**DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

**From 1-75:** Exit 384 (SR 24/Archer Road). Go east on Archer Road approximately three miles to junction SR 226 (SW 16th Avenue). At the fork stay to the right and proceed one block to Shealy Drive. Turn right. The Small Animal Hospital is on your left.

**From US 441:** Proceed west on SW 16th Avenue (SR 226). At the third light turn, left onto Shealy Drive. The Small Animal Hospital is on your left.

Please let your clients know that we offer free, clearly marked parking and a covered drop-off entrance.
The University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine and its clinical arm, the University of Florida Veterinary Hospitals (UFVH), opened its doors in 1978. Since that time the Small Animal Hospital has provided referral services, consultations, emergency veterinary services and 24 hour care for dogs, cats and exotic animals including birds, reptiles and small mammals.

At the UFVH we treat our patients using a team approach. The team is headed by a senior clinician whose area of specialization is pertinent to the diagnosis and treatment of your patient. Other members of the team include residents, interns, students and technicians all of whom, under the supervision of our senior staff clinicians, play an important role in providing patient care and maintaining communication with you and your clients. As a referring veterinarian, you are considered our most important client and an integral part of the patient health care team. Our core values are visualized with the patient, client and referring veterinarian at the heart of our pinwheel graphic below. To achieve excellence requires teamwork, trust, integrity and accountability. We cherish our relationship with you as a referring veterinarian and continually work to make our facilities a resource to complement your practice.

The purpose of this guide is to introduce you to the services, referral policies and clinicians in our hospital. We hope this information will help you to better understand all that we have to offer at the University of Florida Small Animal Hospital.

Go Gators!

Dana Zimmel, DVM, DACVIM, DABVP
Associate Dean for Clinical Services
Chief Medical Officer and
Clinical Associate Professor
HOURS

Appointment Hours
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Emergencies
24/7 year-round

Call Center Hours
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

THE UF SAH WEBSITE

Visit the UF SAH website, smallanimal.vethospitals.ufl.edu or the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences website at sacs.vetmed.ufl.edu.

PHONE NUMBERS

The College and UF SAH numbers are listed below. The SAH main number has an automated attendant to promptly direct your call. Just make the appropriate selection from the menu.

For our referring veterinarians only, we have a direct dial toll-free number that will connect you to our Referral Liaison during normal business hours. Outside of normal business hours, you should dial the main Small Animal Hospital number and follow the automated instructions. For canine and feline emergency calls, press option 1 and you will be connected directly to a clinician. For zoological emergencies, you will be connected to the answering service of the UFHealth Hospital and you will be greeted by one of their operators.

Referral Liaison (Referring Veterinarians only)........... 866-247-7950
Local Veterinarians please call................................. 352-392-2235 option #2
Local Veterinarians leave message after-hours......... 352-392-2235 option #5
Small Animal Hospital Main................................. 352-392-2235
Large Animal Hospital Main................................. 352-392-2229
Pet Emergency Treatment Services in Ocala........... 352-512-0886
UF Veterinary Diagnostic Labs............................ 352-294-4726
Client Appointments & Questions.......................... 352-392-2235
Hospital Fax Number........................................... 352-846-2445
Dr. Dana Zimmel, Associate Dean for Clinical Services... 352-294-4379
Dr. Rowan Milner, SACS Department Chair........... 352-294-4401
Dr. James Lloyd, Dean CVM................................. 352-294-4623

SMALL ANIMAL HOSPITAL FEATURES

• 100,000 square-foot, three-story facility
• Digital imaging service with CT, nuclear medicine, MRI and ultrasound
• One of the only interventional radiology and cardiology facilities in the nation
• 22 examination rooms
• 12 surgical suites, including dedicated and custom rooms for laparoscopy and arthroscopy
• More treatment rooms and ward areas, including facilities for emergency medicine, intensive care, progressive care and isolation
• A cancer referral and treatment center that includes a linear accelerator with image guidance and state-of-the-art stereotactic radiosurgery capability
• Expanded and dedicated endoscopy room with laser lithotripsy
• Renovated rehabilitation services area including two underwater treadmills and a therapy pool
• 24/7 emergency and critical care services
• Hemodialysis suite
• Hyperbaric oxygen therapy
REFERRALS

Veterinarians seeking assistance with their patients seen at the UF SAH may call 866-247-7950 (this number should not be given out to clients) or, if calling from Alachua County, please call our main number at 352-392-2235 and choose option #2. Our Call Center is available to help you schedule referral appointments and obtain medical records Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also use our online referral form on our website, vethospitals.ufl.edu, and follow the link under “Small Animal Referrals.”

If your clients call for an appointment it will help if you can advise them as to which service they should see. Emergencies will be seen the same day and appointments may be arranged for most routine cases within a week. It is preferable that you fax or email any written case summaries and supportive diagnostic information ahead of the patient’s appointment time. Items can be faxed to 352-846-2445 or emailed to the individual service. Alternatively, you may send a legible copy of records along with the client. Radiographs will be returned to you upon completion of the animal’s treatment.

