

SENIOR SURGEON

UCV VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL – UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE VALENCIA

(Valencia, Spain)

The UCV Veterinary Teaching Hospital, a referral university hospital for small animals, is seeking to recruit a **Senior Surgeon** to join a solid and growing project within a highly specialised clinical environment.

This is an opportunity to work in a **referral hospital** offering **complex surgery, genuine multidisciplinary collaboration, a university setting, professional development, organisational flexibility**, and the **quality of life of Valencia**.

We are looking for a professional who enjoys **referral surgery** and the collaborative management of complex cases, and who would like to be part of a university hospital with a strong **clinical, teaching and research-oriented vocation**.

About UCV Veterinary Teaching Hospital

UCV Veterinary Teaching Hospital is a referral university hospital focused on **second- and third-opinion cases**, with advanced clinical activity and a strong multidisciplinary approach.

We have a well-established and highly specialised team, with **more than 15 diplomates**, including **European and American diplomates across all services**, as well as **7 residency programmes** and **9 residents**. Our working model is based on close collaboration between specialties and on the individualised discussion of cases in order to provide the best possible care for each patient.

We work closely with the services of **anaesthesia, diagnostic imaging, internal medicine, neurology, ophthalmology, cardiology and intensive care**, within a dynamic, demanding and excellence-driven clinical environment.

As a teaching hospital, education is a natural part of our identity. Our students are central to our mission, and we are therefore looking for professionals who are also interested in contributing to the training of future veterinarians.

The professional opportunity

The successful candidate will join a well-established surgical service with continuous activity in referral surgery, and the management of complex referred cases. The service performs an average of **10 scheduled surgeries per week during regular clinical hours**, with advanced caseload in both orthopaedics/traumatology and soft tissue surgery.

In orthopaedics and traumatology, the caseload includes advanced procedures as well as soft tissue surgery, the service regularly manages complex procedures.

The position offers a **genuine opportunity for professional growth and development within the service**, in an environment open to the introduction of new techniques, procedures and lines of clinical development, and other innovations in veterinary surgery.

The person joining the team will play an **active role in the consolidation and future development of the service**, working closely with the Head of Service in activity review, continuous improvement and strategic planning. Over the hospital's **13-year history**, the

surgery service has grown steadily, progressively incorporating new staffing needs and equipment according to clinical demand.

One of the hospital's greatest strengths is its **truly multidisciplinary approach**. Cases are managed individually and collaboratively, in close coordination with a strong **intensive care service** and with specialists in **anaesthesia, diagnostic imaging, neurology, cardiology, and internal medicine**, among others, through joint case discussion and tailored planning for each patient.

In addition, this role offers a clear opportunity to **make a meaningful impact in clinical work, teaching and research**. As a teaching hospital, our clinical activity takes place in constant contact with students, reinforcing our commitment to high-quality patient care and to the rigorous transmission of good clinical practice. This environment also supports the development of **research projects, supervised academic work and scientific publications** arising from routine clinical activity.

The surgery service

The successful candidate will join a structured and training-oriented service currently composed of:

- **1 Head of Service**
- **1 Senior Clinician**
- **2 Junior Clinicians**
- **3 Specialty Interns**
- **1 Rotating Intern**
- **1 Surgery Technician**
- **2 Theatre Technician**

This is a service with advanced surgical activity and continuous collaboration with the other hospital specialties.

Role profile

We are looking for a senior surgeon with a broad clinical profile who is able to integrate into the overall activity of the service. At present, the surgery service is not divided into separate soft tissue and orthopaedic divisions, so the successful candidate will be expected to contribute to **both areas**.

A **high degree of clinical and surgical autonomy** is expected in day-to-day work. At the same time, the role is embedded in a collaborative environment, with support from the Head of Service and the senior team in the more complex cases. In particularly demanding procedures, it is common for **two surgeons** to operate together, in line with our approach to quality and patient safety.

As a teaching hospital, **clinical supervision is a natural part of daily work**, as students, interns and residents are continuously present during clinical periods. The successful candidate will actively participate in their clinical training and supervision, and may also take on, depending on profile and interest, a more substantial role in **residency supervision**.

The position also includes **participation in on-call duties**, providing clinical support to interns and residents within the structure of the service.

This is a role with **prospects and career development**. As the service continues to grow, new areas of responsibility, specific lines of work and leadership opportunities may progressively be developed within the team.

University environment and teaching

As a teaching hospital, education is a natural part of our daily activity. We are looking for someone interested in contributing to the **clinical training of students, interns and residents**, within an environment where patient care, supervision and teaching are closely integrated.

Teaching involvement takes place mainly in the context of routine clinical work, through **case supervision, clinical discussion and day-to-day mentoring** of colleagues in training. In addition, the role may also include **occasional teaching sessions, case presentations or lectures**, depending on the candidate's profile and on the needs of the service and the Faculty.

We understand teaching as a natural extension of the clinical excellence expected in a university hospital: not only doing things well, but also **teaching others how to do them well**. For this reason, we particularly value candidates with a teaching mindset, an interest in sharing knowledge and the ability to work comfortably in a high-level academic and clinical environment.

Research and academic development

The university environment of UCV Veterinary Teaching Hospital also provides opportunities for **research and academic development** linked to routine clinical activity. The hospital's caseload and multidisciplinary approach support the development of **applied clinical research projects**, as well as collaboration in **scientific publications, conference communications and supervised academic work** arising from cases managed within the service.

Above all, we are seeking a candidate with a strong clinical and surgical vocation. However, we value positively an interest in participating in research initiatives and knowledge generation, particularly in an environment where clinical practice, teaching and continuous improvement are closely connected.

The hospital also provides a suitable setting for those who wish to develop or consolidate their own **research line**, to start or continue a **PhD**, or to collaborate in scientific projects with other services and university departments.

Requirements

Essential

- Veterinary degree
- Eligibility to work in Spain
- Advanced training in small animal surgery, meeting **one of the following criteria**:
 - **European Diplomate (ECVS) or American Diplomate (ACVS)**, or
 - completion of a recognised residency programme and being **eligible to sit the board examination**
- Experience in a hospital environment and in the management of complex surgical cases
- Ability to work collaboratively with multiple services and specialties
- Interest in teaching within a university setting
- Spanish is a must
- Fluent professional English

Desirable

- PhD completed or in progress
- Interest in participating in clinical research projects and scientific publications
- Experience in the clinical supervision of interns, residents or students

What we offer

We offer an especially attractive position for a senior surgeon seeking to combine high-level clinical activity, professional development and quality of life within a referral university hospital.

Key features of the role include:

- **4-day working week**
- **9 weeks off clinics** dedicated to teaching, research, training and academic development
- **6 weeks of holiday per year**, organised in coordination with the Head of Service
- Support for **continuing professional development (CPD)**
- Support for **training stays / externships**
- Support for **clinical research**
- **Organisational flexibility**
- Work within a **truly multidisciplinary environment**
- Integration into a **university hospital**
- The opportunity to build a solid, balanced and forward-looking career

Living in Valencia

The position is based in **Valencia**, one of the cities with the best quality of life in southern Europe. Valencia offers an excellent **Mediterranean climate**, a comfortable and accessible lifestyle, proximity to the sea, and very good national and international transport connections.

It is an especially attractive destination for both national and international candidates seeking to develop their career in a demanding yet supportive, flexible and balanced professional environment.

Terms

Salary commensurate with the candidate's experience and qualifications.

Immediate start available, although flexibility can be offered for the right candidate.

Application

Interested candidates are invited to submit their **CV** and a **cover letter**.

Apply here.

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