Small Animal General Surgery
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- Required for all students
- Best time to take?
  - At least once before boards
  - Intern candidate?
Logistics...

• **Species:**
  - 85% dogs
  - 12% cats
  - 3% Other

• **Hours:**
  - M-F 7am- ?
  - On-call – Yes
  - Weekends – Yes
  - Only allowed to miss 2 of 14 days with advanced notice (contact faculty in advance)
Rotation Emphasis

• Problem-oriented medical approach
  – Problem list and Differential Diagnoses
  – Diagnostic and Treatment Plan

• Clinical and Surgical Techniques
  – Spays and neuters on Mondays

• Proper surgical technique
  – Active assistant for referral level surgeries

• Post-operative management
  – Complications
  – Wound management and healing

• Client communication and Medical Record Keeping
How to succeed in General Surgery?

- Willingly participate/Volunteer to take cases
- Read up on your cases (before they come in!)
- Assist in surgery, watch other surgeries
- Actively participate in rounds
- Be active in case management
  - You be the doctor!
- Be a team player (help each other!)

Finally....
Questions?