Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care Residency in Switzerland

The Small Animal Clinic of the Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Bern, Switzerland is offering a 3 year Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care residency. This training program is aimed at qualifying candidates for the ACVECC certifying examination. Starting date is July 1st, 2016. The program is supported by 3 board certified emergency and critical care diplomats as well as other boarded specialists. The hospital has a large referral and emergency caseload. Residents rotate through overnight and daytime shifts in the emergency and critical care unit. Training is also provided through rotations in anesthesia, cardiology, internal medicine, neurology, ophthalmology, radiology and surgery. Residents manage their cases under direct and indirect supervision. They participate in technical staff- and rotating veterinary student training. Residents are required to participate in daily cage side rounds, weekly hospital rounds, journal club and resident seminars. Within the first 2 years, residents should complete a publication that satisfies the ACVECC credentials requirements.

Prerequisites to be considered for the residency program include a licence to practice in a European country, completion of a small animal rotating internship, or equivalent mentored practice experience of at least two years. The Small Animal Clinic of the University of Bern has specialists in anesthesiology, critical care, clinical pathology, dermatology, internal medicine, nephrology, ophthalmology, radiology and surgery, and offers residency programs in several of these specialties. Applicants should have strong communication skills, an energetic attitude, compassion and enthusiasm for helping clients and patients alike. In addition, good knowledge of German, French and English languages is necessary; although 60% of our clients and referring veterinarians are francophone, the main language in use in Bern is German.

For further information please contact Dr. Katja Adamik (katja.adamik@vetsuisse.unibe.ch). Applications will be considered through March 15th, 2016.