

SURGICAL RESIDENCY IN SMALL ANIMALS

The Small Animal Teaching Hospital is opening a position for a Small Animal Surgical Resident in an established residency programme of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons. The programme is developed by the Small Animal Department (soft tissue and neurosurgery) and the Department of Morphology, Medical imaging, Orthopaedics, Physiotherapy and Nutrition (orthopaedic surgery). The residency programme is supplemented with external rotations in ECVS-approved institutions, in particular De Verwijskliniek Bergen op Zoom, the Netherlands.

Applicants should have finalized at least a one-year small animal rotating internship before October 1st 2026. Applicants must be fluent in both spoken and written English. The successful candidate will be expected and encouraged to take lessons in Dutch, the language spoken by most of our pet owners. After a thorough preselection, a selected number of the most promising candidates will be invited to visit our services during one week before being eligible for the final selection.

The successful residency candidate will start September 22nd 2026 and will receive a remuneration of 1,968 euro a month for 3 years. Combinations with professional activities that are not part of the official residency programme are not allowed. A residency position is a full-time commitment, including on call shifts.

Informal inquiries can be sent to Dr Evelien de Bakker (evelien.debakker@ugent.be). To apply, please email a letter of intent and your curriculum vitae, including the name and contact information of two referees (separate reference letters are not needed at this stage).

Closing date: Sunday April 12th 2026 (midnight)