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Hello,

The IndyVet Emergency Apprenticeship program is a unique opportunity to learn in a controlled environment, while being gradually introduced into the fast pace of emergency medicine. Each week we are presented cases to go through step-by-step – triage, stabilization, creating differential lists, diagnostics, treatment plans, and cost estimates that are useful for future cases. This slower pace allows us to take the time to not only learn about this specific case, but also other differentials, diagnostics, and treatment plans that can be offered to the clients in the future.

After each case completion, we are given literature to read to create our own opinions on the topics. There are also skills labs linking cases to hands-on experience. We have learned to perform a temporary tarsorrhaphy and enucleation on cadavers and have practiced FAST scans on patients. I also had the opportunity to perform a pericardiocentesis with the assistance of the internal medicine team, and place a central line in one of my patients.

In addition to case-based learning, we are learning from daily-hospitalized cases. There is a high caseload at IndyVet, with a variety of cases ranging from the emergent ear infection to a critical hypoglycemic diabetic patient. Doctors are always available for questions or confirmation of a proposed treatment plan. Everyone is willing to help and teach.

This is the first year the apprenticeship program has been offered at IndyVet, and changes have already been made to better suit our learning based on our background and experience. We are all learning how this program can evolve and become the best of the best. I recommend this program to anyone who loves emergency medicine and wants to learn more.

Feel free to contact me with any questions about IndyVet or the apprenticeship program at **MCasares@IndyVet.com**.

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