



INDIAN VET CLINIC

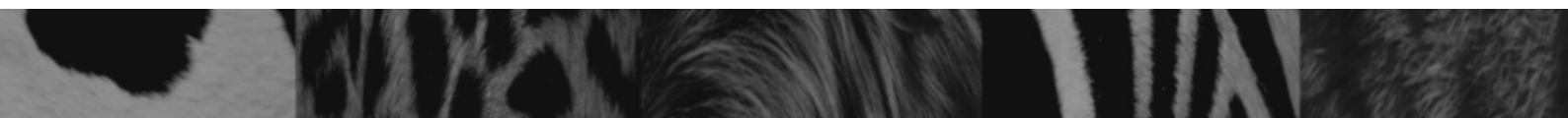
Ahmedabad, India





VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain valuable experience in veterinary care and animal welfare
- Project based in a university teaching hospital
- Work alongside a friendly and encouraging team of vets and para-professionals
- Assist or carry out at least one surgery every day with your vet mentor
- Teach the local community how to care for animals and create awareness of animal rights
- Feel the warm hospitality of India by trying delightful foods, enjoying local music and discovering the unique culture
- On weekends, enjoy trips to
 - ⇒ *World renowned temples*
 - ⇒ *National parks*
 - ⇒ *Yoga retreats*





ABOUT THE PROJECT

This veterinary clinic has opened its doors to both Indian and international clinical year vet students, as a way to develop the skills and knowledge for people in the profession. The busy clinic is based on site at a local university (Ahmedabad Parjrapole Campus) and as such strives to provide a high calibre of veterinary medicine to all the animals they treat.

The ability of the vet mentors to teach in a positive and reassuring manner is second to none and with both private and charity clients walking in through the door all the time, they are able to offer an amazing experience to volunteers.

The clinic is a busy place, and receives anything up to 4,000 patients every month. Dogs and cats are the majority, but small exotics, especially birds, are often treated here.

AIMS OF THE CLINIC

- Offer free vet treatment to stray animals, and those whose owners who are living in poverty.
- Maintain a high quality of vet care and health treatments
- Safeguard animal welfare
- Safeguard public health





VETERINARY WORK

Despite a great commitment from the team at the clinic, there is never a day when we reach every animal that needs our help. The clinic runs Monday to Friday at the hospital, and a separate team treat animals out on the road with 3 mobile clinic vans. The mobile team bring back emergency cases for hospital treatment. Volunteers often see a wide range of cases when in India, many of which are not seen in more developed countries.

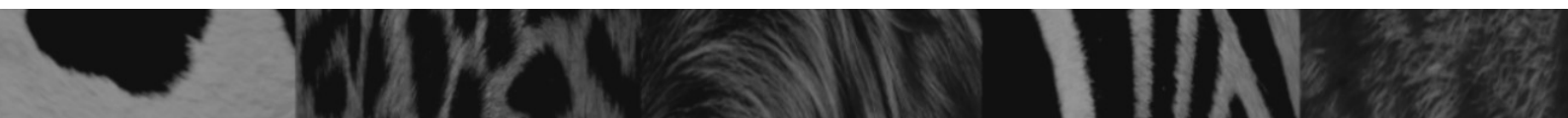
CLINICAL CASES SEEN

- Routine sterilisation (spay and castrate)
- Vomiting and diarrhoea (poisoning, infectious diseases or foreign bodies from eating at rubbish dumps)
- Potential rabies cases
- Birds brought in after injury during the kite flying festival
- Fractured legs (often road traffic accidents)
- Infectious diseases like parvovirus, corona virus and distemper
- Malnourished or dehydrated animals
- Skin parasites (ticks, lice and mites)
- Wounds from wire collars, snares and dog fights. Many are infected.

SURGERY

In order to provide optimal learning experiences for vet students, there is one vet employed solely for the teaching of volunteers. Your vet mentor will ensure each student carries out one surgery every working day, with full supervision and guidance. This is key for developing surgical skills and confidence in a low stress, and positively supervised environment.

Students who have done little surgery will scrub in with the vet mentor, learning tissue handling skills and anatomy. Students who are in later clinical years will be encouraged to carry out the surgery with less assistance. The vet mentor will always be on standby to help when needed.



PROJECT LOCATION

It is not called 'Incredible India' for nothing. There is no place in the world that quite rivals India for its immense cultural diversity, history, music and religious focus. This proud, vibrant, warm and welcoming nation is situated on an area of land 1/3 the size of America, but with 100 million more people!

Based in the north west of India, Ahmedabad it is the sixth largest city in India with a population of more than 6.3 million. Founded by Sultan Ahmad Shah in the 15th century, the ancient walled city of Ahmabad has just been marked as a UNESCO world heritage site (2017), and it is no wonder why.

The city, and surrounding state, is stuffed with breath-taking monuments and historical relics. Hriday Kunj, the very place Mahatma Gandhi resided and initiated the non-violent freedom struggle for India being just one. Volunteers often stay on to travel other states and see world renowned Ganges river, Taj Mahal, Amer Fort or attend a yoga retreat.



ACCOMMODATION

Your accommodation will be either

- A) on site at the clinic.
- B) In a near by hotel, from where the team will collect you and drop you off each day.

Rooms are shared and both accommodations are basic, with single beds and en-suite bathrooms with hot showers and traditional Indian 'squat' toilets.

