Small Animal Orthopaedic Surgery
Orthopaedic Surgery

Rotation Emphasis:
- Evaluation of lameness in Small Animals
- History Taking & Orthopaedic Exam
- Diagnostic Evaluation (Radiographs plus CT, U/S, MRI, Joint cytology)

- Conservative Care vs. Surgical Options
- Pre & Post-op Care
- Bandaging
- Surgery
Recommended: All Students !!!
Best time to take: Anytime
Intern candidates: Early in the year (Summer/Fall)

Clinic Schedule: receive Tues & Thurs. Sx. Mon. Wed. & Fr.
  - Students see new cases and rechecks.
Outpatient/Inpatient: 10-12 / 3-6 per receiving day
On-Call for ER Sx & Wknd Patient Care Duty: Yes
  - shared with General Surgery, Dentistry and Radiology
Orthopaedic Surgery

Rotation Staffing:
- 1 faculty
- 1-2 residents, +/- intern
- 3-4 students/block
  - Limited weeks available for student rotations
  - Will open more weeks to student if demand is there

Study Expectations:
- Read your Yr 3 notes b/f rotation
- Read handouts distributed b/f rotation
- Background reading on hospitalized cases
- Review surgical approaches on each case
What should you expect to do:

History Taking
General PE & Orthopaedic Examination
  o  Awake and sedated

Evaluation of radiographs
  o  Introduction to CT & MRI

Pre-op patient assessment & care

Surgical Assistant
  o  Scrub in on all assigned cases

Post-op patient assessment & care
  o  Pain management, bandaging

Client communication
  o  Oral and written
What should you expect to see:

Mix of cases

Common & Unusual

- Fractures  *(simple & complex)*
- Cruciate Ligament Ruptures
- Patella Luxations
- Elbow Dysplasia, Hip Dysplasia
- Chronic Lameness
- Angular Limb Deformities

Help animals & people

“Fix Stuff”