

Internship Program



مستشفى دبي للخيول
DUBAI EQUINE HOSPITAL

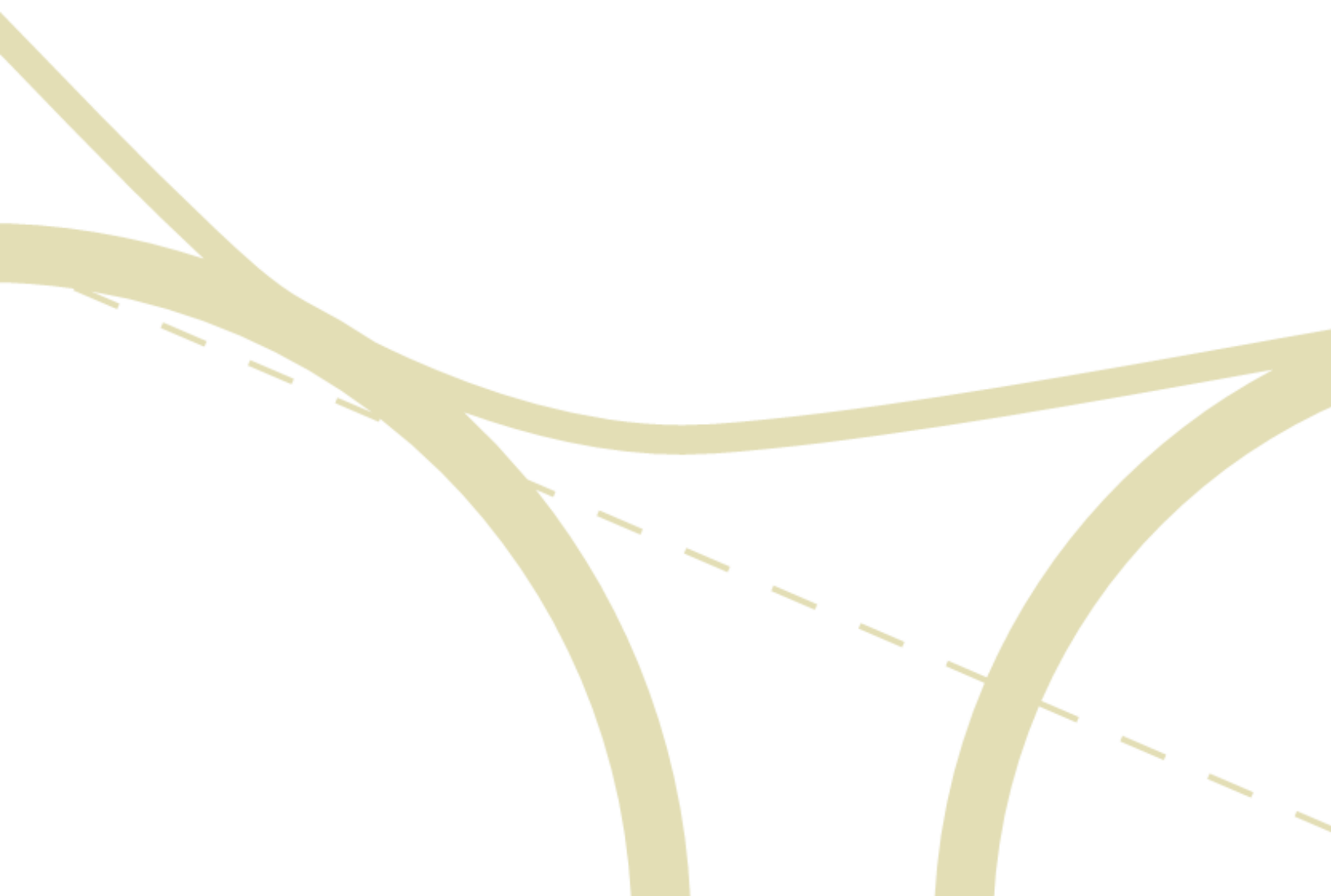
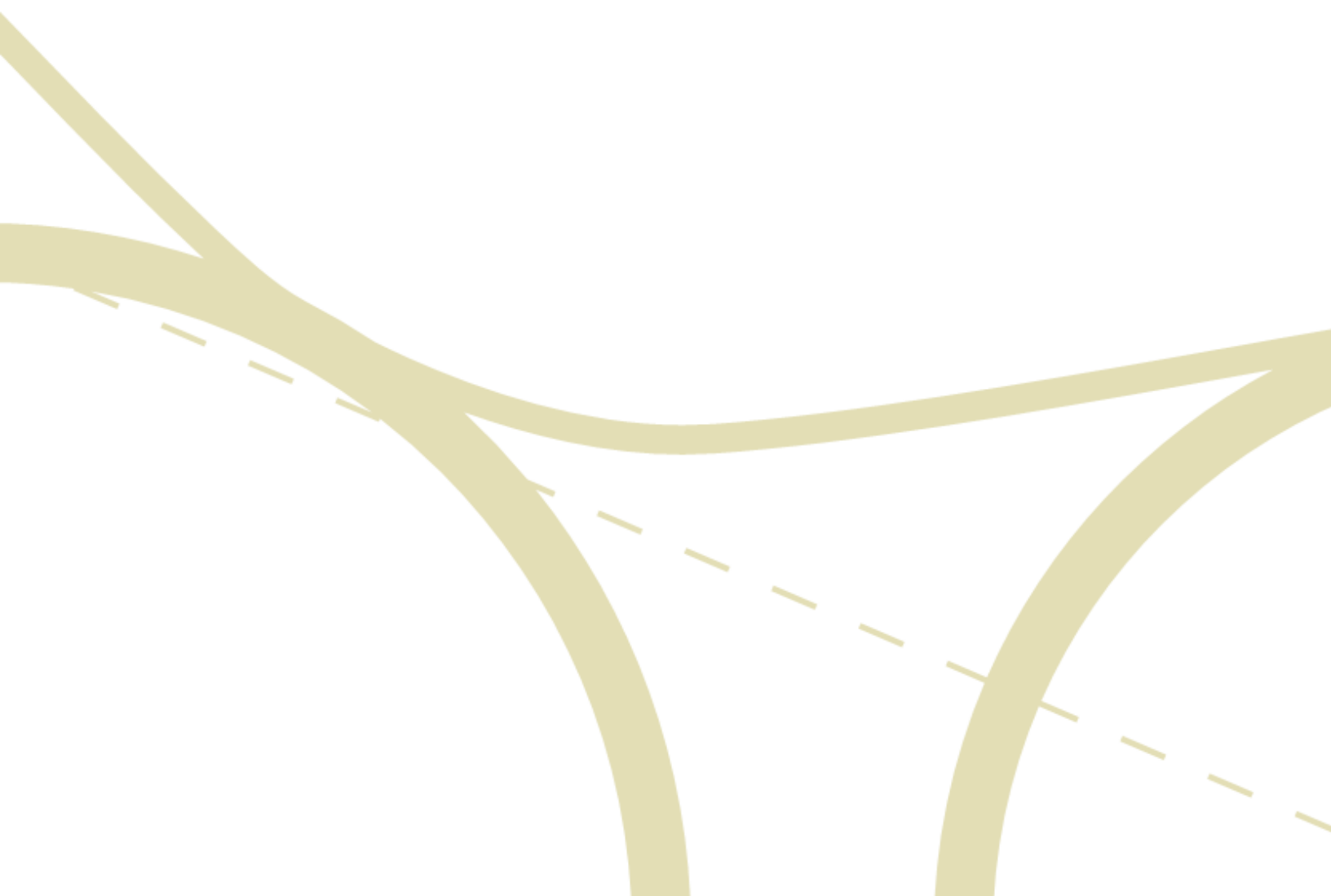


