

## SCHEDULE

**EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE Department:** is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**SURGERY** is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mon-Fri, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat & Sun. Typically, cases are admitted in the morning, so that diagnostic work, x-rays, or other tests can be performed during the day. We routinely schedule surgeries Mon-Fri; **the surgeons are able to perform emergency surgery 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.** Many diagnostic procedures (such as orthopedic x-rays) require sedation; these patients are usually able to go home the same afternoon. Some diagnostic procedures, and most surgical procedures, require general anesthesia. These patients will stay overnight so their recovery can be monitored by our overnight I.C.U. doctors. Discharge hours for these patients are between 12:00 p.m. and 5 p.m. the following day.

**RADIOLOGY & IMAGING:** ASEC'S radiologist Dr. Reichle is in the hospital M-T-Th-Fri. for elective ultrasonography, helical CT scanning, other imaging studies, and guided biopsy procedures. Digital Radiography with interpretation by the surgeons and I.C.U. doctors on duty, is available 24 hours a day. **Night & weekend emergency ultrasound examinations** are also available, for an additional fee. All CT exams, and some biopsies, require general anesthesia; so in some cases, overnight hospitalization may be required.

**CARDIOLOGY:** Cardiologist Dr. Williams receives cases 4 days a week. She is always available for courtesy phone consultations with your regular veterinarian. Initial consultations may be performed on an outpatient basis; if diagnostic testing is required, your pet may need to stay for several hours, or all day. ASEC's Emergency & Critical care department is open 24/7, to admit & stabilize unforeseen emergency cardiology cases, and to consult with Dr. Williams.

**INTERNAL MEDIC:** Consultations are available 7 days a week. For some procedure (i.e. endoscopy & other minimally invasive techniques), sedation or general anesthesia may be required; your pet may therefore need to stay for the day, or remain hospitalized overnight. ASEC's internal medicine specialists are always available for courtesy phone consultations with your regular veterinarian. **ASEC's Emergency & Critical care department is open 24 hours a day, to admit & provide intensive care for internal medicine cases.**

**ONCOLOGY:** Dr. Downing receives cases Tuesday through Saturday, and is also available for courtesy phone consultations with your regular veterinarian.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your pet should not receive any food after midnight the night before evaluation, so that the stomach will be empty in case sedation or anesthesia is required for any diagnostic work or surgery.

## REFERRAL CASES

**Our goal is to serve our referring veterinarians** by supporting and extending the care that can be provided to your pet. Your general practice veterinarian is very competent in the medical and surgical care of your pet. However, when a difficult case requires advanced specialty training, specialized instruments and techniques, or advanced intensive care and life support capabilities, your veterinarian may refer your pet for specialized treatment. We try to make this process as easy and convenient as possible for the client and the referring veterinarian.

**We accept referral cases at any time,** day or night, seven days a week. I.C.U. doctors are present 24 hours a day; Seven days a week, including all day Saturday and Sunday, one or more of the surgeons and the internal medicine specialists are always present or on call.

**Your veterinarian may ask you to bring** x-rays, records or copies of laboratory tests as these will help us to diagnose and treat your pet properly.

**As a referral hospital, we are ethically bound to treat only the condition for which your pet was referred.** We do not perform general practice services such as vaccinations, or skin and ear treatments, or dental prophylaxis. This general care should be done by your regular veterinarian. Your veterinarian will receive a written report after every visit, so that your pet's records will be kept complete.

## TEAM APPROACH

To maximize the level of care and efficiency of service, your pet will typically be examined, treated and discussed in rounds by a team of veterinarians at the Animal Surgical & Emergency Center. By using this team-oriented approach, your pet will benefit by having the attention and evaluation of multiple specialists, and communication between clients and the veterinarians is enhanced.

## OUR WEBSITE:

On our website, [www.ASECvets.com](http://www.ASECvets.com), you will find extensive detailed information on our hospital, surgical and medical procedures, and answers to many frequently asked pre-operative and post-operative questions.



