

International Student Internships

Loving Touch Animal Center

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Welcome, and thank you for your interest in spending time in our clinics.

All our interns and externs work in both our clinics during their stay. You must provide your own transportation during your time with Loving Touch Animal Center. We are aware that most international students are accustomed to being able to walk to their local destinations; however, Atlanta does not have extensive public transportation and our area does not accommodate walking very easily. The clinic staff cannot be responsible for your transportation during your visit. Reservations should be made in advance of your arrival for car rental and a rental car may be picked up at the airport.

Many request to schedule at least part of their internship when Dr. Tilghman will be working. We will endeavor to accommodate these requests but, we do not always know Dr. Tilghman's schedule far in advance. 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 our other veterinarians.

There is no socialized health care in the U.S. 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 you being pregnant you may want to reschedule your internship.

If you are bringing electronics with you, please keep in mind that you will need an adaptor to be able to use our outlets. The U.S. electrical system operates at 110 volts.

Dress code

Our dress code is lab coats with a collared shirt underneath. Khaki pants are preferable. Scrubs are fine also. Open-toed shoes are not allowed.

Computer Usage

Clinic computers are for business purposes only! You must bring your own personal computer or go to a local shop for computer use. We do have a wireless signal that you may use. Computer and cell phone usage should be limited to your lunch time and after clinic hours.

Apartment

Our Stone Mountain clinic has a room with a single bed, desk and shared bathroom that you may utilize, if you are interested. The staff kitchen has a full-size refrigerator and microwave that you may also use. If you bring a pet, your dog must be in the kennel during working hours, but may stay with you in the room overnight. You may only check in and out of the room during normal business hours.

If you have any questions or concerns about your visit, please contact Lea (lee) Rhinehart by email at: lea@lovingtouchac.com or call 770-498-5956.

Nearby Hotels

We recommend these hotels near our Stone Mountain Clinic. There are also hotels near the Amsterdam Walk Clinic, but they are not reasonably priced.

Country Inn and Suites	770-465-6515 (Easy 1 mile walk)
Best Western	770-465-1022 (Around the corner)
Holiday Inn Express	770-465-8847 (Around the corner, about ½ mile)
Days Inn	770-879-0800 (Offers weekly rates, across the street)

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Directions from Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport:

- Follow the signage at the Airport to reach **I-85 South (toward Montgomery)**
- Follow **I-85 South to I-285 East**
- Exit onto **I-285 East (toward Macon)**
- Exit at the **39B exit onto Hwy. 78 East/The Stone Mountain Freeway (toward Stone Mountain/Athens).**
- Follow **Hwy. 78 East** for approximately 8 miles, ignoring all the exit ramps.
- At the first traffic signal, turn left onto **East Park Place.**
- Turn right in approximately ¼ mile, at the Best Western Hotel, onto **Glenn Club Drive.**
- Follow **Glenn Club Drive** past the wooded area. The large wooden heart sign, on your right, is the sign for the clinic.

It will take approximately 45 minutes – one hour to make the trip by car from the airport. There is no public transportation from the Airport to the clinic. Taxicabs, rental cars or airport shuttles are available.

Loving Touch Clinic hours:

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Friday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Loving Touch Clinic opens at 8:00 a.m. for drop-offs on weekdays and appointments begin at 9:00a.m. You are 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 Wednesday through Saturday.

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Directions from Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport:

- Follow the signage at the Airport to reach **I-85 North (toward I-75 North/Atlanta)**
- Take the Freedom Parkway exit, (exit 248C) toward GA-10 E/Carter Center
- Turn slightly right onto Freedom Parkway NE
- Turn left on to Boulevard NE (less than ½ mile to this turn). After about a mile, Boulevard NE becomes Monroe Drive NE.
- Turn left onto Amsterdam Avenue NE (approximately 2 miles after your last turn)
- Our clinic is in the building on the left and our office is the last office on your left, Suite 6.

Amsterdam Walk Clinic hours:

Monday	Closed	Thursday	9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Friday	9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Some Saturdays	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Physical Therapy is available Tuesday through Friday and some Saturdays at our Amsterdam Clinic.