

Practicum for ERASMUS students at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

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Basic requirements for this externship:

- Successful clinical rotation at your University
- Additional clinical training in small animal medicine
- German language is desirable and an advantage
- If you do not speak German, English is absolutely necessary

What you need to bring:

- 30 Euro as deposit for the locker
- Stethoscope
- Watch with seconds
- Pen / notebook
- Small pair of scissors

How your externship at the clinic works:

- Duration is one month to a maximum of three months, depending on availability
- Registration is at the office: you will get your locker key, logbook, scrubs, and name badge
- On the first day you will receive an ICU logbook. Please fill in accordingly to document the anaesthetic cases you have followed
- General working hours are:
 - Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Extracurricular activities include:
 - Thursday at 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Bookreading (mandatory)

What you gain from this externship:

- Work experience in the Intensive Care Unit of the Small Animal Clinic
- Acquisition of practical skills – depending on the status of knowledge (clinical examination, placement of venous catheters, special care of our patients ...)
- Being a part of building the appropriate therapy plan for our patients
- Learn about the correct use of drugs and their mode of action in the ICU patients

- Learn how to monitor ICU patients with different needs (basics about ECG, Capnography, blood pressure measurements, Pulse oximetry,...) and correct interpretation of the findings
- Interpretation of diagnostic tests (ultrasonography, radiography, laboratory findings)
- Being part of internal continuing education (book reading) and academic discussions

The main goal of this externship is to familiarize yourself with ICU work. Depending on your knowledge you will be able to improve and hone practical skills as well as diagnostic and therapeutic concepts. You will be part of the ICU team thereby caring for the patients on a daily basis. The more knowledge and skills you show the more responsibility you will get and by that you will get the most out of this externship.

We reserve the right to cancel the externship early if you show a lack of interest and have problems to integrate into the ICU team.

In case you have questions or comments or want to learn something in particular, please feel free to contact Gabriela Ulrich: gabriela.ulrich@vetmeduni.ac.at