

## Internal Medicine Specialist Christchurch

# VSA

VETERINARY SPECIALISTS AOTEAROA  
AUCKLAND & CHRISTCHURCH



### About VSA

Our mission at Veterinary Specialist Aotearoa (VSA) is to provide the most advanced, specialist veterinary care in the country. With that motivation, hard work and passion we have established ourselves as New Zealand's leading specialist veterinary organisation. VSA was started over 20 years ago with the first privately owned veterinary referral hospital in New Zealand. From that first hospital in Mt Albert, Auckland, we now have 3 world class specialist referral hospitals across the country working to support the wider veterinary community and their patients. Every patient we see is regarded as an important member of their family so we are proud to be able to provide the highest level of care when they need us the most.

### About New Zealand

Nestled in the heart of Aotearoa, Christchurch, New Zealand, is a safe and thriving city renowned for its unique blend of modern amenities and natural beauty. Known as the "Garden City," Christchurch offers a picturesque backdrop with stunning parks, gardens, and the majestic Southern Alps in the distance. Boasting an international airport, reputable schooling system, and access to world-class healthcare, Christchurch provides residents with convenience and peace of mind. As the largest city in the South Island, it also features a vibrant cultural scene, a burgeoning tech industry, and a welcoming community. Here, in the gateway to the South Island, you'll find a perfect blend of urban sophistication and natural wonders, offering a lifestyle that combines the best of both worlds. Whether you're exploring captivating landscapes, immersing yourself in the arts and culture scene, or experiencing renowned Kiwi hospitality, Christchurch invites you to enjoy a unique and enriching life.

### The Position

You will be joining a well-established and very experienced team in Christchurch - with a busy referral surgical case load, physiotherapy service, advanced imaging (in house 64-slice CT) and 24 hour patient care. Our internal medicine currently comprises three specialists and one cardiologist plus residents. This role is distinctive, offering the chance to become part of our supportive internal medicine team within our hospital group while simultaneously establishing services in the vibrant city of Christchurch. In addition, this role is supported by the wider hospital departments including specialist surgeons and radiologists.

This unique position allows you to be the sole provider of specialist internal medicine services in the South Island, providing an unparalleled opportunity for professional impact and growth. With the autonomy to build and develop the service, we are committed to providing robust support throughout the process. Enjoy 4 day work weeks that fosters a better work-life balance and increased employment satisfaction.

As part of your role you will be able to influence the recruitment of specialists, shape the nursing team, and contribute to the design of intern and residency training programs for this service.

At VSA, we are a collective team of veterinary experts, where our enthusiasm, motivation, and commitment to excellence resonate throughout the entire organisation.

### Why VSA?

- A strong culture of excellence, fun and family that results in providing exceptional care to our patients, their families, our referring vets and each other.
- Market leading remuneration and benefits package including a pathway to equity
- Generous allowances including up to 12 weeks paid leave for those looking to sit Board exams, registration
- Financial assistance with relocation support
- A commitment to your training and ongoing development, with access to our external CE portal and regular in-house training sessions, plus generous CPD allowances.
- Sponsorship for suitably qualified overseas applicants with a pathway to permanent residency

**Requirements of the role:**

Board qualified specialist in Small Animal Internal Medicine or a registrar planning to sit for Boards (Fellow ANZCVS or Diplomate ACVIM, ECVIM)

**How to get in touch?**

If you are a registered specialist or registrar in small animal internal medicine looking to be at the forefront of veterinary care, VSA welcomes your application. For a confidential discussion, contact Clinical Director, Dr. Alastair Coomer [Alastair.coomer@vsnz.co.nz](mailto:Alastair.coomer@vsnz.co.nz).

## **ECVIM-CA job advert transparency and comparability checklist**

(compulsory for all job advertisements published on the ECVIM-CA website)

<p>1. Does this position come with a financial penalty when the successful applicant/resident leaves the position prematurely? yes/no</p> <p>(ECVIM position on penalties and non-competes: <a href="https://bvajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/vetr.4366">https://bvajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/vetr.4366</a>)</p>
<p>2. Does this position come with a “non-compete”, defined as any contractual obligations to NOT work in a certain position and/or a certain geography after leaving the position for a limited or unlimited time period? yes/no</p> <p>(ECVIM position on penalties and non-competes: <a href="https://bvajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/vetr.4366">https://bvajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/vetr.4366</a>)</p>
<p>3. Is out of hours work required with this position? yes/no</p>
<p>4. When out of hours work is required, is a compensatory period of rest given subsequent to the extra work? yes/no</p>
<p>5. If this concerns a residency position: What is the nett (after tax and compulsory deductions) salary or stipend offered in Euros per month?  Euro xxxx / month</p>
<p>6. If this concerns a residency position: will the employer pay for the examination fees associated with this training position?  yes, fully yes, but only partially no</p>