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### **IVRA Educational Scholarship Report**

As an awardee of the International Veterinary Radiology Association (IVRA) Educational Scholarship, I am deeply honored to have had the opportunity to spend five amazing weeks (from November 25, 2024, to December 29, 2024) at the Diagnostic Imaging Service, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida. During these five weeks, I spent two weeks in radiography, two weeks in ultrasound, and one week in cross-sectional imaging, which includes CT-Scan and MRI.

My initial goal in pursuing this scholarship was to enhance my knowledge in veterinary diagnostic imaging and gain practical experience in how veterinary radiologists perform their duties. Through this experience, I wanted to broaden my horizons, improve my technical skills, and understand the diagnostic procedures used at advanced diagnostic imaging facilities, as well as expand my network in the field of veterinary diagnostic imaging. I am confident that this experience will significantly contribute to my professional development and open up more opportunities in the future.

During this scholarship program, I was mentored by Dr. Vilaplana Grosso, a passionate and dedicated mentor. Dr. Vilaplana Grosso provided me with access to the college RIS, PACS, and HIS systems as well as other IT accesses. I spent a good part of my time reviewing cases from the Small and Large Animal Hospitals myself, with my mentor, as well as with other radiologists and residents. In addition, I had the opportunity to participate in various weekly resident activities, such as Journal Club, Book Club, Morning Rounds, Weekly hospital seminars, and Known Case Conference (KCC) sessions.

In addition to Dr. Vilaplana Grosso, the other faculty and the residents in the Diagnostic Imaging Service were very kind and supportive throughout the scholarship program. This experience greatly expanded my knowledge in veterinary diagnostic imaging. I learned several new things, such as how to prepare accurate radiology reports and how to perform systematic examinations for each modality, including CT-Scan and MRI, which are very rare in Indonesia. Moreover, I had the opportunity to visit the radiation oncology service, which was my first time witnessing how advanced the radiation oncology technology is for animals, and I could see the possibilities of their linear accelerator.

Furthermore, Dr. Vilaplana Grosso also allowed me to follow him while teaching, both in the classroom and during practical sessions. While assisting Dr. Vilaplana Grosso, I gained valuable experience in preparing teaching materials and effective teaching methods, especially for laboratory cases in veterinary radiology. Additionally, he provided me with access to recorded lectures that he taught earlier last year, that I could watch. Also, he gave me new insights into various research topics in the field of veterinary radiology that could be developed at my institution in the future.

This scholarship has given me the opportunity to not only understand the theory and practice of veterinary radiology but also to observe how professional board-certified veterinary radiologists work. This has been a highly valuable experience for me. I hope that this experience can inspire more veterinarians and academics in Indonesia to further explore the field of veterinary radiology and contribute to the development of this field in our country.

Overall, I feel very grateful to have received this scholarship, as it has broadened my perspective and understanding of the veterinary radiologist. In Indonesia, it is particularly difficult to access information about this field. With this scholarship, opportunities for veterinarians and academics interested in veterinary radiology to learn more about the board certificate veterinary radiologist have become more accessible.

Finally, I deeply thank to Dr. Vilaplana Grosso, Dr. Gallastegui, Dr. Huguet, Dr. Paradise, Dr. Peper, and Dr. Eberle, as well as the diagnostic imaging residents and veterinary technicians' team at the Diagnostic Imaging Service, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, for making my five-week journey so amazing.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to IVRA for providing me with this opportunity.

My new adventure in veterinary radiology has just begun, and I am very excited to see where this journey will take me in the future.

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