



Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

Pre-Vet Newsletter

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Transfer students accepted to Cornell starting this Fall

Cornell will consider applications for advanced standing in the DVM program on an individual basis, if an opening exists in the second-year class. Students who have completed a portion of the curriculum (at least two full semesters) at another AVMA-accredited college may apply for admission with advanced standing.

The deadline to apply for this Fall is July 1, 2012. For more information about applying as a transfer student with advanced standing in our DVM degree program, and to access the Transfer Application, please visit the following link "[Transfer Applicants.](#)"



Class of 2017 Application is live!

The *Cornell Supplemental Application* is available on our web site at

<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/currentapplicantsnew.cfm>.

Applicants need to start the *VMCAS Application* and obtain their *VMCAS* number prior to beginning the Cornell Supplemental Application. The link to the *VMCAS* Application is <http://www.aavmc.org/Students-Applicants-and-Advisors/Veterinary-Medical-College-Application-Service.aspx>.

Note: If you are applying this year, consider sending your college transcripts in this summer (unless you are taking a summer course).

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Students to run healthy pet clinic at Brooklyn YMCA May 5

Article by~ Carly Hodes



Photo by Alexis Wenski-Roberts

On May 5, Cornell veterinary students and clinical faculty will join volunteer alumni to offer a daylong animal wellness clinic in Brooklyn at the Bedford-Stuyvesant YMCA.

The clinic, at 1121 Bedford Ave., will see large dogs 8-11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m., and cats and small dogs (beagle-sized and smaller) 1-5 p.m. Pet visits will cost \$20 per pet with all proceeds benefiting the YMCA. Owners will be required to present proof of rabies vaccination for all adult dogs and cats (animals over the age of four months).

The program is modeled after a veterinary program that's been running at Ithaca's Southside Community Center since 1996. Organized by Cornell parasitologist Dwight Bowman and veterinarians Daniel Fletcher and William Hornbuckle, the clinic allows first- and second-year veterinary students to hone skills that are used during typical wellness visits. During

the clinic, students will perform wellness visits on pets that may not otherwise have access to veterinary care. Pets diagnosed with any clinical condition are referred to local veterinary practices for further diagnostics and follow-up.

With a passion for student-community engagement, Bowman, professor of parasitology, won for his efforts a Kaplan Family Distinguished Faculty Fellowship in Service Learning award in May 2011. The annual award honors two Cornell faculty members for making a significant impact on Cornell education by involving students in service learning. Bowman and Fletcher, assistant professor of clinical sciences, is using the \$5,000 award to fund a clinic that was held in October in the Bronx and the upcoming clinic in Brooklyn.

"Students come to veterinary school to touch animals," said Bowman. "We wanted to give them that opportunity as soon as possible, so we developed a community practice training program that immediately allows students to make a difference. They handle everything from interacting with clients to examining patients. As supervisors we watch and assist only when needed, while older students mentor the younger students and manage the clinic. Bringing them to New York City will give us a chance to work and network with our many alumni in the area, begin interacting with New York City communities where need is great, and gain greater exposure."

Bowman and his colleagues are working to turn the service program into an official course in the veterinary curriculum's Community Practice Service rotation, offering credit to its student leaders. He hopes the clinic's expanding exposure and scope will help attract the funding needed to endow the program and ensure its future.

"My overarching goal is to develop the clinic's structure to a point where it will continue as a center of service learning," said Bowman. "We have a new crop of clinical staff devoting time to the project, and I am working to get them more involved with the Faculty Fellows in Service and the Public Service Center. Students continue to show phenomenal interest and participation, and their clientele is expanding. I hope to develop an infrastructure that allows these invaluable interactions to grow."

"This remarkable Ithaca-Cornell collaboration teaches students the value of volunteer service, augments their curriculum through practical, hands-on training and engages students, faculty, community leaders and local veterinarians in an effort that enriches the lives of the most needy individuals in our community," said Michael Kotlikoff, the Austin O. Hooey Dean of Veterinary Medicine. "Not only does Dr. Bowman volunteer endless hours to the organization of the clinic, he tirelessly raises funds, negotiates voluntary drug and vaccine donations from

pharmaceutical companies, and obtains equipment and supplies for the program. His efforts exemplify the spirit of Cornell and have established a unique learning model in veterinary medicine."

Note: This article appeared in the Cornell Chronicle April 24, 2012.



~ADMISSIONS PRESENTATION~

Cornell University Veterinary Specialists in Stamford, CT

*Tuesday, July 17, 2012
6:00pm.*

This program is for anyone interested in learning more about the admissions process and the DVM degree program.

To register for this program please send an email to vet_admissions@cornell.edu

Admissions Presentations & Tours



Summer2012

- *Friday, June 15th from 3:00-5:00*
- *Friday, July 6th from 2:00-4:00*
- *Friday July 13th from 2:00-4:00*
- *Friday, August 3rd from 2:00-4:00*

Register for the Admissions Presentations & Tours on our web site~
<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/PresandTours.cfm>

