WHAT ARE STUDENTS LEARNING AT WISCARES ANYWAY?!
WISCARES
WISCONSIN COMPANION ANIMAL RESOURCES, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- 2014: Outreach Program Started
- Collaboration with Schools of Social Work and Pharmacy
- Help pet owners experiencing homeless & housing instability
- Increase access to human and animal healthcare and social services
- Practical one-health based approach
- More than a low-income vaccine clinic
NEW WISCARES FACILITY

- 2018: New WisCARES facility Low-Cost, Full Service Veterinary Clinic!
  - 4200 Square Feet, off Fish Hatchery near the Beltline
  - Reception, 4 Exam rooms (including a feline only room)
FULL SERVICE CLINIC

- Open 6 days a week
  - Receiving Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
  - Surgery and Dentals on Thursday
- Radiology
- In-House Laboratory
- Pharmacy
WISCARES ROTATION

• Focus on History Taking and Performing Physical Exams
• Emphasis on Leading Communication, Building Rapport and Trust
• Limited budget for diagnostics and therapy
  • Core Clinical Skills
WISCARES ROTATION

- **Rotation Emphasis:** Small animal general practice; specializing in problem solving and “being the doctor”

- **Recommended:** All students

- **Best time to take:** Spring and Summer are busiest seasons

- **4th Year Clinic Schedule:** M-F 8:00am to 5pm
  - Often completing records/paperwork/research cases after appointments finished
  - Some self-guided time outside of clinic hours
**WISCARES ROTATION**

- **Outpatient/Inpatient:** 100% outpatient
  - Day hospitalization only, if overnight monitoring needed, patient referred elsewhere

- **Weekend Duty:** Possible WisCARES boarding patients

- **ICU:** None
WISCARES ROTATION

• **What should you expect to do:** Opportunity to be the doctor!!
  • Case lead for medicine cases
  • Participation with surgery and dentistry as needed for your patients
  • Case management/owner communication/follow-up on lab work
  • Self-driven learning environment

• **Study Expectations:** Wellness
  • Basic diagnostics (what can you do with cytology???)
  • Emphasis on on-site reference
  • Teamwork and building practical clinical approach skills
INTERDISCIPLINARY

• One Health Philosophy
• Working up cases with students and faculty from the schools of:
  • Social Work
  • Pharmacy
  • (Human) Medicine
  • Nursing…