Lynn Varner is our Referral Coordinator. Her responsibilities include fostering the relationship between the referring practitioner and our hospital staff and streamlining the referral process. Ms. Varner maintains the referral database and focuses on maintaining referral relationships. She can be reached at varnerl@ufl.edu or 352-258-9658.

Rachel DiSesa is our Coordinator of Clinical Services. She maintains and expands the hospital’s caseload for teaching purposes by improving relationships with our referring veterinarians and clients. Ms. DiSesa coordinates the college’s statewide “Night in the Swamp” continuing education series for veterinarians, as well as our annual RDVM Appreciation Day. She can be reached at rdisesa@ufl.edu or 352-317-5944.

Brittany Caldwell is our program assistant for RDVM outreach and communications. Ms. Caldwell manages client satisfaction surveys, referral guides and newsletters. She can be reached at blcaldwell@ufl.edu or 352-294-4658.

OUR REFERRAL PROTOCOL CALLS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Patient evaluations and diagnostic procedures are often concluded after regular business hours. To help us reach you, we ask you to provide us with an after-hours telephone number and your email address.

1. The receiving clinician communicates with the referring veterinarian via phone, fax or email within 24 hours or on the day the patient is evaluated to report findings and any diagnostic or treatment plan. We will also communicate to you any major changes in your patient’s status during hospitalization or if your patient is transferred to another service.
2. Discharge instructions are faxed or emailed to the referring veterinarian the same day or early the next day.
3. Each service will also follow up via phone, fax or email after discharge to report any late arriving laboratory or other diagnostic results.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

The UF SAH receives limited financial support from the State of Florida. In order to fund our programs we must charge competitive prices for all services and procedures. Please remind your referred clients that the cost of diagnostic evaluation, treatment, surgery and hospitalization may be substantial. Fees for outpatient visits are to be paid in full at the time of service. Admissions (including emergencies) require a deposit of 75% of the estimated total cost with the balance due at the time of discharge.

For your client’s convenience, we accept cash, checks, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express and CareCredit. Individuals other than the owner admitting an animal must provide written treatment authorization signed by the owner, or be able to assume financial responsibility themselves for the total cost of the visit. If you have questions, we suggest that you call and talk to one of our Referral Liaisons to obtain an estimate of the overall cost. Please remind your clients that an accurate estimate can only be given after the animal is examined.
SMALL ANIMAL EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE SERVICE

The Emergency and Critical Care Service is headed by faculty members who are board certified in the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care and includes emergency clinicians from the hospital as well as dedicated emergency room and intensive care technicians. We provide emergency services for small animals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The emergency service specializes in providing care for small animals that are acutely sick, have severe trauma, intoxications, experience sudden worsening of chronic diseases or any cases where the referring veterinarian feels that urgent referral for diagnostics or treatment would be beneficial.

Patients admitted through the emergency service will be assessed and stabilized on arrival. They may be transferred to another service within the hospital such as internal medicine, surgery or cardiology. The patient may remain under the care of the emergency and critical care service depending on the patient’s needs.

We are always happy to see either referral or walk-in emergencies. If you would like to speak to a faculty member about the services we provide, a patient at your hospital or a possible referral, please call 866-247-7950.

In addition to emergency services, we also provide intensive care services for critically ill patients in our state-of-the-art ICU. These capabilities include mechanical ventilation, hemodialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy, blood transfusion and advanced hemodynamic monitoring including continuous EKG, invasive blood pressure and cardiac output monitoring. To allow us to provide excellent patient care, the ICU is staffed by both doctors and highly trained technicians 24/7. The Emergency and Critical Care Service works closely with the other services in the hospital to ensure that patients and their owners have access to the best possible treatments, diagnostics and range of expertise available.

24-HOUR EMERGENCY LINE: 352-392-2235

UF PET EMERGENCY TREATMENT SERVICES IN OCALA, FLORIDA

The concept of this emergency clinic originated with Ocala veterinarians who created the Pet Emergency Treatment Service Corporation (PETS) in 2012. In a unique collaboration, the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine and PETS joined forces to serve pet owners in the Marion County region. The purpose of the clinic is to bridge the gap during times when veterinarians’ offices are typically closed. Our goal is to provide a caring, compassionate environment for critically ill animals and their families.

UF PETS is open from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends and holidays to provide immediate emergency care for pets.

24-HOUR EMERGENCY LINE: 352-512-0886
pets.vethospitals.ufl.edu
3200 SW 27th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34474

AMANDA MACCARTHY
Practice Manager
Amanda Maccarthy has been at the UF Small Animal Hospital since 2012 working in accounts receivable and hospital administration. Much of her time has been spent working closely with client services, technicians, managers and faculty. Ms. Maccarthy’s background includes a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and she is pursuing certification in Veterinary Practice Management. She has a strong interest in staff training, leadership and communication.
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

Dr. Ron Del Moro is a holistically minded licensed Mental Health Counselor who has been providing counseling and training in the Gainesville Community since 2005. He holds a Master’s degree in Couple, Marriage & Family Counseling and a Doctorate in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Florida.