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Dubai Equine Hospital is located in Dubai, one of seven emirates comprising the United Arab Emirates. The hospital was established in February 1995 and operates under the patronage of His Highness General Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai and Vice-President of the UAE. The Dubai Equine Hospital is the nucleus of a veterinary practice that is dedicated to serving the needs of the area's thriving equine industry.

Approximately 1000 Thoroughbred and Arabian racehorses are in training in the UAE divided among approximately 16 major stables and several smaller ones. The racing season runs from November to March and each year the Dubai World Cup is held at Meydan Racecourse which attracts top class racehorses from all over the world. Dubai Equine Hospital Veterinarians provide service for all race meets.

Endurance racing is also a prominent sport with approximately 3500 endurance horses based in the U.A.E. The Endurance World Championships was held here in 1998 & 2005 and Dubai hosts other international endurance events. FEI and local endurance rides occur weekly during the racing season: October-April.

In addition, there are equestrian centers for pleasure, show jumping and dressage and several polo clubs. Thoroughbred and Arabian horses are bred in the U.A.E.

The Dubai Equine Hospital itself serves as a base for an all-encompassing practice of veterinarians and large support staff representing thirteen different nationalities. The broad field practice is integrated with the hospital which serves as a referral facility. The hospital is the only one of its kind in the Gulf and is fully equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic and surgical equipment offering comprehensive care and treatment for surgical, medical and soundness problems.

It features orthopedic and soft tissue operating rooms, clinical pathology laboratory, radiography, scintigraphy and MRI units, videoendoscopy, diagnostic ultrasound, and Nd: YAG-laser. It is professionally staffed by three ACVS Board Certified surgeons, ACVIM Board eligible internist, veterinary technician, anesthetist, MRI technician, two laboratory technicians, two interns, extern, and 14 veterinary care technicians. The hospital has capacity for 45 patients that includes a four-stall isolation facility.

DESCRIPTION

OBJECTIVE:

Provide a clinical equine internship experience for selected young veterinarians through the following aims: (1) develop clinical skills under the guidance of experienced specialists, (2) foster development of interpersonal skills through communication with referring veterinarians, clients, and dedicated hospital team, (3) stimulate curiosity-driven motivation, and (4) nurture academic professional development.

THREE INTERNSHIPS:

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| (1) | 12-MONTH INTERNSHIP | 01 JULY TO 30 JUNE |
| (2) | 6-MONTH INTERNSHIP | 01 JUNE TO 30 NOVEMBER |
| (3) | 6-MONTH INTERNSHIP | 01 DECEMBER TO 31 MAY |

INTERN SUPERVISOR:

Dr. Dionisio Felix

While the internship is a hospital practice internship, there will be opportunities for the interns to rotate into the field to assist in the treatment hospital at the endurance races and Meydan paddock.

