

ECVO Internship in Veterinary Ophthalmology

CVS Caladrius – Wavre, Belgium

Start date: September 1st, 2026

Duration: 12 months

About CVS Caladrius

The Centre Vétérinaire de Spécialistes (CVS) Caladrius is a multidisciplinary veterinary referral hospital bringing together European- and American-boarded specialists across a wide range of disciplines. Our mission is to provide the highest standard of specialised veterinary care, supported by state-of-the-art diagnostic and therapeutic facilities.

Current specialties include Ophthalmology, Diagnostic Imaging, Surgery, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Oncology, Dermatology, and Exotic Animal Medicine.

Located in Wavre, approximately 15 minutes from Brussels (E411 – Exit 6, near Walibi), CVS Caladrius offers an advanced technical platform and a collaborative environment where complex cases benefit from a true multidisciplinary approach.

We strongly value clinical excellence, animal welfare, high medical standards, and a sustainable quality of life at work.

Position Overview

CVS Caladrius offers a 12-month structured internship in Veterinary Ophthalmology, designed for veterinarians who have completed a rotating internship and are motivated to pursue specialist training and a career in ophthalmology.

The intern will work under the daily supervision of an ECVO Diplomate and an ECVO Resident.

This internship is intended to provide intensive clinical training and to support the development of a strong case log, suitable for future ECVO residency applications.

Training Objectives

During the internship year, the successful candidate will:

- Develop advanced knowledge and clinical skills in veterinary ophthalmology under close specialist

supervision

- Manage progressively complex ophthalmic cases, from initial diagnostics to medical and surgical treatments
- Participate in ophthalmic surgery and peri-operative patient management
- Build a strong and diverse case log supporting future ECVO training pathways
- Actively participate in clinical rounds, journal clubs, and continuing education activities

Main Responsibilities

The intern will be actively involved in all aspects of the Ophthalmology Service, including clinical activity, hospital care, and communication with clients and referring veterinarians.

Clinical Practice and Diagnostics

- Preparation, performance, and follow-up of referral ophthalmology consultations
- Participation in the management of ophthalmic emergencies
- Daily care of hospitalised patients, including post-operative monitoring, therapeutic adjustments, and client communication
- Writing of detailed and structured medical and surgical reports
- Communication with referring veterinarians (updates, reports, follow-up)

Surgical Activity

- Assistance during ophthalmic surgical procedures
- Participation in peri-operative preparation and post-operative follow-up

Academic and Team Involvement

- Participation in journal clubs and continuing education activities
- Active integration within a multidisciplinary specialist team

Working Schedule

- Clinical activity: **5 days per week (Monday to Friday)**
- Participation in **on-call and emergency duties** according to service organization (week-ends and bank holidays)
- The internship requires flexibility and strong engagement in a referral hospital environment

Essential Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree (or equivalent)
- Eligibility for registration with the Belgian Veterinary Council prior to the start date
- Completion of a recognised rotating internship (university or private referral setting)
- Demonstrated commitment to pursuing specialist training in veterinary ophthalmology
- Fluency in French (spoken and written) is mandatory
- Good level of English (scientific literature and professional communication)

Desirable Skills and Personal Qualities

- Ability to work in a demanding and high-standard multidisciplinary referral environment
- Strong motivation, curiosity, and commitment to continuous learning
- Excellent communication skills with clients, referring veterinarians, and internal teams
- Strong organisational skills and ability to manage workload effectively
- Team spirit and professionalism

Application Process

Your application must include:

- A detailed curriculum vitae
- A motivation letter outlining your career objectives and interest in veterinary ophthalmology
- At least one letter of recommendation (internship supervisor, employer, or academic referee)

Applications should be sent by email no later than March 15, 2026 to:

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