Dr. Del Moro assists clients, students, faculty and staff here at the University of Florida’s Veterinary Hospitals. He provides support and training for faculty, students and staff with communication, education, stress management, grief and death issues. He is available for individual and small group trainings, consultations, case debriefing, work-life balance and/or emotional support. You or your client may wish to visit vethospitals.ufl.edu/pet-loss-support for additional resources. Dr. Del Moro can be reached at rondel@ufl.edu or 352-283-0028.

IMAGE-GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL SERVICE

The Image-Guided Interventional Service at the UF Small Animal Hospital is a multidisciplinary team that utilizes the knowledge and skills of specialists in diagnostic imaging, surgery, internal medicine, cardiology, oncology and critical care to offer minimally invasive treatments guided by the use of ultrasound, fluoroscopy and endoscopy. Image-guided interventions, also known as interventional radiology, have far-reaching applications across numerous species, organ systems and diseases. Advantages of these therapies include reduced complications, shorter hospital stays and the ability to treat conditions for which no treatment exists or in which conventional treatments involve risks that are unacceptable to the client or patient. For an appointment or more information, call 352-392-2235.
HOSPITAL DESIGNATIONS

American Animal Hospital Association
The University of Florida Small Animal Hospital is recognized by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). We earned AAHA accreditation after a rigorous review of our practice protocols, medical equipment, facility and client service.

AAHA-accredited hospitals are the only hospitals that choose to be evaluated on approximately 900 quality standards that go above and beyond basic state regulations, ranging from patient care and pain management to staff training and advanced diagnostic services. AAHA-accredited hospitals are recognized among the finest in the industry and are consistently at the forefront of advanced veterinary medicine. AAHA standards are continuously reviewed and updated to keep accredited practices on the cutting edge of veterinary excellence.

American Association of Feline Practitioners
The University of Florida Small Animal Hospital has been designated as a Cat Friendly Practice (CFP) by the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP). We meet a comprehensive checklist of performance criteria to verify that our staff members are especially qualified and dedicated to making every visit pleasant and beneficial for your client’s cat.

Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society
The University of Florida Small Animal Hospital and Ocala’s Pet Emergency Treatment Service are emergency facilities as certified by the Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society (VECCS). We follow the guidelines set forth by VECCS, showing our commitment to raising the level of emergent and critical patient care. The Small Animal Hospital is the state’s only Level I facility.

ANESTHESIA & PAIN MANAGEMENT

Services offered: Anesthesia and pain management.

**DR. TIFFANY GRANONE** Service Chief
DVM, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, 2007. MS, Veterinary Medicine (Anesthesiology), University of Minnesota, 2010. Completed an internship in large animal surgery and medicine at Ontario Veterinary College in 2008 and a residency in comparative anesthesiology at the University of Minnesota in 2011. She is a Diplomate of the ACVAA. Special interests include anesthesia of the critically ill patient.

**DR. FERNANDO GARCIA-PEREIRA**
DVM, University of São Paulo, Brazil, 2001. MVSc, Washington State University, 2005. Completed an internship in anesthesiology at the University of São Paulo, Brazil in 2002, a rotating internship in 2006 and a residency in 2005 at Washington State University. He is a Diplomate of the ACVAA. Special interests include pain pathophysiology, ultrasound and electric-guided regional blocks, epidural and subarachnoid anesthesia and neurostimulation.

**DR. BONNIE GATSON**
DVM, University of Florida, 2013. Completed an internship at Tufts University in 2014 and residency at the University of Florida in 2015. Special interests include CPR, regional blocks and regurgitation under anesthesia.

**DR. ANDRE SHIH**
DVM, University of São Paulo, Brazil, 1999. Completed a residency in anesthesiology at the University of Florida in 2006. He is a Diplomate of the ACVAA. He is also certified by the Chi Institute in small animal veterinary acupuncture. Special interests include neuropathic pain and hemodynamic changes in healthy and critically ill patients.

Residents

**DR. SHARON TENENBAUM**

**DR. VAIDEHI PARANJAPE**

smallanimal.vethospitals.ufl.edu | 352-392-2235
**BEHAVIOR**

Services offered: Diagnosis and management of behavior problems commonly seen in small animals, large animals and exotics.

**DR. TERRY CURTIS**  Service Chief  
DVM, University of Florida, 1997. MS, University of Georgia, 2003. Completed a residency in behavior at the University of Georgia in 2003. Three years of feline-only practice. She is a Diplomate of the ACVB. Special interests include feline social behavior, human-directed aggression and feline elimination issues as well as canine anxiety issues and aggression.

**CARDIOLOGY**

cardiologydept@vetmed.ufl.edu

Services offered: We specialize in both medical and interventional (cardiac catheterization) cutting edge cardiac care for pets afflicted with heart disease. Services offered include: complete cardiovascular physical examination, non-invasive blood pressure measurement, echocardiography, electrocardiography, 24-hour Holter monitoring (in-house and mail-out), event monitoring, diagnostic cardiac catheterization, pacemaker implantation, balloon valvuloplasty, embolization of patent ductus arteriosus, heartworm extraction and vascular interventions (i.e. intrahepatic shunt embolization).

