



# **CAPE TOWN ANIMAL RESCUE AND VET PROJECT**

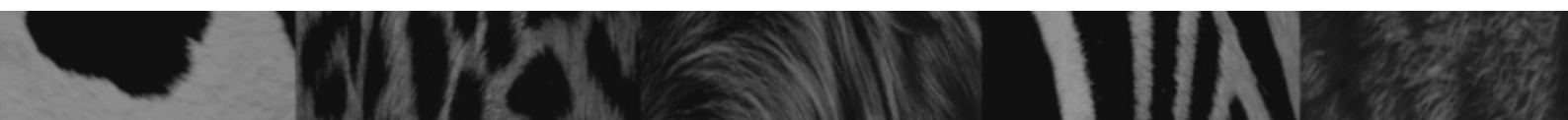
**South Africa**





## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain valuable experience in veterinary care and animal welfare
- Take a hands-on role in the kennels
- Rehabilitate animals to enable them to be adopted into a loving home
- Observe or assist with surgeries and clinic treatments alongside the resident Veterinarian
- Assist with crucial pre and post – operative care for cats and dogs
- Live like a true South African by exploring the many diverse food markets, restaurants, live music events and world-class beaches.
- On weekends, enjoy trips to
  - ⇒ *Safari reserves*
  - ⇒ *Museums, art galleries and cinemas*
  - ⇒ *Sky dive and bungee*
  - ⇒ *Wine tours*
  - ⇒ *Whale watching / shark diving / snorkelling with seals*







## ABOUT THE PROJECT

This project is open to anyone with a love of animals and a passion for helping with their rescue, rehabilitation, treatment and care. Join our dynamic team to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home animals that are lost, abandoned, abused and neglected .

You will live in a lovely area of Cape Town, and spend your days between two different rescue shelters, each with onsite vet clinics.

- Mdzananda Animal Clinic in Khayelitsha is based in a poverty stricken township, so you can get in to the heart of the community and make a huge difference to animals in need.
- TEARS animal shelter is based in Sunnyside and can have over 300 rescued dogs on site at any given time, with a second location for cats as well.

Between the two locations, you will see an amazing variety of cases and benefit from working alongside two separate teams. Both locations serve animals from surrounding disadvantaged townships and have mobile clinics that travel out to animals in need daily. While the prime focus is the rescue of domestic animals, the shelters also rescue terrestrial birds and wild animals. The shelter is pro-life and animals are only euthanized on the advice of a veterinarian, when they are incurably ill, with no hope of recovery.

If you are a vet student, this is the perfect opportunity for you to work alongside highly qualified veterinarians and veterinary nursing staff who will be happy to share their knowledge with you. If you aren't studying animal or veterinary science, you'll still be able to assist on multitude of levels and gain some amazing work experience.





## DAY TO DAY—non vets

Volunteers work 9am to 5pm (with some daily variation) Monday through to Friday, with weekends off to explore and relax. Your daily activities will be tailored to your current interests, passions and level of training.

### ANIMAL LOVERS

Those with no veterinary training who are coming to make an impact as animal rescue, rehabilitation and care volunteers, you will carry out the below jobs. Also, if you are interested, you will be encouraged to shadow and learn from the vet and nurse team as well.

- Feed dogs and cats
- Grooming animals in the rescue centre
- Giving TLC to strays
- Help teach the local community about welfare and animal rights
- Walk dogs, socialise them and play with them
- Learn to do basic medical checks, like temperature and heart rate
- Help give basic medications like tablets
- Learn to help the vet/nurse team with tasks like restraining dogs and cats for injections



### THOSE WITH NURSING, PRE VET, OR ANIMAL CARE EXPERIENCE

You will work closely with the shelter staff and highly qualified veterinarians and nurses, vet techs and care assistants. They will get you as involved as possible and will help equip you with the knowledge you need to contribute to the health and well-being of animals wherever your career takes you.

