



Veterinary Internship Alumni

Following their internship at Mystic Aquarium the programs alumni have gone on to have highly successful careers in aquatic animal veterinary medicine and science.

Michelle Rivard, DVM (2019-2020) She is currently the Marine Mammal Medicine and Pathology Intern at The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito.

John Griffioen, DVM (2018-2019) He completed a veterinary internship at the Indianapolis Zoo and is now an Associate Veterinarian at the Fort Worth Zoo.

Melissa Joblon, DVM (2016-2018) She is currently an Associate Veterinarian at the New England Aquarium.

Ari Fustukjian, DVM (2015-2016) He worked as Senior Veterinarian at Florida Aquarium and is now the Director of Veterinary Services for the Loveland Living Planet Aquarium.

Sophie Whoriskey, DVM (2014-2015) She completed an internship at The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito and was an Associate Veterinarian at the California Academy of Sciences. She is currently the Hawaiian Monk Seal Conservation Veterinarian at The Marine Mammal Care Center in Hawaii.

Allyson McNaughton, DVM (2012-2014) She is currently the Chief Clinical Veterinarian at the Virginia Aquarium.

Jen Flower, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACZM (2010-2012) She completed the University of Illinois Zoological and Aquatic Animal Residency and then became an Associate Veterinarian at the Brookfield Zoo. She spent 5 years as the Chief Clinical Veterinarian at Mystic Aquarium and now works as a veterinarian at Disney.

Claire Erlacher-Reid, DVM, Dipl. ACZM (2009-2010) She completed the Aquatic Animal Medicine Residency at the University of Florida. She was previously a Senior Staff Veterinarian at SeaWorld San Diego and is currently a Senior Staff Veterinarian at SeaWorld Orlando.

Barbara Biancani, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECZM (2008-2009) She completed a PhD at the University of Padova and is currently a veterinarian at Oltremare Park in Italy.

Cara Field, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACZM (2007-2008) She worked with the University of Connecticut and Mystic Aquarium as a post-doctoral researcher. She then was an Associate Veterinarian at the Audubon Nature Institute and a Senior Associate Veterinarian at Georgia Aquarium. Currently she is the Medical Director of The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito.

Jenny Meegan, DVM, Dipl. ACZM (2006-2007) She completed the Aquatic Animal Residency at the University of Florida and is currently a Senior Veterinarian with the National Marine Mammal Foundation.

Delphine Sarran, DVM, ECVS (2005-2006) She completed the veterinary internship at The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito. She then completed a surgical internship and residency in France to become a European Specialist in Veterinary Surgery at CVH Atlantia.

Michelle Davis, DVM, Dipl. ACZM, EBVS (2004-2005) She completed the University of Illinois Zoological and Aquatic Animal Residency. She has been a veterinarian at the Oklahoma City Zoo, SeaWorld Orlando, Georgia Aquarium, and is now the Aquatic Health Department Head for the Wildlife Conservation Society's New York Aquarium.

Allison D. Tuttle, DVM, Dipl. ACZM (2002-2004) She completed a residency in Zoological Medicine with Aquatic Health Management Focus at North Carolina State University and is currently the Senior Vice President of Zoological Operations at Mystic Aquarium.

Todd Schmitt, DVM (2001-2002) He is currently a Senior Staff Veterinarian at SeaWorld San Diego.

Carrie Goertz, MS, DVM (1999-2001) She worked to create a new stranding center for marine mammals at the University of New England and conducted research at the University of Southern Maine. Currently she is the Director of Animal Health at the Alaska Sea Life Center.

Scott Willens, DVM, PhD, ACVPM (1998-1999) He received his PhD from North Carolina State University in comparative biomedical sciences and is currently the Chief of Operations and Plans at the US Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

Johanna Sherill, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACZM (1997-1998) She completed the Zoological Medicine Residency at the National Zoo. She was a veterinarian at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach and is currently an Associate Veterinarian and Practice Administrator at Peninsula Animal Hospital.

Lisa St. Aubin, DVM (1996-1997) She was a former director of Primary Care at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and volunteer at Mystic Aquarium. She is now retired.

Marty Haulena, DVM, MSc, Dipl. ACZM (1995-1996) He was formerly a Staff Veterinarian at The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito and is currently the Head Veterinarian and Director of Animal Health at the Vancouver Aquarium.

Kelly Helmick, DVM, Dipl. ACZM (1994-1995) She completed a zoological medicine residency at the University of Florida. She has been a Clinical Veterinarian at Pittsburg Zoo and Aquarium, El Paso Zoo, Seattle Aquarium, Woodland Park Zoo, and is currently the Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer at the Smithsonian Conservation and Biology Institute.

Tom Lembo, DVM (1993-1994) He completed a residency in clinical pathology at North Carolina State University and practiced as a clinical veterinarian for the Core Research Animal Support facility at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Sal Frasca Jr., VMD, PhD, Dip. ACVP (1992-1993) He completed a PhD in Pathobiology and Anatomic Pathology Residency at University of Connecticut. He was a Full Professor of Pathobiology at UCONN, then a Professor of Aquatic Pathology at the University of Florida, and is currently the Director of the Connecticut

Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at UCONN where he has returned as Full Professor of Pathobiology.