Dr. Annika Thorvaldsen

Associate Veterinarian, Small Animal

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SUMMARY

Small animal veterinarian with 4 years in general practice, licensed in Minnesota with a DEA registration. Sees about 22 appointments a day, performs 2 surgery mornings a week and leads the clinic's dental program, which grew from 6 to 11 dentals a week. Fear Free certified.

EXPERIENCE

Associate Veterinarian — Granite City Animal Clinic

St. Cloud, MN · Jun 2022 – Present

- See about 22 wellness and sick appointments a day in a 3-doctor practice, finishing records the same day 95% of the time.
- Perform 8-12 surgeries a week, including spays, neuters, mass removals, cystotomies and enterotomies.
- Grew dental bookings from 6 to 11 a week by taking full-mouth radiographs and sharing them with owners at discharge.
- Wrote 4 anesthesia protocols with the head technician, cutting recorded complications from 9 to 4 in a year.
- Mentored 2 new graduates through their first 50 surgeries each.

Veterinary Intern (Rotating) — North Star Veterinary Referral Center

Minneapolis, MN · Jun 2021 – May 2022

- Managed 15-20 emergency cases per overnight shift with specialist backup.
- Performed 30 emergency surgeries, including gastropexies and splenectomies, under supervision.
- Presented 6 cases at weekly rounds.

SKILLS

Licensure: Minnesota veterinary license, DEA registration, USDA accreditation

Surgery: Spay/neuter, mass removal, cystotomy, enterotomy, splenectomy, dental extractions

Diagnostics: Digital and dental radiography, point-of-care ultrasound, cytology

Systems: ezyVet, Cornerstone, IDEXX VetConnect PLUS

CERTIFICATIONS

Fear Free Certified Professional, 2023

EDUCATION

DVM, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, 2021

B.S. in Animal Science, University of Wisconsin–River Falls, 2017

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