

Don Low Fellowship: Ophthalmology

The Ophthalmology Service is currently comprised of 6 faculty members who are Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists, 4 residents, 1 ophthalmology intern, 2 technicians, and 4-6 students on service at any one time. Don Low Fellows participate in all activities of the service including client appointments, student teaching rounds, journal club, and procedures.

General weekly schedule:

Mondays: receiving of new and recheck appointments

Tuesdays: surgical procedures, diagnostic workups, and receiving of new and recheck appointments

Wednesdays: journal club, surgical procedures and diagnostic workups

Thursdays: receiving of new and recheck appointments

Fridays: receiving of recheck appointments

*In-house consultations, emergency appointments, and emergency surgeries can occur every day of the week.

The fellow's schedule can be either a set day/week or a series of days in a row.

Goals for the Don Low Fellow can be flexible, but typically include:

- Learn how to perform a thorough ophthalmic examination and maximize understanding of the equipment utilized to do so
- Learn how to diagnose common ocular disorders using the examination findings and adjunctive testing
- Gain a more complete understanding of the pathophysiology behind each ocular finding to help generate a comprehensive list of differential diagnoses
- Learn the most up-to-date treatment options for common ocular disorders in small animals
- Review commonly utilized ophthalmic medications, their indications, and contraindications
- Observe ophthalmic surgical procedures and participate in pre-, intra- and post-operative discussions regarding patient selection, surgical options available, and the importance of adjunctive medical therapy
- Attend daily student rounds during which the most common ocular diseases are presented in a case-based format
- Attend weekly journal club sessions on Wednesday from 8-9 am when the schedule allows

More information on the ophthalmology service can be found at

http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/vmth/small_animal/ophthalmology/index.cfm