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**NYC’s Animal Medical Center Congratulates 57<sup>th</sup> Intern Class on their Achievements  
*Announces Next Steps in Veterinary Medicine Careers***

(March 30, 2021 - New York, N.Y.) The Animal Medical Center (AMC), the largest non-profit animal hospital in the world, is a leading veterinary teaching institution through the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Institute for Postgraduate Education. We are proud to announce that from our 57<sup>th</sup> class of interns, 17 veterinarians have accepted specialty internship or residency training positions, and four veterinarians will enter private practice.

All AMC interns complete an intensive one-year program designed to reinforce, extend, and refine clinical skills and enhance diagnostic and therapeutic capabilities. Interns rotate through many of AMC’s over 20 specialties and services, working with a diverse and varied caseload and a high level of support by AMC board-certified veterinary specialists.

**Next Steps for AMC’s 57<sup>th</sup> Class of Interns:**

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| Dr. Alexandra Allen | Residency in Emergency & Critical Care, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, North Grafton, MA                    |
| Dr. Laura Chadsey   | Residency in Oncology, North Carolina State Veterinary Medicine, Raleigh, NC   |
| Dr. Mariel Covo     | Residency in Internal Medicine, Animal Medical Center, New York, NY  |
| Dr. Dillon Didehvar | Specialty Internship in Oncology Clinical Trials, University of Pennsylvania, Ryan Veterinary Hospital, Kennett Square, PA |
| Dr. Hannah Gafen    | Specialty Internship in Ophthalmology, Louisiana State University Teaching Hospital, Baton Rouge, LA                       |
| Dr. Zoe Greenfield  | Residency in Internal Medicine, Animal Medical Center, New York, NY  |
| Dr. Elisa Heacock   | Residency in Diagnostic Imaging, University of Pennsylvania Ryan Veterinary Hospital, Kennett Square, PA                   |
| Dr. Caitlin Hering  | Private Practice   |
| Dr. Andy Hsueh      | Specialty Internship in Medical Oncology, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Ithaca, NY                    |
| Dr. Shannon Keane   | Residency in Emergency & Critical Care, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, North Grafton, MA                    |
| Dr. Brianna Kopec   | Residency in Neurology, University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, Athens, GA                                   |

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Dr. XiaoXiao Lederer	Specialty Internship in Surgery, Dallas Veterinary Surgical Center, Dallas, TX
Dr. Lauren Lew	Private Practice
Dr. Nicholas Palmaro	Private Practice
Dr. Clifford Petit	Specialty Internship in Neurology, Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Pullman, WA
Dr. Shira Rosenblum	Specialty Internship in Surgery, Friendship Hospital for Animals, Washington, DC
Dr. Danny Sack	Specialty Internship in Sports Medicine, Veterinary Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Group, Annapolis Junction, MD
Dr. Daniel Sandoval	Specialty Internship in Surgery, Veterinary Specialists & Emergency Clinic, Conshohocken, PA
Dr. Jordan Sanford	Private Practice
Dr. Shanna Wong	Specialty Internship in Anesthesia, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Ithaca, NY
Dr. Leanne Wooley	Staff Doctor, Emergency & Critical Care, Animal Medical Center, New York, NY

“The Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Institute for Postgraduate Education provides the highest quality postgraduate educational opportunities in clinical veterinary medicine,” said Katherine Quesenberry, Chief Medical Officer at AMC.

“At AMC, our interns benefit from working with the largest volume and most diverse patient caseload anywhere in the country and receive intensive, quality specialty training by AMC’s board-certified veterinary specialists and experienced veterinarians,” said Alexandra van der Woerdt, DVM, MS, DACVO, DECVO, Staff Doctor, Head of Ophthalmology, and Director of Education at AMC.

“We are so very proud of AMC’s 57<sup>th</sup> Class of Interns, who overcame extraordinary challenges throughout the pandemic but remained committed to their training,” said Kathryn Coyne, President and Chief Executive Officer of AMC. “As one of the leading veterinary teaching hospitals in the country, we proudly acknowledge the 2,500+ veterinarians who have completed a formal internship at the Animal Medical Center and have furthered their career to become established leaders in academia, research, and clinical practice.”

## About Animal Medical Center

The Animal Medical Center (AMC) is the world’s largest non-profit animal hospital with 100+ veterinarians providing the highest quality medical care across more than 20 specialties and services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our mission to provide the best in care, research, and education has been the

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