**DR. SIMON SWIFT** Service Chief  
DVM, Cambridge University, 1983. Completed an alternative residency at the University of Liverpool in 2008. He is a Diplomate of the ECVIM. Special interests include degenerative mitral valve disease, cardiac interventional procedures and management of arrhythmias.

**DR. AMARA ESTRADA**  
DVM, University of Florida, 1998. Completed a rotating internship at the University of Tennessee in 1999 and residency in cardiology at Cornell University in 2002. She is a Diplomate of the ACVIM. Special interests include electrophysiology, heart failure management, cardiac stem cell therapy and interventional cardiology.

**DR. MEG SLEEPER**  
VMD, University of Pennsylvania, 1993. Completed an internship at the Midatlantic Equine Medical Center in 1994 and residency at the University of Pennsylvania in 1997. She is a Diplomate of ACVIM. Special interests include gene therapy for cardiovascular disease and inherited heart disease.

**DEPARTMENT OF SMALL ANIMALS**

**Residents**

**DR. IVAN SOSA SAMPER**  
**DR. MONICA TCHISOK**

**DERMATOLOGY**

dermatologydept@vetmed.ufl.edu

Services offered: Diagnosis and management of all skin diseases, allergy testing and immunotherapy.

**DR. DUNBAR GRAM** Service Chief  
DVM, Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, 1987. Completed an internship at the University of Illinois in 1988 and residency in dermatology at North Carolina State in 1991. He is a Diplomate of the ACVD and MRCVS. Special interests include flea control, allergic dermatitis, methacillin resistant staph and chronic management of incurable diseases.

**DR. ROSANNA MARSELLA**  
DVM, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy, 1991. Completed a residency in dermatology at the University of Florida, 1996. She is a Diplomate of the ACVD. Special interests include allergies, immunology, pathogenesis of atopic dermatitis and alternative treatments for atopic dermatitis. Dr. Marsella holds a joint appointment in the UF College of Medicine.

**DR. DOMENICO SANTORO**  

**Resident & Intern**

**DR. JENNIFER BENTLEY**  
**DR. MEGAN BOYD**
DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

Services offered: Radiology, computerized radiology, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, scintigraphy, radioactive iodine therapy, CT, MRI, referral diagnostic image studies, PennHip and OFA.

**DR. MATTHEW WINTER** Service Chief  
DVM, Cornell University, 1998. Completed a residency in diagnostic imaging at Tufts University in 2004. He is a Diplomate of the ACVR. Special interests include computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging with a focus on musculoskeletal imaging.

**DR. CLIFFORD (KIP) BERRY**  
DVM, University of Florida, 1984. Completed a residency in radiology at the University of California, Davis in 1990. He is a Diplomate of the ACVR. Special interests include thoracic radiology, abdominal ultrasound, cross-sectional imaging and the application of novel imaging modalities to animal models of human disease.

**DR. CINTIA OLIVEIRA**  
DVM, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, 2007. MS, University of Illinois, 2011. Completed an internship at Louisiana State University in 2008, an internship at the University of Illinois in 2013 and a residency at the University of Wisconsin in 2013. Special interests include cross-sectional imaging of small animals with emphasis on awake/sedated computed tomography of dogs and cats and contrast-enhanced ultrasound.

**DR. ERIN PORTER**  
DVM, University of Florida, 2007. Completed an internship in equine lameness & imaging at the University of Florida in 2009 and a residency in radiology in 2013. She is a Diplomate of the ACVR and has a special interest in equine orthopedic imaging.

**DR. NATASHA WERPY**  
DVM, Colorado State University, 1999. Completed an internship at San Luis Rey Equine Hospital in 2000, an imaging internship with Dr. Norman Rantanen in 2001 and a residency at Colorado State University in 2004. She is a Diplomate of the ACVR. Special interests include equine diagnostic imaging, musculoskeletal imaging, specifically MRI and ultrasonography.

INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE & NUTRITION

Services offered: Canine and feline acupuncture, therapeutic laser, neuromuscular electrical stimulation, underwater treadmill therapy, therapeutic ultrasound, custom rehabilitation protocols, shockwave, stem cell therapy, clinical nutrition, home-cooked diet formulation, obesity programs, multimodal enhancement of the quality of life of geriatric patients and pain management protocols. Typical conditions treated in combination with conventional therapies include but are not limited to orthopedic disease, neurologic disorders, cancer, obesity, muscle injuries and performance enhancement for the canine athlete.

**INTEGRATIVEDEPT@VETMED.UFL.EDU**

**DR. JUSTIN SHMALBERG** Service Chief  
DVM, University of Wisconsin, 2008. Completed an internship in acupuncture at the University of Florida in 2009 and a residency in nutrition in 2012. He is a Diplomate of the ACVN and is certified in veterinary acupuncture. Special interests include nutritional supplements, integrative medicine, nutritional oncology and energy expenditure during rehabilitation.

