



## Admissions

### Upcoming Application Cycles-

**Early Acceptance Program**- for college sophomores who have a unique opportunity they would like to take advantage of their junior year. GPA and GRE minimums for this program as well as a written statement of what they would like to do the junior year in college. Application available March 1-June 1, 2019 on our web site.

**Transfer Applicants**- from **AVMA** accredited veterinary colleges into the second year in Cornell's DVM degree program. This is on a seat available basis and based on an application (including writing statements), undergraduate transcripts, GRE scores, and veterinary transcript. Deadline for Fall 2019 is June 1st. For details visit our web site.

**Questions?**

**Regular Application Cycle**- The **VMCAS** application is typically available mid-May with a deadline of September 15, 2019.



## Cornell University's Equine Hospital Follows Difficult Path to Preserve Sight

Blue, an eight-year old Hanovarian mare, suddenly went blind one night. "In the morning, she was found just staring straight ahead and not moving in the middle of the paddock," explains her owner, Kelly Ross. "It was hard to get her to walk inside because she was timid and kept bumping into things. Once we got her safely in the barn, we called her veterinarian who examined her and confirmed she was blind in both eyes." Blue was treated with steroids and the vision was restored, but she again

lost sight in her left eye when she was weaned off the medication.

After a two week stay at an emergency facility where it was suspected she had a tumor, she was brought to [Cornell University's Equine Hospital](#) for diagnostic imaging and treatment.

"We suspected a compressive mass, but needed imaging to confirm, as well as to help us plan a surgical approach," explains Dr. Elaine Flory Claffey, a clinical instructor, large animal, for [Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine](#).

On skull computed tomography (CT) scan, a mass was seen in the sphenopalatine sinus as suspected. It appeared to be mostly right-sided and compressing the optic nerve.

"My biggest concern was not to put Blue through too much. There were times when I was about ready to give up, but the veterinarians at Cornell were so confident and positive about the approach that I felt comfortable moving forward," says Ross, adding she often had her mother (Blue's co-owner) speak with the vets about the specifics of the surgery and its risks because she is a nurse. "They were great about explaining everything and keeping us as completely up-to-date as possible so we could make the best decisions for Blue."

With [Dr. Norm Ducharme](#) as the lead surgeon, a unique standing surgical procedure was performed during which a sinus flap was opened and an endoscope was passed through the nostrils into the sinuses for visualization. The first time Blue went into surgery, visibility became too difficult to proceed with the procedure. After a few days of healing, surgeons went in a second time and found the pathway still accessible and with improved visibility.

It's not likely that Blue's vision will return in the left eye, but it is hoped the removal will decrease the risk of progression of symptoms.

Ross says Blue has since returned to her usual self both in personality and in what it's like to ride her. She even jumped again for the first time shortly after the New Year.

*By Cynthia L. McVey*

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## Upcoming Programs

**Cornell Vet College On-the-Road**

**Washington, DC**  
**AAVMC Career Fair**  
Sunday, March 10, 2019  
2:30-5:00  
Hyatt Regency Washington

**Boston, MA**  
**Health Professions College Fair**  
Saturday, March 30, 2019  
4:30-6:00  
Boston Park Plaza

**Long Island, NY**  
Thursday, April 4, 2019  
7:00-8:30  
Alumni Panel- discusses careers in veterinary medicine and their experiences at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine  
(contact Jennifer at [vet\\_admissions@cornell.edu](mailto:vet_admissions@cornell.edu) to register for Long Island program)



## On Campus

**Annual Open House**  
Saturday, April 6, 2019  
10:00-4:00  
*Admissions Presentations with Student Panel*  
11:00-12:00 and 1:30-2:30

### Admissions Presentations & Tours

May 10, 2019  
3:00-5:00

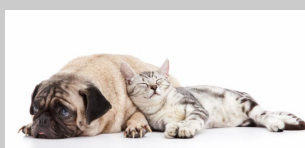
June 14, 2019  
2:00-4:00

July 19, 2019  
2:00-4:00

August 2, 2019  
2:00-4:00



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