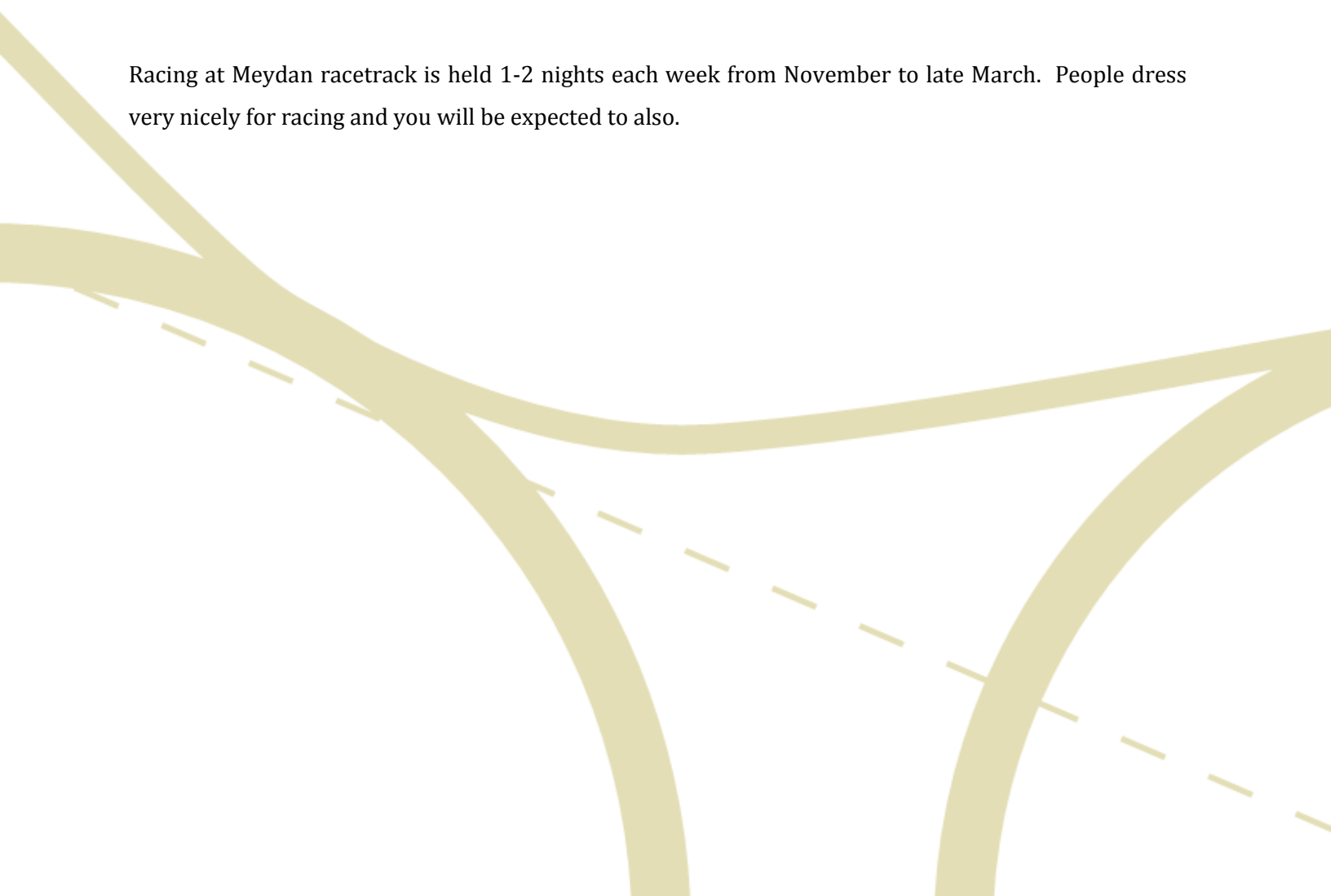
GENERAL INFORMATION

1. DRESS

As with all the staff at the hospital, you will be expected to maintain a neat, clean, and professional appearance. Jeans and sneakers are fine provided they are not ripped, frayed, or worn out. Ironed Polo shirts without slogans are permissible. Women should be aware of the conservative culture in this Islamic country. Tank tops, shirts with low necklines, or short shirts exposing the midriff are not appropriate. Shorts are not acceptable during the workday in the hospital.

The sun is quite strong every day of the year so sunglasses and sunscreen are highly recommended. Nights and early mornings can be chilly and it may rain occasionally during the winter (December until March). If you are visiting during this period, plan to pack a jacket and sweatshirts. By contrast, the temperatures during the summer months (May to September) generally exceed 100 °F so cool clothing is recommended.

Racing at Meydan racetrack is held 1-2 nights each week from November to late March. People dress very nicely for racing and you will be expected to also.



2. CUSTOMS / CULTURE

Arabic is the official language of the UAE, but English is widely used. In Muslim countries, Friday is a holy day and day off. Schools, banks, post office, and most shops are closed. Our hospital, however, is fully operational seven days a week. On other days, shops and businesses are open from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Gambling is illegal. Alcohol is available in Hotels and selected clubs. Alcohol is not permitted within the hospital compound.

The month of Ramadan is observed here and is a special holy time. Muslims practice fasting and other associated customs according to Islam during Ramadan. Non - Muslims are forbidden to eat, drink, or smoke in public during daylight hours of Ramadan as well.

OVERVIEW

This internship involves a lot of work, motivation, and commitment, but in exchange, we provide a relaxed, educational working environment to the best of our ability. We want you to look back on your stay here someday as one of the most important things you did for your professional development. We are passionate about and enjoy our work, and endeavor to provide the highest quality veterinary care possible. We strive for cooperation and teamwork among the hospital personnel.

The internship is either 12 or 6 months. The intern is given a salary as agreed monthly, round trip travel to Dubai, UAE, an apartment with a kitchen in the hospital, health care reimbursement for services received locally, and mobile phone. There is a laundry service and meal money is provided by the hospital. There is no official vacation time or attendance at a continuing education course allotted. However, time away from the hospital can be granted depending on activity in the hospital.

Dr. Dionisio Felix
Chief Field Veterinarian