

Posting for Available Associate Veterinarian Position, Douglasville, Georgia

I am writing to announce an opening position for an associate veterinarian at my hospital. Douglas County Animal Hospital (Douglasville, Georgia) has a reputation of being outstanding both in the community and among its peers.

At Douglas County Animal Hospital, we treat every patient as family members. Our goal is to restore the health of each family member who comes in ill and through our prevention protocols, address issues before they result in time away from their parents. The practice manager schedules in-house training monthly and make available quarterly out-of-house seminars to ensure that the staff is informed on new topics and new ways of old topics.

At this facility, an associate veterinarian will have an opportunity to hone physical exam skills with lots of annual visits, be stimulated by the intensity of some of the chronic cases and invigorated by the unexpected emergencies. A new graduate will be mentored. Rounds are held on hospital cases daily and outpatient cases are discussed as needed or at weekly rounds. I would not expect a new graduate to work by themselves immediately upon graduation.

The hospital staff ratio is 8:1. The nursing staff is well skilled in the basics of care as well as more advanced techniques: EKGs, ultrasounds, calculating IV drips rates and drug doses, administering chemotherapy, dental charting and radiographs, admissions and discharges of basic procedures, client communication and education. This ratio allows the doctor time to do what we went to school for: practice medicine.

The 4,000 sq.ft. facility is divided into two 'wings'. The outpatient side has three exam rooms, a salon, the pharmacy and the cat hotel. The cat hotel is off the lobby in a nice quiet corner with singing birds, catchable fish and two big corner windows to provide entertainment.

The inpatient side has the treatment area with two wet tables, one dry table and a prep area with rolling table, a walled-off surgical suite, a glass-front ICU and separate cat and dog wards. The laboratory area is all Idexx™. The surgical suite has a window to the lobby so the clients can watch their pets undergo laser surgery. The isolation ward is located in the back of the hospital on a separate air flow system. All oxygen and scavenger systems are 'in-wall' mounted.

The noisy dog hotel, located in the far corner away from the sensitive kitty ears, has indoor runs with benches, teddy bears and mandatory blankets. The overnighters and daycare visitors have access to five playgrounds with toys, wading pools, and interactive hotel staff.

I do hope you will pass my letter along to your seniors so that one of them may come and experience veterinary practice the way most of us dream of doing. Resumes can be faxed to 770-949-3151 or mailed to Douglas County Animal Hospital, 3440 Highway 5, Douglasville, Georgia 30135.

Sincerely,

Maggie Ann Mercer, DVM

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