**Specialty Departments  
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## SURGERY

**Dr. Scott Anderson**  
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons  
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care  
Diplomate, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners  
**Dr. Phillip Gill**  
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons  
**Dr. Mary Somerville**  
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons  
**Dr. Raviv Balfour**  
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons  
**Dr. Dan Polidoro**, Staff Surgeon  
**Dr. Eric Chow**, Staff Surgeon

## RADIOLOGY & IMAGING

**Dr. Jean Reichle**  
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Radiology

## CARDIOLOGY

**Dr. Cathy Williams**  
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology)

## EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE

**Dr. Andrew Cruikshank**, DVM Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care  
**Dr. Joanie Dolance**, Critical Care  
**Dr. Todd Horowitz**, Critical Care  
**Dr. Zaheda Khan**, Critical Care  
**Dr. McGee Leonard**, Critical Care  
**Dr. Jeanette Yamamoto**, Critical Care  
**Dr. Tania Hunt**, Critical Care

## INTERNAL MEDICINE

**Dr. Todd Cohen**  
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine  
**Dr. Sam Trivedi**  
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine

## ONCOLOGY

**Dr. Sue Downing**  
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Oncology)



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### SURGERY

ASEC is the largest surgical group in Southern California, in business for over 30 years. With multiple surgeons present, having a combined 80+ years of experience, ASEC provides your pet with an unmatched depth of expertise. ASEC's surgeons employ the latest technology, for all types of surgery: orthopedic, soft tissue, thoracic, neurosurgical, and oncologic procedures. Our surgeons have published surgical articles in veterinary journals for over 25 years. These are just a few of the reasons why over 450 veterinarians refer their challenging surgical cases to ASEC.



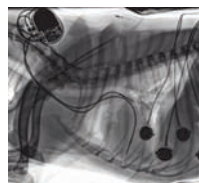
### EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE

ASEC is open 24 hours a day, ready to handle any and all types of emergencies: not only for dogs and cats, but also for avian, exotic species, rabbits, and small mammals ("pocket pets"). Our I.C.U. provides the maximum level of care and technology for critically ill pets. At any time, day or night, referring veterinary hospitals may transfer pets to our I.C.U. for overnight or around-the-clock doctor and nurse care, to be transferred back to the referring veterinarian once the patient is stable.



### CARDIOLOGY

ASEC is equipped to handle all of your pet's cardiovascular and cardiopulmonary needs. State of the art diagnostic and therapeutic cardiology equipment, the same as used in humans, is available for your pet. Board-certified Veterinary Cardiologist Dr. Cathy ("Cat") Williams has expertise in all aspects of cardiovascular and cardiopulmonary medicine. Having completed a dual, comprehensive four-year residency in both cardiology and internal medicine, Dr. Williams provides not only insight into your pet's cardiac condition, but a thorough evaluation of all body systems.



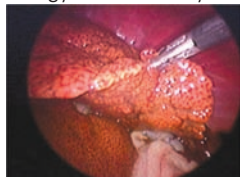
### RADIOLOGY & IMAGING

ASEC has a full time, on site board-certified Veterinary Radiologist, Dr. Jean Reichle, providing interpretation of radiographs (x-rays) from your referring veterinarian as well as those taken at ASEC. We also perform ultrasound examinations of the abdomen, thorax, joints and muscles. Our digital helical CT scanner provides 3-dimensional analysis of various body parts including the head, chest, abdomen, and spine, for diagnostic purposes or presurgical planning. All of our imaging modalities are digital and linked to an archive for easy access in-hospital or remotely. Radiographs, ultrasound, and CT exams may be scheduled on an outpatient basis as well.



### MINIMALLY INVASIVE PROCEDURES

ASEC has the most advanced technology for minimally invasive procedures. Laser lithotripsy, arthroscopy, laparoscopy, endoscopy, thoracoscopy, cystoscopy, stent procedures... ASEC does all this and more.



### INTERNAL MEDICINE

ASEC's internists, Dr. Todd Cohen and Dr. Sam Trivedi, both completed the rigorous Internal Medicine residency at the University of California - Davis. In addition to cutting-edge expertise in minimally invasive laser & endoscopic procedures, they handle complex disease conditions of the liver, kidneys, gastrointestinal tract, urogenital system, endocrine organs, lungs, and immune system. ASEC's internists offer a full range of diagnostic and therapeutic services, working closely with your general veterinarian to give your pet the highest level of care.



