

WHAT ARE STUDENTS LEARNING  
AT WISCARES ANYWAY?!



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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
- **4<sup>th</sup> 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...





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