As well as the above tasks, you will work hands-on within the kennels and hospital to:

- Carry out routine health checks and assist with medicating patients
- Triage animals coming to the hospital
- Help with pre and post op preparation and patient care
- Help pack and sterilise surgical kits and prepare for surgery
- Develop nursing skills like anaesthetic monitoring, catheter placement, intubating, bandaging and monitoring pain in post surgical patients





# DAY TO DAY—vets and students

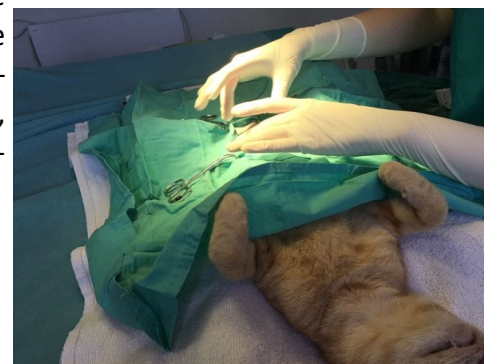
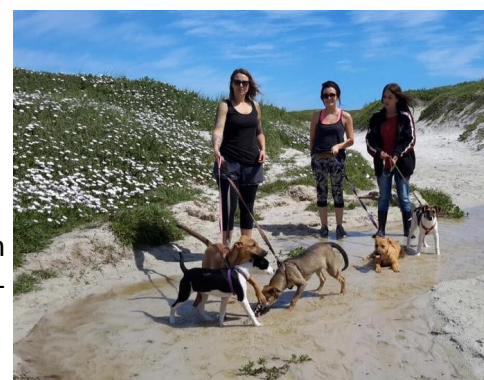
## VETS AND VET STUDENTS

Those interested in, or currently studying veterinary medicine as well as already qualified vets, will get great exposure to animal medicine in a different country. We will help you register with the South African authorities prior to your arrival and so you can assist a local veterinarian with medical work ups, diagnosis, treatments and surgeries, in line with your experience. This can include:

- Vaccinations
- Sterilisations (spay and castrate)
- Soft tissue surgery (e.g. lump removals)
- Orthopaedic surgery
- Non surgical fracture management
- Consultations
- Wound care and closure
- Diagnostics- blood, smear and crush samples
- Dealing with tick borne diseases

You will also get a chance to travel with the mobile clinic, assisting with vaccinations and sterilizations, educating about husbandry and establishing a working relationship with the local residents.

Please note, this is a busy functioning clinic and rehoming centre where you will gain real life experience. Everyone from the receptionists to the head vet help with all aspects of animal care and 'behind the scenes' administration work. You will be required to do the same, so remember, this is not a training course, and you must be keen to help with everything, not just the medicine and surgery.



# WHERE YOU STAY

## PROJECT LOCATION

Cape Town is located in the country of South Africa and is officially one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Framed between oceans and mountains, it's surrounded by incredible natural beauty, with Table Mountain, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, being a highlight. Cape Town is also a place of huge diversity, lively cultures, and a vibrant nightlife. Living here is dynamic and interesting, and week-ends will give you a huge variety of exciting activities.

You can, for instance, venture to the top of Table Mountain, go paragliding, take to the ocean by kayak, hang out on some of the many beaches, sip wine at stunning vineyards, head out on safari, enjoy some Africa's finest restaurants and even take to the skies on a helicopter flight over the city. For those more interested in exploring South Africa's culture, how about visiting the historic Robben Island, or taking a free walking tour through the city to learn about Apartheid?



## ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying in a fully-furnished house situated in Muizenberg, just 3 minutes away from the beach. This area is one of the major tourism attractions in Cape Town and a surfer's paradise. The area is filled with vibey bars, cafes, and amazing restaurants, and you'll be based just opposite a major grocery store for you to do extra shopping should you need.

The volunteer accommodation is a cozy, safe home shared by volunteers and African Impact staff. It boasts a central lounge and dining area, a living room with some comfortable couches for socializing and relaxing, preparing for your next day or chatting with fellow volunteers, as well as a spacious backyard in the sun to relax, or to enjoy a South African Braai. It is the perfect base from which to explore this incredible city. There are 10 bedrooms, each sleeping 6 or 8 people.







# PROJECT COSTS AND DATES

## 2020 START DATES

This projects starts on most Mondays throughout the year.

13 and 27 January | 10 and 24 February | 9 and 23 March | 6 and 20 April | 4 and 18 May | 1, 15 and 29 June | 6, 13, 20, and 27 July | 3, 10,17, 24 and 31 August | 7 and 21 September | 5 and 19 October | 2,16 and 30 November.

