Small Animal Orthopaedic Surgery
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- **Rotation Emphasis:**
  - History taking & Orthopaedic Exam,
  - Diagnostic Evaluation (Rads, CT, MRI, Joint taps),
  - Conservative Care vs. Surgical Options
  - Pre & Post-op Care
  - Bandaging
  - Surgery
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- **Recommended:** All Students !!!
- **Best time to take:** Anytime
- **Intern candidates:** Early in the year
- **Clinic Schedule:** receive Mon. & Wed. Sx. Tue. Th. & Fr.
  - Students see new cases and rechecks.
- **Outpatient/Inpatient:** 10-12 / 3-6 per receiving day
- **On-Call, Nights & Weekend Duty:** Yes
  - shared with General Surgery, Dentistry and Radiology
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Rotation Staffing
• 1 faculty,
• 2 residents, +/- intern
• 3-4 students
  • Limited weeks available for student rotations
  • Will open more weeks to student if demand is there

Study Expectations:
• Read your Yr 3 notes b/f rotation
• Read handouts distributed b/f rotation
• Background reading on hospitalized cases
• Review surgical approaches on each case
What should you expect to do:

- History taking
- General PE & Orthopaedic Examination
  - Awake and sedated
- Joint Taps
- Evaluation of radiographs
  - Introduction to CT & MRI
- Pre-op patient assessment & care
- Surgical Assistant
  - Scrub in on all assigned cases
- Post-op patient assessment & care
  - Pain management, bandaging
- Client communication
  - Oral and written
What should you expect to do:

- Work hard
- See cool cases
- Help animals & people
  “Fix Stuff”
- ....Have Fun!!!!