### ONCOLOGY

ASEC offers comprehensive cancer therapy management by full-time board-certified oncologist, Dr. Sue Downing, including consultations exploring the prognosis and options following cancer diagnosis. Evaluation of the cancer patient incorporates discussion of the tumor behavior, review of tests previously completed, further disease staging and printed materials for review at home. The optimal treatment plan will be presented along with other available options and palliative care, reviewing effectiveness, time involved, side effects, and cost of treatment. Therapies include chemotherapy using novel agents and protocols, immunotherapy, hospice care and pain management.

### SERVICES:

Total Hip Replacement  
Soft Tissue Surgery  
Reconstructive Surgery  
Thoracic Surgery  
Cardiac Surgery  
Laser Surgery

### SURGERY:

Oncologic (Cancer) Surgery  
Neurosurgery  
Myelography  
T.P.L.O.  
T.T.A.  
Orthopedic Surgery

### MINIMALLY INVASIVE PROCEDURES:

Video Laparoscopy  
Video Thoracoscopy  
Video Arthroscopy  
Laser Lithotripsy  
Laser Ectopic Ureter Ablation  
Endoscopic-Assisted Gastropexy  
Laparoscopic Ovariohysterectomy

### CARDIOLOGY:

Signal-Averaged ECG  
Doppler Tissue Mapping  
Pericardiocentesis  
Pericardial Surgery  
Endomyocardial Biopsy  
Vectorcardiography  
Balloon Valvuloplasty  
PDA Occlusion  
Pericardiocentesis  
Pericardial Surgery  
Blood Pressure Evaluation  
Full Hemodynamic Evaluations (O2, CO2, and Cardiac Parameters)  
GE Vivid 7 Cardiovascular Ultrasound with Multi-Dimensional, Tri-Plane, 4D Tissue Synchronization Imaging, and Blood Flow Imaging  
Digital Fluoroscopic Angiography  
Pacemaker Implantation (single and dual chamber)  
24-hour Holter & Telephonic Event Monitoring

### EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE:

State-of-the art I.C.U.  
2 Doctors present  
24 hours a day  
Hematology & Blood chemistry analysis  
Coagulation analyzer  
Blood pressure monitors  
Respiratory ventilator  
Avian, exotic & small mammal I.C.U. Equipment  
Pediatric incubators  
ECG Telemetry  
Oxygen therapy & Nebulizers  
Blood Bank  
Blood gas unit

### RADIOLOGY & IMAGING:

Digital Radiography and Fluoroscopy  
GE Logiq 7 Digital Ultrasound  
GE Prospeed Digital Helical CT Scanner  
Ultrasound and CT Guided Aspirates and Biopsies

### INTERNAL MEDICINE:

cystoscopy  
gastroduodenoscopy  
colonoscopy  
rhinoscopy  
nasopharyngoscopy  
bronchoscopy  
Vaginourethroscopy  
tracheal stents  
transtracheal wash  
bronchoalveolar lavage  
bone marrow aspirates  
urethral stents  
PEG and Esophagostomy  
Tube Placement

### ONCOLOGY:

Oncologic evaluation & staging  
Advanced chemotherapy  
Immunotherapy  
Hospice care  
Pain management  
Aspiration and biopsies  
Bone marrow aspiration  
Pathology & cytology report consultations  
Chemotherapy antidotes  
Management of treatment side effects

### STAFF

Our Staff is highly trained to provide the best possible medical care for your pet. Their goal is to treat the patients and clients as well, in a compassionate and caring fashion.

### MEDICAL RECORDS

We believe that good communication is the foundation of a referral practice. Your veterinarian will receive a report of your pet's care after every visit. You will also receive a report of each visit. California Law requires us to keep all x-rays and original records on file here, since they are hospital property.



### VISITING

We encourage clients to visit their hospitalized pets during our scheduled visiting hours.

### PHONE CALLS

Clients are encouraged to call at any time to get updates on their pet's condition. If a doctor is unavailable to speak with the client at that time, the client is welcome to leave a message or get a clinical update from a technician. The doctor or doctor's assistant will give all medical updates.

### FEES

Our goal is to provide the best quality of care and service for your pet. Our fees are typical of specialty hospitals providing advanced medical care. An estimate of costs will be given to you before diagnostic work, treatment, or surgery is performed, and a deposit will be collected at that time. The balance is due when your pet is discharged from the hospital. Payment can be made by cash, approved checks, and major credit cards. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide credit. Clients requiring credit should obtain this through their bank or credit union. CareCredit and/or Wells Fargo can provide credit in some cases; so, please call and our front desk staff can provide details.