Bedding is provided, though you are asked to bring your own towel. Don't forget a toilet roll to get you going, it is not commonly used in India. Don't panic though, you can easily buy some from the local shop! Either accommodation has easy walking access to local shops selling basic commodities that you may need during your stay.





DAY TO DAY

FOOD

Breakfast and lunch are served at the clinic. Dinner will be brought to you at your accommodation. The food consists of a range of Indian dishes, which will be selected for you (in line with dietary requirements) during your stay. The team select food from reputable chefs, so as to avoid any upset stomachs. The team will try and get you out for at least one 'western' style meal each week if you want it.

WEEK DAYS

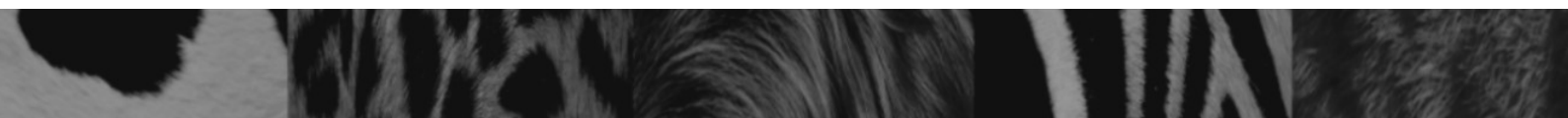
On your first day, between 10 am and 1pm you will have an induction to the clinic, the team members, and the patients currently in the hospital. You will meet your volunteer supervisor vet and be provided with some bottled drinking water (you will need to provide your own after this).

Weekends are spent at your leisure and the team will, on arrival, offer you a few extra options for organised tours if you want some extra help with planning your adventures. With so much to do, some volunteers choose to stay and travel in India for a week or 2 after their project.

9 am	Breakfast
9.30am	Post operative care and follow up from yesterdays surgery
10am	Surgery teaching OR medical cases
1pm	LUNCH BREAK
2pm	Surgery teaching OR medical cases (whichever was not done in morning)
6pm	Finish work
7pm	Dinner

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

India is renowned for it's amazing festivals and celebrations. As such, there are a number of public holidays each year when the clinic will have a skeleton staff, and volunteers will not be operating. The skeleton staff team may have less fluent English than the normal full team. Please do your research in to public holiday dates in India over your project duration and know which days will this be holidays. On holidays you are welcome to come and help at the kennels and with basic treatments that occur, but most volunteers head off to enjoy the festivities, shows and street parties.



EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Volunteers have the weekend off a week to enjoy Ahmedabad. You can choose to explore the roads of the city, seeing the ever present friendly cows that meander down the pavements or perhaps enjoy the shopping malls filled with clothes, silks, teas, spices and souvenirs. The team will assist you with an organised tour if you want to have a more organised exploration of the culture and city of Ahmedabad.



Dada Hari Vav

Built in 1501, this building is an elaborately designed stepped well. It is one of the most complicated structures of the city, the purpose of the well was to provide travellers with cool water and a place to relax.



Ahmedabad Temple

The structural design of this temple is mesmerizing. The interiors and exteriors of the temple have been adorned with the typical Gujarati designs that depict different aspects of the Gujarati culture and lifestyle.



Festival fun

You don't have to look far or stay long to enjoy one of the amazing festivals in India. From the festival of light (Diwali) to the festival of Colours (Holi), and all those in between, you will have a chance to see the ever strong vibrance of Indian culture on the streets without wandering too far.



Rann of Kutch wildlife sanctuary

Just 93 kms from Ahmedabad is one of the largest sanctuaries in the country. Covering 4950 sq ft, it is famous for its attractive chestnut Asiatic wild horses, wolves, blue bull, gazelle, jungle cat, Indian foxes, jackal and hare.



PROJECT COST AND DATES

START DATES

This project starts every Monday of the year, with volunteers arriving at Ahmedabad airport on Sunday or Monday. Different start dates can be accommodated with advance notice. Ask us about tailored start dates, durations and multi-project trips. Stays extending over 3 months receive a reduced rate on accommodation, please contact us if you wish to stay for a longer period.

COST

Project Duration (Weeks)	Project Cost
2	£870
3	£1,305
4	£1,740

NOT YOUR FIRST TIME?

Returning volunteers get 5% off the cost of additional projects

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Want to know what's included? Great news, it is pretty much everything! Including your:

- Donation to the clinic for veterinary supplies and medicines
- Your transfers to and from the airport on arrival and departure
- Induction and training on the project
- 3 meals a day
- Accommodation on site or in nearby hotel
- Transport relating to the project
- 24 hour project coordinator (veterinarian)
- Bottled water on your first day
- Pre-departure booking representative to help with everything before departure

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR STAY

- Visa (Free to many nationalities)
- Flights to and from India
- Medical insurance
- Extra meals, snacks or drinks—Please note, alcohol is not permitted in any of the project accommodations, in line with cultural norms.



How to book

Thank you for taking an interest in our Indian Vet Clinic. We hope this leaflet has sparked your interest in joining our work in India.

To book onto the project you:

1. Choose your start date and duration
2. Email info@worldwidevets.com
3. We will provide you with our bank details. We ask for a £200 non-refundable deposit to confirm your place
4. Once your deposit is in, our team will send you a pre-departure document with all the information you need to prepare for your trip. We are always on hand to help you with anything you need between booking and departure
5. Pay the remainder of the fee by 2 months before you depart
6. Fly out to the adventure of a lifetime

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