

## Residency Training Programme in Ophthalmology

Willows Referral Services is a busy, specialist multi-disciplinary small animal referral hospital in the West Midlands. Our philosophy is to provide the best possible levels of care for clients, their pets and for referring veterinary surgeons. We have an excellent team of support staff who give our clinicians the opportunity to concentrate on their clinical caseload and to work in a pleasant, supportive and good humoured atmosphere. Willows holds the Investors in People Award at Silver level.

The successful applicant will work alongside two ophthalmology specialists, supported by colleagues in neurology, orthopaedics, soft tissue surgery, internal medicine, oncology, cardiology, dermatology, anaesthesia and diagnostic imaging. In-patient care is a priority and includes 24 hour veterinary and nursing cover, with support from experienced interns. Diagnostic and surgical facilities are second to none and include GE 16 slice CT, 1.5T MRI, two digital X-ray rooms, ultrasonography, electrodiagnostic equipment, a Carl Zeiss operating microscope, and an extensive range of other surgical equipment.

The residency is an ECVO Approved Residency Training Programme and the successful candidate will work towards achieving the Diploma of the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmology. The residency programme will comprise clinical training in comparative ophthalmology, experience and training in other relevant disciplines, clinical research, and access to informal and formal teaching. Where necessary externships will be arranged in order to satisfy ECVO Diploma training requirements, including exotic and large animal ophthalmology. CPD both in the UK and abroad is encouraged and funded.

The residency programme will be for a period of three years. Progress will be reviewed after 1, 3 and 6 months and then every 6 months thereafter. All applicants should have spent at least two years in clinical veterinary practice and completed a small animal rotating internship; completion of an ophthalmology internship would be advantageous. Good communication skills and high standards of patient care are essential. Candidates must be registered, or eligible to register, with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

The position will be well remunerated, and the package includes four weeks annual leave plus public holidays, generous time off and funding for CPD and study, plus a company pension scheme. Membership fees for RCVS, VDS and one other professional body will be paid. To learn more about Willows, please visit [www.willows.uk.net](http://www.willows.uk.net) and follow the links to the *Veterinary Professionals* section.

Willows is centrally located within easy reach of Birmingham, Birmingham Airport, London and the National Rail and motorway networks, but only a short drive away from historic Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick and the beautiful Warwickshire countryside.

You can apply for the position online at [www.willows.uk.net/careers](http://www.willows.uk.net/careers), or in writing including a letter of intent, current CV, two letters of reference and an application form. The application form can be downloaded from the website. Informal enquiries should be directed to the Ophthalmology Residency Programme Director, Rodrigo Pinheiro de Lacerda, on [rodrigo.pinheirodelacerda@willows.uk.net](mailto:rodrigo.pinheirodelacerda@willows.uk.net).

The closing date for applications is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Interviews for the positions will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

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