Please circle all that apply.**

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|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| I own and ride horses  | Competitive<br>hunter/jumper rider. | Ride for fun, no formal<br>riding instruction. | Work as a veterinary<br>technician                    |
| Family operates a horse<br>farm                              | Competitive dressage<br>rider.      | 4-H  | Work as a groom                                       |
| Family owns an<br>agricultural farm and<br>has a few horses. | Competitive eventing<br>rider.      | Pony Club                                      | Work in a stable<br>performing general<br>barn duties |

**What attracted you to the externship opportunity at Old Dominion Equine Associates?**

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**Tell us about you! Do you have any hobbies or extracurricular activities?**

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EXTERN EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_