**DR. RICHARD HILL**  
VetMB, University of Cambridge, 1980. PhD, Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, 1993. MA, Medical Sciences, University of Cambridge, UK, 1981. Completed a residency in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1987. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM and ACVN. Special interests include nutrition, exercise and small animal gastroenterology.
**NEUROLOGY**

**DR. SHEILA CARRERA-JUSTIZ**
Service Chief
DVM, University of Florida, 2005. Completed a rotating small animal internship at the University of Missouri in 2006 and a rotating neurology internship at the Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego in 2007. Completed a neurology and neurosurgery residency at Tufts University, 2010. She is a Diplomate of the ACVIM (Neurology). Special interests include cerebrovascular disease, novel neurosurgical techniques and advanced imaging techniques.

**Services offered:** Diagnostic neurology, neurosurgery and radiosurgery.

**ONCOLOGY**

**DR. SARAH BOSTON**  Service Chief
DVM, University of Saskatchewan, 1996. Completed a rotating internship at the University of Guelph, 1997. DVSc and residency in small animal surgery, University of Guelph, Canada, 2003. Completed a fellowship in surgical oncology at Colorado State University in 2005. She is a Diplomate of the ACVS and an ACVS Founding Fellow of Surgical Oncology. She is president of the Veterinary Society of Surgical Oncology. Special interests include osteosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma, mast cell tumors, soft tissue sarcoma and staging of cancers.

**DR. AMANDINE LEJEUNE**
DVM, École nationale vétérinaire de Toulouse, 2007. Completed a rotating internship at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in 2009, an internship at Ontario Veterinary College in 2010 and a residency in medical oncology at UC Davis in 2013. She is a Diplomate of the ACVIM (Oncology). Special interests include targeted therapy, chemotherapy and clinical trials.

**DR. ROWAN MILNER**
BVSc, University of Pretoria in South Africa, 1980. MedVet, University of Pretoria, 1997. He achieved his PhD at the University of Pretoria, 2013. He is a Diplomate of the ECVIM (Internal Medicine and Oncology) and ACVIM (Oncology). Special interests include radiation oncology, cancer vaccines, osteosarcoma and soft tissue sarcomas.

**Services offered:** The Oncology Service provides you and your clients with a fully integrated approach to cancer diagnosis and treatment. Medical, surgical and radiation oncologists all work together within the service to discuss all available cancer options, regardless of diagnosis, prognosis or finances. We aim to provide your client with a personalized cancer plan following the consultation, with a goal of demystifying modern cancer therapies and offering support, comfort and hope.

**DR. KEIJIRO SHIOMITSU**
BVSc, Azabu University, Japan, 1997. Completed a residency at North Carolina State University in 2008. He is a Diplomate of the ACVR (Radiation Oncology). Special interests include angiogenesis, radiation sensitizer and Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT).
OPHTHALMOLOGY
ophthalmologydept@vetmed.ufl.edu

Services offered: Diagnostic ophthalmology, medical treatment of eye disease, ophthalmic surgery including corneal, cataract, glaucoma, eyelid, and laser surgeries, pre-purchase and eye wellness examinations.

DR. CARYN PLUMMER Service Chief
DVM, University of Florida, 2002. Completed an internship at Michigan State University in 2003 and a residency in ophthalmology at the University of Florida in 2006. She is a Diplomate of the ACVO. Special interests include canine glaucoma, ocular pharmacology, surgery, ocular disease as a manifestation of systemic disease, equine and feline ophthalmology.

DR. DAVID WHITLEY
DVM, Auburn University, 1977. MS, Auburn University, 1981. Completed an internship at the University of Missouri in 1978 and residency training at the University of Florida. He is a Diplomate of the ACVO. Dr. Whitley has previously served on the faculty at the University of Florida, Auburn University and Iowa State University. Special interests include corneal disease, glaucoma, intraocular surgery, ocular pathology, equine ophthalmology and ophthalmic drug delivery systems.

Residents & Interns

DR. CARLOS SOUZA
DVM, Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de Janeiro (UFRRJ), 1997. MS, Veterinary Surgery, Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF), 1996. Completed a residency at University of Illinois, 2004. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM (Oncology) and the ACVS. Special interests include oral squamous cell carcinoma in cats and retinoids.

Residents & Interns

DR. ABBIE SPEAS

DR. KRISTINA BOWLES

DR. KAYLA HARDING

DR. ALEXIS LIVACCARI

DR. OWEN SKINNER

Residents

DR. CAROLINE MONK

DR. LAURA PROIETTO

DR. WILLIAM BERKOWSKI, JR.
SMALL ANIMAL EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE

Services offered: Emergency management of all medical and surgical conditions, intensive care of critically ill patients including hemodialysis, mechanical ventilation, advanced hemodynamic monitoring, fluid therapy and blood transfusion.

