

## **SURGICAL/GENERAL MEDICINE EXTERNSHIP**

The Tri-State Spay/Neuter Clinic Veterinary Student Externship is a two-week (40 hours/week) unpaid learning opportunity, designed to deliver spay/neuter surgical instruction as well as general medicine. We offer students a real look at a busy small animal veterinary practice who's focus is to provide HQHV Spay/Neuter and low-cost medical and wellness care for our rural community. The program is open to senior veterinary students attending AVMA-accredited colleges who have completed at least the didactic and surgery lab portion of their veterinary training (not rotations).

We believe in giving our externs the most realistic experience as possible. Externs will experience surgical instruction every day they are working but also have the chance to experience all aspects of a small animal veterinary practice, including surgery check-in and discharge, wellness and sick pet exams, anesthesia, clinical and laboratory techniques. The exact curriculum is determined by patient/case availability and each student's ability. Most students perform 15 surgeries over the two-week period.

Location: Murphy, NC which is the western point of NC just over the GA and TN border. Murphy is bordered by the Cherokee National Forest, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Chattahoochee National Forest, and Nantahala National Forest.

<https://townofmurphync.com/>.

### **Our Veterinary Student Externship experience includes (but is not limited to):**

- **SURGERY** - including: • Anatomy review • Introduction & usage of high-volume surgical techniques (ligatures, ovarian pedicle ties, incision placement theories) • Review of individual student techniques, including efficiency of motion & body mechanics • Instrument review • Surgical preparation procedures • Identification & management of complications • Patient selection, including discussion of expected outcomes & higher risks • Patient anesthetic monitoring & recovery • Recheck examinations • Discussion of in-house anesthetic protocols, including pain management

- **GENERAL MEDICINE** – including: • Client communication • Physical examination • Case work-up • Diagnostics • Treatments • Follow-up care • Working with the client’s resources to provide high-quality care
- **LOCAL SHELTER / RESCUE EXPERIENCE** • Working visits at one or two local area shelters/rescues, if desired. Experience the unique aspects of shelter veterinary medicine including: • Herd health management • Disease outbreak and prevention • Shelter behavioral medicine • Using statistics to maximize live outcomes • Medical decision-making processes • Budget concerns

**What we provide:**

- A furnished place to stay at no charge. Pets allowed.
- Balance! A 4-day work week (Tuesday-Friday), so you get time to enjoy the beautiful mountains of NC and the surrounding areas and events.
- Soda/Drinks provided during shift

**How to Apply:**

To apply, send resume to Mark@ TriStateSpayNeuterClinic.com along with dates you would be available.

Once we look over your information, we will schedule a time when we can have a phone interview with our Lead DVM & Surgeon Dr. Penny Coder.

**Instructions for Scheduled Students:**

Applying for the NC Intern Permit

Once selected, you will immediately need to complete the online application for the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board (NCVMB) intern permit. The application also requires:

- Creating a registration login on the NCVMB website;
- A credit card, check, or e-check payment of \$25;
- A dean’s letter verifying your good academic standing and your current student

status (e.g., full-time, fourth-year student);

- A copy of your social security card.

Once our instructor receives the request through this system, and approves your application, the NCVMB will send us your permit. You will also receive an email confirmation that your permit has been approved.