

## **Nutrition Support Service Don Low Fellowship**

### **Description of Service Activities**

The Nutrition Support Service consults with the small animal receiving services of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital to provide nutritional recommendations and feeding plans for their patients. The Service provides similar consulting services to veterinarians outside of the university. We also maintain a receiving schedule for direct appointments with owners and their pets. The clinical scope of the Nutrition Support Service encompasses a wide range of customized nutritional management plans, including commercial diet recommendations, critical care nutrition, weight loss programs, nutritional consultation for metabolic diseases, and the evaluation and formulation of home-prepared therapeutic diets. The fellow will become familiar with veterinary therapeutic diets. Close interactions with house officers, veterinary students, and service faculty will facilitate the learning experience.

### **Learning Objectives**

- Learn how to integrate nutrition into your practice with implementation of nutritional assessment protocols as well as preventative and interventional strategies.
- Attend Nutrition Rounds with our Service on Tuesday mornings. Integrated clinical rounds with other services including medicine occur weekly.
- Prepare, participate and follow up (e.g. provision of written or verbal recommendations) on remote or on-site nutrition consultations.
- Evaluation and formulation of a home-prepared diet. The purpose of this exercise is to gain a general understanding of the required information and process behind creating a home-prepared diet; however, within the limited scope and time of a Fellowship experience, this is not intended to provide adequate training for becoming proficient at diet formulation.
- Develop a familiarity with commercially available therapeutic diets including an understanding of the strategies and differences among products as well as opportunities for their use beyond those indicated in the manufacturer's guide.
- Development of successful weight loss programs that can be used daily in your practice
- If desired, opportunities exist for mentored, self-study in areas of special interest to the candidate