DR. GARETH BUCKLEY Service Chief
VetMB, 2005 and MA, 2006, University of Cambridge, UK. Completed a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery, Royal Veterinary College, University of London, 2006. Completed an internship and residency in emergency and critical care at Tufts University, 2010. He is a Diplomate of the ACVECC. Special interests include cardiopulmonary resuscitation and protocol driven medicine.

DR. TRAVIS LANAUX Service Chief
DVM, Louisiana State University, 2006. Completed a small animal rotating internship and a residency in emergency and critical care at Tufts University, 2010. He is a Diplomate of the ACVECC. Special interests include bedside diagnostic testing and colloid fluid therapy.

DR. ASHLEY ALLEN
DVM, Mississippi State University, 2010. Completed a residency in small animal emergency and critical care, Auburn University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, 2013. Completed a residency in small animal emergency and critical care at the University of Florida, 2014. She is a Diplomate of the ACVECC. Special interests include snake envenomation and veterinary trauma patients.

DR. BOBBI CONNER
DVM, Michigan State University, 2007. Completed a small animal rotating internship at the University of Illinois in 2008 and a residency in emergency and critical care at North Carolina State University in 2011. She is a Diplomate of the ACVECC. Special interests include coagulopathies, thrombosis and antithrombotic therapies.

DR. LEONEL LONDOÑO
DVM, University of Florida, 2011. Completed a rotating internship in surgery and medicine at Hollywood Animal Hospital in 2012. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM and the ACVECC. Special interests include hemodialysis, renal physiology, pathophysiology and ultrasonographic evaluation in the critical and emergent patient.

PRIMARY CARE & DENTISTRY

Services offered: Comprehensive wellness care to outpatients. Preventive, endodontic and restorative dentistry.

DR. AMY STONE Service Chief
DVM, University of Florida, 1999. PhD, Veterinary Medical Sciences, University of Florida, 2002. Special interests include dentistry, vaccinology and small animal medicine.

DR. FRANCESCA GRIFFIN
DVM, University of Florida, 2003. MS, Medical Sciences, University of South Florida, 1997. Special interests include preventive medicine.

DR. WENDY MANDESE
DVM, University of Florida, 2002. Special interests include preventive medicine and dentistry.

DR. JULIA WUERZ
DVM, University of Florida, 2002. Special interests include dentistry, behavior and medical diagnostics.

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Dr. Alex Lynch
BVSc(Hons) MRCVS, University of Bristol, 2009. Completed a small animal rotating internship at Dick White Referrals in Cambridgeshire in 2011 and a residency in emergency and critical care at Tufts University in 2015. Special interests include thromboembolic disease and transfusion medicine.

Dr. Michael Schaer
DVM, University of Illinois, 1970. Completed an internship and residency in medicine at the Animal Medical Center, New York City, 1973. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM and the ACVECC. Special interests include endocrinology, fluid and electrolyte disorders, snake bite and other environmental emergencies.

Residents

Dr. Christopher Corrie
US Army Sponsored

Dr. Jesseca Bullock

Dr. Rachel Davy

Interns

Dr. John Gagnepain

Dr. Stacey Fox-Alvarez

Small Animal Internal Medicine

Services offered: Diagnosis and treatment of all medical conditions, critical care, endoscopic diagnosis and therapy (rhinoscopy, bronchoscopy, cystoscopy, upper and lower GI endoscopy), hemodialysis, laser lithotripsy and nutrition.

Dr. Andrew Specht
Service Chief
DVM, University of Minnesota, 2000. Completed an internship at Tufts University, 2001 and a residency in small animal internal medicine at Michigan State University in 2004. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM. Special interests include urology, nephrology, hematology and image-guided therapies.

Dr. Kirsten Cooke
DVM, Tufts University, 1993. Completed an internship in small animal internal medicine and surgery at Michigan Veterinary Specialists in 1994 and a residency at the University of Florida in 1998. She is a Diplomate of the ACVIM. Special interests include critical care medicine and internal medicine.

Dr. Alex Gallagher
DVM, University of Florida, 2001. Completed a residency in small animal internal medicine at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine in 2008. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM. Special interests include endocrinology and interventional endoscopy.

Dr. Richard Hill
VetMB, University of Cambridge, 1980. PhD, Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, 1993. MA, Medical Sciences, University of Cambridge, UK, 1981. Completed a residency in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1987. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM and ACVN. Special interests include nutrition, exercise and small animal gastroenterology.
SMALL ANIMAL SURGERY

Services offered: Soft tissue and orthopedic surgery, laparoscopy and arthroscopy (minimally invasive surgery), TPLO and TTA surgery and renal transplantation.

DR. GARY ELLISON Service Chief
DVM, University of Illinois, 1975. Completed a residency and MS in small animal surgery at Colorado State University, 1981. He is a Diplomate of the ACVS. Special interests include gastrointestinal surgery, laser surgery, perianal fistulas, minimally invasive surgery and feline renal transplantation.