## COST

Duration (weeks)	Cost
2	£1427
3	£1712
4	£1902
5	£2187
6	£2472
7	£2757
8	£3042

## NOT YOUR FIRST TIME?

Returning volunteers get 5% off the cost of any project.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

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

- Pre departure assistance with planning and flights from one of our destination specialists
- Your transfers to and from the airport on arrival and departure
- Induction and training on the project
- Accommodation in a lovely area of the city
- 3 meals a day
- 24 hour project coordinator

Not included in your fee

- Personal health insurance
- Flights to and from project
- Visas, (free to many nationalities)
- Wifi (50 rand per week in the volunteer house)
- Laundry (80 rand a load)

During your stay you will have the opportunity to enjoy some of the incredible attractions Cape Town has to offer. These excursions are also a great time for volunteers to interact and get to know each other better.

## POPULAR OUTINGS:

- Cultural Community Tour R700
- Aquila Safari - a Big 5 private game reserve R2,250
- Cape Point Peninsula Tour, including a visit to the penguins at Boulders Beach R750
- Abseiling down Table Mountain R895
- Shark Cage Diving R1,850
- Sky-diving R3,150 (including transportation)
- Hop-on, Hop-off Cape Town City Sightseeing Bus R170
- Take a hike or cable car to the top of Table Mountain R275 (cable car)
- Surfing lessons R650 (including transportation)
- Experiencing fine wines and warm hospitality at Constantia and Stellenbosch wine farms R800





# WHY CHOOSE WORLDWIDE VETS

Choosing the right project can seem like a daunting task and getting the right one is an important part of your next adventure. We have all the experience, support and cover you need– the facts speak for themselves:

## BEEN THERE, GOT THE T-SHIRTS!

Since 2009 we have sent out 1,500+ volunteers to 10 + countries across 3 continents. Basically, we know what volunteers want and how to provide a life changing experience.

## EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

From the moment you contact us, we will help you with every step of your trip. We are always here to help. From giving flight advice, to talking to nervous parents!

## SAFETY FIRST

We hold full international employers liability insurance which covers you abroad. We also hold public liability and professional indemnity cover, so you can concentrate on what matters– having a fantastic time abroad.

## WE MAKE A REAL IMPACT

We provide ongoing support to our projects, and have done for many years. From ongoing advice, through to funded vets and equipment. This ensures Worldwide Vets makes long term commitments to every project and benefits the local community and animals.

## THE BEST PROJECTS

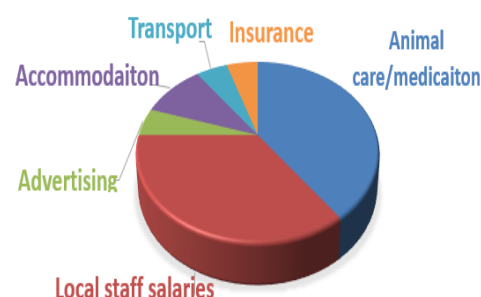
Volunteering with us may allow you to work with animals you could only dream of working with at home, or be part of your career development, studies or just for fun. Either way, we guarantee our projects will blow your socks off.

## WHERE YOUR VOLUNTEER FEE GOES

We take volunteers all year round, assisting the projects and receiving animal management or veterinary related training. To sustain this, we need to cover the cost of volunteer accommodation & food (5%) and transport(5%). Check the pie chart.

Volunteer fees are the main source of funding for most of our projects, so by joining us, 75% of your fee goes directly to the charities we work with (check out the 'Local staff salaries' and 'Animal care/medication' slices on the chart!). That's right, you get an amazing experience, AND support the work of the team who host you. Win Win!!!

On top of this it allows us to hold thorough insurance (5%) to safeguard yourself and our staff, as well as putting funds back in to marketing (5%), so more volunteers find out about the projects, and help fund them in the future.





## HOW TO BOOK

Thank you for taking an interest in our project. We hope this leaflet has sparked your interest in joining our work in Africa.

To book onto the project you:

1. Choose your start date and duration
2. Email [info@worldwidevets.com](mailto: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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