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Chien-Hung Kuo, (Homer) - ISVO-Acrivet scholarship winner



It is my honor to be the winner of ISVO-Acrivet scholarship in 2015. I really want to say thank you for offering this great opportunity to me. Ophthalmology is such a professional service in veterinary medicine since there are more and more issues regarding eye disorders in companion animals. The ISVO-Acrivet scholarship allows the winner to choose one specialist to shadow. Therefore I chose The Animal Medical Center (AMC) in New York as my training place since it has wonderful reputation in the United States and it has an excellent medical skills and comprehensive intern and resident training program.

The ophthalmology service in AMC is on Mon, Tue, Thu, and Fri; every morning we start at 9 am. During the morning I could cooperate with the rotating intern to collect clinical information regarding cases and do a primary eye exam for these patients. After a discussion with the owner, we combined the history and the exam findings to form the differential diagnosis, which we presented to Dr. van der Woerd. Then she taught us the most likely diagnoses and discussed different treatments, with consideration of various prognoses. Doing the practice this way, I became more and more familiar with technical instruments and advanced my knowledge through these cases.



Monday is our routine surgery day; it is normally scheduled quite full. The plan and predicted medication would be discussed prior to each procedure to ensure an effective and safe path for each animal. Dr. van der Woerd would do operations in person after the animal was under stable anesthesia provided by her experienced technicians and anesthetist. There is no doubt that Dr. van der Woerd was so professional; the surgery was not just done well, but was also accurate and elegant! It was just like watching a performance, everything was in place and every

case recovered in the shortest time without too much discomfort caused by surgery.

These owners were always satisfied by the surgery and I could feel how happy those animals were from their dynamic smile.

I never thought that one day I could be here with a specialist like Dr. van der Woerdt for a month. Dr. van der Woerdt always had great patience to explain in detail about every case despite how busy she was. She also trained me to practice in surgery and went over a lecture when we finished all the daily cases. Definitely, I am the luckiest winner to receive the ISVO-Acrivet scholarship. It is so generous that the ACVO also contributes a one-year subscription to the Veterinary Ophthalmology journal. This is fantastic because it allows me to follow the newest information from around the world and continue to update these techniques after I finish this program. It is comprehensive and considerate for us to progress in this field.

I really appreciate that the ISVO-Acrivet scholarship can offer this chance for veterinarians interested in ophthalmology. It made my dreams come true! Thanks again Acrivet, ISVO, and ACVO.

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