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# VETERINARY MEDICINE

If you have a love for animals and are eager to gain valuable work experience, our veterinary placements offer a fascinating experience and insight into veterinary medicine and animal care. Whether you are a qualified vet or pre-university you can make a big difference to the welfare of the animals. Not only are our placements extremely beneficial for your career as a vet or veterinary nurse, but they offer an insightful opportunity to learn and discover about the practices and problems of veterinary medicine in the developing world.

## Quotes from volunteers

"It was a totally different experience from anything I'd get at home. I was lucky to get some hands-on experience and saw diseases that we vaccinate against in the UK, but never come across, even one case of rabies."

■ **Mary-Rose Best**, veterinary medicine in India

"The most memorable incident was when an elephant came into the vet's surgery... we got to stroke her and have photos taken. She was good as gold when given worming powder – not like my cat!"

■ **Suzanne Warren**, veterinary medicine in India

## Veterinary Placements

We offer veterinary placements in Ghana, India, Mongolia and Romania. As well as working in city or town based surgeries, each country project offers its own unique experience. For placements in India and Romania you need to be prepared to roll up your sleeves and muck in as you assist on the afternoon visits of our vets to farms in rural communities. In Ghana you can attend the veterinary rounds at Accra zoo. If your passion is horses then Mongolia will be the country of appeal. For many people in Mongolia horses determine their entire way of life. You can live outside of the city with a horseman and his family and help with their daily tasks.

through the doors! As well as being involved with the day-to-day tasks of feeding, cleaning and repairing animal enclosures, you can assist the staff with the animal rehabilitation programmes, helping them to regain their strength and practice their survival skills. Being able to aid staff in training falcons to hunt and fly, for example, is an incredible experience that you can be a part of.

## Animal Care

Our animal care placement in Mexico is suitable for everyone. It is an extremely rewarding experience for all animal lovers. Based in Guadalajara we work in a busy animal hospital that cares for both domestic and wild animals that have been injured, mistreated or abandoned. Previous volunteers have witnessed some exotic and interesting animals pass



■ Veterinary in Ghana

*"The people I worked with at my placement were lovely and appreciated I was not only a volunteer but also there to gain experience in my chosen career. They allowed me to be involved in many of the cases, the most memorable being the chance to assist in the birth of a baby goat... It was the most amazing experience."*

■ **Louise Ellerton**, veterinary medicine in Ghana



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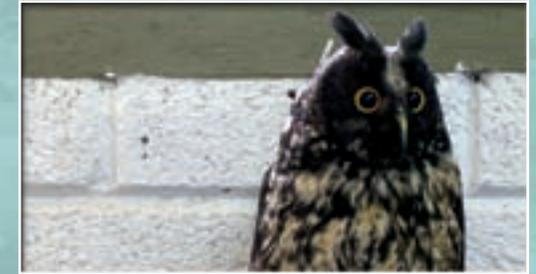
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## ■ 2-Week Specials

Why not join us on a two week placement? If you are aged 16 – 19 and still in full-time education our two week veterinary programme in India is perfect for you. Our programme is designed to ensure that your time overseas is interesting, educational and exciting. On arrival you will be met and briefed by our local staff, before heading off to spend time in a variety of locations, in Rajapalayam and Sethur, working alongside a number of local experts.

You will assist Dr Thirkumaran on his work with livestock, help at the pet clinic under the supervision of Dr Srinivasan, assist with Dr Narajan's duties at the veterinary hospital and attend his afternoon visits to rural farms. The contrast and variety of working environments will provide you with a fantastic insight into veterinary medicine.

You can also participate on a 2-Week Special project helping to look after horses in Mongolia. Full details of these projects can be found on our website or from our 2-Week Specials leaflet.



 Owl in Animal Care Centre, Mexico

## ■ Get the most out of your placement

An inquisitive mind, initiative and interest will be rewarded with a fulfilling experience. The more you want to learn, the greater the opportunities you will be given and the happier local vets will be to show you the ropes and dedicate their time to you. We offer a diverse range of placements, dealing with a variety of animals. From cats and dogs to turtles and elephants - an abundance of domestic pets, farm animals and exotic creatures are always passing through the doors of the veterinary clinics we work with.

You could be working in a busy city practice, or situated in the countryside, helping to care for the local wildlife. By shadowing the local experts you will be able to observe surgery and assist with clinical procedures. You may help to carry out post-mortems, come across diseases that have long since been eradicated from the West, give vaccinations, or assist in artificial insemination. The opportunities that we offer are endless.



 Animal hospital, Mexico

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Further information...

If you would like any further information on these or any other projects, do not hesitate to get in contact with us. Our staff are always happy to help!



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