

# About your Medical Team

## Your Senior Clinician

Your senior clinician is a board certified specialist veterinarian who is overseeing your animal's care while your animal is a patient at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center (VMC). It is the senior clinician's responsibility to ensure that your animal receives coordinated compassionate care by all the doctors, technicians, and students who are taking care of your animal during its stay. Your senior clinician or a representative will also contact your referring veterinarian and keep him or her informed of your animal's progress. All of the senior clinicians are board certified in their area of expertise.

## The VMC medical care team

The following are medical professionals who are caring for your animal during its stay at the Veterinary Medical Center. The Veterinary Medical Center is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Residents

Residents are licensed veterinarians (D.V.M.s) who are in a two- to three-year specialty training program. Many will have been in a private practice or had advanced training prior to their residency training at the VMC. The resident on your medical care team works with the senior clinician, intern, technicians, and veterinary medical students to supervise and manage your animal's care.

### Interns

Interns are licensed veterinarians (D.V.M.s) who are in a one-year advanced training program following veterinary medical school. Many interns have worked in private practice prior to their internship at the VMC. An intern works with the senior clinician, resident, technicians, and veterinary medical students to manage your animal's care.

### Technicians

Veterinary technicians, certified through the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, are involved in all aspects of your animal's care, from assisting in complex medical, surgical, and diagnostic procedures to providing routine treatments and daily patient monitoring.

## Veterinary Medical Students

DVM Students are in their final year of veterinary medical school and work under the close supervision of the senior clinician and resident. At the completion of this final year of veterinary medical school these students will be fully licensed veterinarians. Students have been assigned to assist in providing care and monitoring the condition of your animal. For this reason, students will be consulting with you and asking lots of questions. Your cooperation will help these students become excellent veterinarians.

## Specialty Consultants

During your animal's stay at the Veterinary Medical Center, your clinician may consult with other medical, surgical, or diagnostic specialists in areas such as cardiology, anesthesiology, radiology and dentistry to ensure the best possible care for your animal.

If you or a designated representative would like to contact one of the doctors tending to your horse or meet with other VMC staff, please contact the Large Animal Hospital's front office at 612-625- 6700 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.