

**INFORMATION FOR INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS  
AT LOVING TOUCH ANIMAL CENTER**

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Welcome and thank you for your interest in our clinic. We have four veterinarians who are certified in veterinary acupuncture: Dr. Michelle Tilghman, Dr. Pat Zook, Dr. Tracey Sasher and Dr. Colleen Smith. Many people request to schedule at least part of their internship when Dr. Tilghman will be working. Dr. Tilghman only works Tuesday and Wednesday. While we try to accommodate everyone's wishes, we do not always know Dr. Tilghman's schedule in advance due to the nature of her teaching and lecturing work. We will certainly give you the most current information we have when you schedule your internship, but be aware that her schedule often changes with little notice and she may be out of the office during your internship. We know, however, that you will also gain invaluable knowledge from and enjoy working with Dr. Zook, Dr. Smith, and Dr. Sasher.

***Directions to the clinic from Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport:***

Take **I-285 East** from the Airport. Exit at **39B (Stone Mountain/Athens)** exit. This will put you on **Hwy. 78 (Stone Mountain Freeway) going East**. Stay on Hwy. 78 for approximately 7-8 miles. Do not take any of the exits you will pass. Go to the first traffic light. Take a left at the light onto **East Park Place**. Go one block and take a right at the Best Western onto **Glenn Club Drive**. This is our street. Follow Glenn Club around to the right, then you will see a big wooden heart on the right, that's the sign for the clinic.

The clinic is approximately 45 minutes from the Airport. There is no public transportation from the Airport to the clinic. Taxicabs, rental cars or airport shuttles are available.

***Clinic hours are:***

Monday	7:30-6	Thursday	7:30-6
Tuesday	7:30-6	Friday	7:30-6
Wednesday	7:30-6	Saturday	9-4

The clinic opens at 7:30a.m. for dropoffs on weekdays, but appointments begin at 9:00a.m/9:30 am. You are more than welcome to come in before we start taking appointments to get settled in. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are our scheduled surgery days. *Physical Therapy, including the underwater treadmill, is scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.*

***We now offer to our veterinary students an in-house apartment for your convince. The apartment is a standard bedroom with a twin bed inside of the clinic. Our kitchen is limited to a microwave and refrigerator. We do supply bed linens; however bathroom linens and personal effects will need to be brought by the student.***

***The following are hotels within walking distance of the clinic:***

Days Inn	770-879-0800 (closest)
Best Western	770-465-1022
Country Suites	770-465-6515 <b>Extended Stay</b>

***The following hotels you will need transportation to the clinic:***

**Extended Stay**

Days Inn	770-879-0800 (Offers weekly rates)
Best Western	770-465-1022
Holiday Inn Express	770-465-8847

Country Suites 770-465-6515

These hotels are listed by the distance that they are located from the clinic.

***Dress code:* Our dress code is lab coats with a collared shirt underneath. Scrubs are fine also. Khaki pants are preferable. Please no open toed shoes.**

If you have any further questions, please contact Andrea Adams at 770-498-5956, or email us at [training@lovingtouchac.com](mailto:training@lovingtouchac.com).

**International Students:**

We recommend that you rent a car for your stay with Loving Touch. We are aware that most students coming from other countries are used to being able to walk to their destinations. However Atlanta is a large city and it is essential to have a vehicle to get to your destination. The staff of Loving Touch Animal Center is not responsible for driving you to your destination.

**Please be advised that you will need to make reservations for shuttle service to bring you to the clinic.**

Clinic computers are for business purposes only! You will only be allowed to check your personal email from the clinic computers. Be advised that NO Instant Messaging programs are to be used on the clinic computers. If you have the need to use IM or video messaging you must bring your own personal computer to do this!!!

There is no socialized health care in the US and healthcare is very expensive, therefore please check your travel insurance to ensure that you will have proper medical coverage if needed. Be advised that pregnancy is not covered under this insurance; therefore if there is a chance of being pregnant you may want to reschedule your internship.