



## Practice-Based Equine Clerkship

### PRACTICE POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

<b>PRACTICE NAME</b>	Creekside Veterinary Clinic
<b>PRACTICE ADDRESS</b>	3653 Pioneer Tr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
<b>PRACTICE PHONE NUMBER</b>	386-428-4721 (office). 386-690-0879 (cell)
<b>ENROLLING DVM(s):</b>	Cindy S. Merrick, DVM
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<b>ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATES IN PRACTICE:</b>	N/A

**PRACTICE DESCRIPTION:** Mobile equine practice. Occasional cat neuter, SA vaccination and assisted calving. Also may assist sheriff's department with equine rescue.

#### SPECIFIC PRACTICE POLICIES:

Is smoking permitted by the practice? Y  N  Does the practitioner smoke? Y  N

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Standard working attire for students (i.e., coveralls, boots, khaki-type pants, polo-type shirts):  
Anything comfortable and that can get dirty. I usually wear blue jeans, tennis shoes and a shirt that can be tucked into pants

Items student need to bring (i.e., stethoscope, bedding, towel): Good attitude and curiosity

Living accommodations:

Commuter practice? (Less than 25 mi. from Gainesville) Y  N

Provided by practice? Y  N  If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, PBEC will provide housing

If the student has family/friends in the area, how close to the clinic does this type of housing need to be? Within 30 minutes

Are laundry facilities available for student use? Y  N

Do students need their own transportation while at the practice? Y  N

Should student pack a lunch to eat on the road? Y  N

Are pets allowed? Y  N  Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours/Weekend Policy: Extremely variable. I am on call 24/7 so any arrangement can be made. i can set hours for the student or I can call them when something comes up.

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**PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS FOR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE (PLEASE CIRCLE/UNDERLINE ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE BELOW)**

- Upon arrival at your PBEC practice (day one of your rotation) you will be expected to be able to perform and/or be knowledgeable concerning the following items. **The items circled/underlined are those that this practice would like to emphasize as especially important.**
- Be able to correctly and legibly label blood tubes for submission to a diagnostic lab
- Be able to generate a rule-out list for common diseases of the various systems, especially:
  - **Gastrointestinal**                      \*\*Ophthalmology problems
  - Respiratory
  - Musculoskeletal
  - Neurologic
  - Skin
  - Reproductive
- Be able to generate a case management plan including therapeutics for treatment and prevention.
- Other: Current thinking on deworming practices
- Be able to generate a rule-out list and case management plan (as above) when presented with an animal/herd that display(s) the following clinical signs:
  - **Colic**
  - Hyperthermia
  - Anorexia
  - Abnormal lung sounds
  - Lameness in one or more limbs
  - Neurologic
  - **Non-pruritic skin disease**
  - **Pruritic skin disease**
  - Acute and chronic diarrhea
  - Abortion
  - Weight loss
  - Others: I try very hard to educate clients on preventive measure. An informed client is my best client.