DR. MAURICIO DUJOWICH
DVM, University of California, Davis, 2004. Completed a surgical internship at Alameda East Veterinary Hospital in 2005, a rotating internship at Veterinary Specialty Hospital in 2006 and a residency in surgery at Iowa State University in 2009. He is a Diplomate of the ACVS. Special interests include surgical site infections, orthopedic surgery, microvascular surgery and minimally invasive surgery.

DR. J. BRAD CASE
DVM, University of California, Davis, 2006. MS in Clinical Science, Colorado State University, 2011. Completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Texas A&M University in 2007. Completed an internship at Flatiron Veterinary Specialists in 2008 and a residency in small animal surgery at Colorado State University in 2011. He is a Diplomate of the ACVS. Special interests include urinary tract, cardiothoracic, upper airway and minimally invasive surgery, as well as image-guided interventional procedures (e.g. Intrahepatic PortoSystemic Shunts).

DR. MATTHEW JOHNSON
DVM, University of Florida, 1997. MS, University of Saskatchewan, 2009. Completed a rotating internship at Florida Veterinary Specialists in 2001, a surgical fellowship at Washington State University in 2002, a surgical internship at Western Veterinary Specialists in 2004, an internship in surgery and critical care at the University of Missouri in 2005 and a surgical residency at Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 2008. He is a Diplomate of the ACVS. Special interests include minimally invasive surgery, wound management, reconstructive surgery, joint repair and reconstruction.

DR. STANLEY E. KIM

DR. DAN LEWIS
DVM, University of California, Davis, 1983. Completed an internship at Louisiana State University, 1984, and a residency in small animal surgery at the University of Florida, 1987. He is a Diplomate of the ACVS. Special interests include orthopedics with an emphasis on fracture repair, correction of limb deformities and both hybrid and circular external skeletal fixation.

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DR. DARRYL HEARD  Service Chief
BVMS, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia, 1981. PhD, University of Florida, 1994. Completed a residency in veterinary anesthesia in 1985 and another residency in zoological medicine in 1987, both at the University of Florida. He is a Diplomate of the ACZM. Special interests include the restraint and anesthesia of non-domestic species.

DR. RAMIRO ISAZA

DR. JAMES WELLEHAN
DVM, University of Minnesota, 2001. PhD from University of Florida in 2010. MS in Molecular Veterinary Biosciences, University of Minnesota, 2001. Completed an internship at Ontario Veterinary College in 2002 and a residency in zoological medicine at the University of Florida in 2005. He is a Diplomate of the ACZM and ACVM. Special interests include comparative infectious disease diagnostics, host-pathogen coevolution and reptile medicine and surgery.

Residents

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Service Chief: Dr. Jim Wellehan
Lab Manager: Rebecca Richardson

**Anatomic Pathology (Necropsy & Surgical Pathology)**
Service Chief: Dr. Jeff Abbott
Lab Manager: Micaela Barter

**Services offered:** The anatomic pathology service provides diagnostic services to large and small animals in the areas of necropsy and surgical pathology.

**DR. JEFF ABBOTT** Service Chief
DVM, Washington State University, 1997. PhD, Veterinary Immunology, Washington State University, 2004. He is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests and ongoing projects include the study of the mechanisms of host immunity as it relates to persistence of diseases, vaccine production, nutrition and pathology.

**DR. WILLIAM CASTLEMAN**
DVM, University of California, Davis, 1971. PhD, Comparative Pathology, University of California, Davis, 1979. He is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests include experimental pathology with a focus on pathogenesis of viral respiratory disease and recent emphasis on canine influenza virus infection.

**DR. JULIA CONWAY**
DVM, University of Florida, 2006. BS, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Rochester Institute of Technology, 2003. She is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests include dermatopathology, diagnostic pathology, tumor pathology and ophthalmic pathology.

**DR. SERENA CRAFT**
DVM, Washington State University, 2004. Completed a residency in anatomic pathology at the University of Florida in 2013. She is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests include developing a safe and efficacious vaccine for Ehrlichia canis and investigating different adjuvant formulations for safety and efficacy.

**DR. WILLIAM CRAFT**
DVM, Washington State University, 2004. Completed a residency in anatomic pathology at the University of Florida in 2013. Special interests include dermatopathology, diagnostic pathology, dermatology and allergy.
CLINICAL PATHOLOGY

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DR. MICHAEL DARK
DVM, Michigan State University, 2001. PhD, Veterinary Microbiology & Pathology, Washington State University, 2008. He is a Diplomate of the ACVP and has a special interest in veterinary pathology.

DR. LISA FARINA
DVM, University of Florida, 1999. Completed a residency in anatomic pathology at the University of Florida in 2003 and a fellowship in zoological pathology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 2005. She is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests include diagnostic pathology of spontaneous diseases of captive and free-ranging non-domestic species.

DR. PAMELA GINN
DVM, Colorado State University, 1983. BS, Veterinary Science, Colorado State University, 1980. She is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests include diagnostic pathology of spontaneous diseases of captive and free-ranging non-domestic species.

