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### **UAF Externship Opportunities 2024-2025**

The University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) is offering veterinary medicine externships for matriculating veterinary students from other colleges (in their final or next to final clinical year). Students may work in conjunction with local (Fairbanks, Alaska) Alaska state agencies, the lead veterinarian of the Yukon





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until all teams have finished. The veterinary teams live out of suitcases for the entirety of the race and are prepared to move at a moments notice. Be prepared to go several days without indoor plumbing, a warm bed or a shower. There are checkpoints where you will be sleeping on the floor of a gymnasium, in a running car, an Arctic oven tent, or in the cab of a fire truck. The ability to work well in a small team while sleep deprived is a must!

**Copper Basin 300 Sled Dog Race** ([www.cb300.com](http://www.cb300.com)) - Up to 2 students working with the Veterinarian in Charge (Dr. Cristina “Nina” Hansen DVM PhD) and with trail veterinarians.

Week 1 - January 6, 2025: Orientation and training, drive to Glennallen (1/9/25), pre-race vet checks (1/10), race start on 1/11/25

Week 2 - January 12, 2025: on the trail of the race. Teams will finish 1/13-14 2025. Finish banquet evening of 1/14. Drive back to Fairbanks 1/15. Race wrap up 1/16-17.

**Yukon Quest 550 Alaska** ([www.yukonquestalaska.com](http://www.yukonquestalaska.com)) – Up to 2 students working with the Veterinarian in Charge (Dr. Cristina “Nina” Hansen DVM PhD) and trail veterinarians.

Week 1 – January 27, 2025: Orientation and training, pre-race meetings, pre-race vet checks. Race starts on 2/1/2025.

Week 2 – February 2, 2025: On the trail of the race! Teams will finish 2/6-2/8. Finish banquet 2/8 or 2/9/2025

**Lower 48 race (Pedigree® Stage Stop)**

The Stage Stop Sled Dog Race is the largest annual sled dog race in the lower 48 states. The race is a Stage Stop format much like the Tour de France. The race starts in Jackson, Wyoming and makes stops in several Wyoming communities and finishes in Driggs, Idaho. There are 8 daily stage races of 30-35 miles in length over 9 days and the fastest teams average 18 miles/hour. Mushers may choose up to 10 of a 14-dog pool to run each stage. This is a fast-paced sled dog race. Race veterinarians are skilled in orthopedic palpation and are required to have advanced sports medicine training.

**Wyoming Stage Stop** sled dog race (<https://www.wyomingstagestop.org/>) - Up to 2 students working with lead veterinarian (Dr. Veronica Devall DVM DACVSMR) and 3 other seasoned race veterinarians for the duration of the race.

Week 1 – January 20, 2025 Orientation and training, pre-race vet checks (1/24), ceremonial start

Week 2 – January 26, 2025 – Stage races begin at scheduled sites. Race ends 2/2. Finish banquet evening of 2/2.

**Small Animal practice externship**

**Aurora Animal Clinic, Dr. Barbara Cole DVM, CCRP:** Caring and compassionate full service small animal practice with emphasis on rehabilitation and sports medicine. Available for up to 2 externs during a 4-week period during the summer of 2025. Student will get exposure to various aspects of small animal private practice including diagnostic imaging, general and orthopedic surgeries, internal medicine cases, wellness exams, rehabilitation, chemotherapy, etc. This is a busy clinic that works with the Department of



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