Residents

DR. EMBER EPPERSON

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DR. SARAH BEATTY
DVM, University of Florida, 2011. Completed a residency at the University of Florida in 2014. She is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests include large animal clinical pathology, oncology, zoological and wildlife medicine and infectious disease.

DR. MARY LEISSINGER
DVM, Louisiana State University, 2010. MS, Louisiana State University, 2014. Completed a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Tennessee in 2011 and a residency in clinical pathology at Louisiana State University in 2014. Special interests include clinical chemistry and coagulation.

DR. JENNIFER OWEN
DVM, University of Florida, 2012. PhD, Immunology, University of Miami School of Medicine, 2003. She is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests include cancer immunology and mucosal immunity.

Residents

DR. LAURA BLACK

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1. Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program
2. Veterinary Community Outreach

Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program at UF

Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program provides consultation and direct assistance to animal shelter veterinary practitioners and operations managers. Infectious disease consultation services are also provided for veterinary clinics, boarding kennels and other animal facilities. Services offered include diagnosis and response to disease outbreaks, onsite shelter consultation and phone/email discussion on animal health issues. Areas of consultation include preventive care, infectious disease, sanitation, animal welfare, behavior, spay/neuter, population management and improving outcomes for shelter pets. Consultations can be arranged by calling 352-273-8660 or visiting sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu. Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program also offers an online training program in shelter medicine, veterinary forensic sciences, veterinary infectious disease, sanitation, animal welfare, behavior, spay/neuter, population management and improving outcomes for shelter pets. Consultations can be arranged by calling 352-273-8660 or visiting sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu. Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program also offers an online training program in shelter medicine, veterinary forensic sciences, veterinary infectious disease, sanitation, animal welfare, behavior, spay/neuter, population management and improving outcomes for shelter pets. Consultations can be arranged by calling 352-273-8660 or visiting sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu.

VETERINARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Veterinary Community Outreach Program provides an opportunity for veterinary students to develop their basic surgical skills through service learning and community outreach. The program also administers HAARTS, Helping Alachua’s Animals Requiring Treatment and Surgery, a donation-based service that works with shelters in order to enhance the surgical training of UF veterinary students beyond spay and neuter while saving animals at risk for euthanasia in local shelters. Finally, the program focuses on developing a veterinary workforce sensitive to the animal welfare needs of the community through regular outreach to local animal shelters and participation in the weekly St. Francis House Pet Care Clinic.

Dr. Terry Spencer tspercn@ufl.edu
Maddie’s Clinical Assistant Professor of Shelter Medicine
Dr. Spencer received her MEd in Curriculum & Instruction from the University of South Florida in 1982 and previously worked as a science educator until 1995 when she earned her DVM from Colorado State University. She practiced small animal medicine as both an associate and a practice owner in Salinas, CA. During this time, she developed an interest in shelter medicine by contracting to provide veterinary care for Monterey County Animal Services. In 2004, she returned to Florida to work exclusively in shelter medicine both in open-admission and adoption-guarantee facilities. As the Director of Distance Learning for Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program, Dr. Spencer focuses on designing effective instructional materials for teaching the knowledge and skills required to successfully practice in the emerging discipline of Shelter Medicine.

Dr. Natalie Isaza isazan@ufl.edu
Grevior Clinical Associate Professor
Clinical Service Chief, Veterinary Community Outreach Program
Dr. Isaza received her DVM from the University of Florida in 1994 and completed a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Cornell University in 1995. She is the founding faculty member of the Merial Shelter Clerkship, started at UF in 2003. Following completion of her internship, Dr. Isaza worked in private small animal practice in California for four years. Prior to her current position at UF, she was on the faculty of Kansas State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, where she was a community practice clinician and also supervised veterinary students in dental procedures and spay/neuter surgeries. Her interests include pediatric spay and neuter, developing shelter wellness programs for shelters and working with homeless and low-income members of our community to help them keep their pets healthy.
**DR. BRIAN DIGANGI** digangib@ufl.edu
Clinical Assistant Professor of Shelter Medicine

Dr. DiGangi received his DVM from the University of Florida in 2006, completed an internship at Long Island Veterinary Specialists in 2007 and was the first veterinarian to complete a residency in shelter medicine at UF in 2010. Shortly thereafter, Dr. DiGangi became a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in Canine and Feline Practice and received a MS degree from UF in veterinary medical sciences. Special interests include cleaning and disinfection, high quality and volume spay-neuter techniques and enhancing the welfare of animals in shelters.

**DR. KELLY HARRISON** kelmeyer@ufl.edu
Clinical Instructor of Shelter Medicine

Dr. Harrison received her DVM from the University of Florida in 2012. Prior to veterinary school, she received her MS in Veterinary Sciences, also at UF. Following graduation, Dr. Harrison completed a one year internship in shelter medicine at the University of Florida. Special interests include improving the overall standards of care and well-being of shelter animals, high quality and volume spay-neuter and behavior health strategies for animals living within a shelter environment.

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