



# **GHANA VET CLINIC**

**Ghana, Africa**





# VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

- Work alongside a friendly and encouraging team of vets and nurses
- Help with Interesting and varied veterinary work
- Work with a range of species including cats, dogs, cows, goats and chickens
- Make a huge difference to animals and owners
- Develop medicine and surgery skills
- Spend time in a developing country, exploring a unique and welcoming culture
- Make friends for life as you live and work alongside like minded people
- In your free time go jungle trekking, monkey watching, beach walking, or explore the historical city







## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Ghana vet clinic has opened its doors to all interested volunteers with a love of animals and a passion for their care, treatment and recovery. You don't need any past experience to join this project so whether you are interested in a career in veterinary medicine, or studying to be a vet/nurse, this project will offer you a huge amount of education and training.

The clinic has a small and friendly team, allowing volunteers to get a lot of one on one training. You will work Monday to Friday gaining invaluable experience of vaccinations, surgery, post-mortems, and the routine treatment of domestic farm animals, horses and pets in a developing country. You will help treat dogs, cats, cows, goats and join weekly visits to chicken farms in the area to provide ongoing advice on vaccinations and disease prevention.

You may get to see cases that have been virtually eliminated from the western world, and you will learn about the problems that people in Ghana are faced with when dealing with animal care and management.

On your arrival, the clinical team will discuss with you what you want to learn from your time at the clinic so we can best assist you with progressing your knowledge and skills. There is always a lot happening at the clinic so we will encourage you to concentrate on what is most beneficial to you.



## THE WORKLOAD

This varies through out the week and the year, but there is never a dull moment and volunteers always come home feeling they have learned a lot and made a big difference to the animals of Ghana.

The veterinary work includes spays, castrates, vaccination programs, emergency call outs and routine call outs, as well as dealing with all the animals that are presented to the clinic. Those in clinical years of vet school will assist with surgery however but this is not a surgery training course, so you should not expect your days to be solely based around surgery. Volunteers are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the project, including medicine, animal rescue and inpatient care. As with all placements, the more you put in to your time with us, the more you will get out of it.



Being a developing country, animals are often kept in conditions that are different to the developed world. The dairy cows generally are totally free range, chicken farming is much less intensive and dogs and cats are able to roam freely around the villages. This presents unique challenges for the vet and nursing team, especially with infectious disease testing, treatment and prevention.

## ON THE ROAD

A lot of the large animals you will work with are call out's, so you will spend time 'on the road'. Conditions can be challenging, the weather can be hot, there may be no electricity for the hair clippers, we may have to pump water from a well in the villages, or carry out surgery with nothing but a large tree for a roof!

Being prepared for every eventuality and being proficient at working 'in the field' means everyone gets the most out of these call outs. Even when days are long, they are very rewarding.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

8am-12	Morning consultations and surgery by appointment. You may be called out to a farm, so will be out for the whole morning.
12-1pm	LUNCH AT CLINIC
1pm-5pm	Afternoon consultations and surgery by appointment.
6.30	Dinner served at the volunteer house
Evenings	Evenings are free to explore the town, go shopping or to the bars and restaurants, or stay in and enjoy the company of other volunteers in the house.







## VETERINARY WORK

### **Those who come with no prior medical qualifications**

You will be busy assisting with a wide range of the clinic's workload. You will carry out with the following:

- Restraining animals for, and learning to give injections.
- Educating owners about husbandry
- Helping vets with surgery
- Helping nurses with anaesthesia
- Feeding and grooming inpatients
- Learning to sterilising surgical tools and packing surgical kits
- Bandaging and changing dressings on dogs, cats, cows, birds and horses
- Joining the vet when consulting in the clinic and at farms for cows, goats and chickens

### **Those with medical experience (vets, nurses, techs, vet students, nurse students)**

Under supervision you will be able to advance your skills and provide support to the vets and nursing team. We aim to encourage you to highlight to us what areas you want to improve on so we can help you excel your knowledge and skills relevant to your studies and career. As well as the procedures above you will help with:

- Dog and cat sterilisation surgery
- Caesareans (dog and cow)
- Consulting
- Vaccinations
- Fracture repair/splinting (bird, dogs, cows)
- Leg amputations (dog, cat)
- Diagnostics (blood, smear and crush samples)
- Treating tetanus (farm animals)
- Wound management (farm and small animals)
- Euthanasia



## THE VET CLINIC

The head vet Dr Jonathan Anim (picture right) went to university in the United States and has run the veterinary hospital for 17 years. At the clinic he and his team work with small dogs, cats, sheep, goats and chickens. You will also join him out on the road visiting cows, exotic birds, horses and ornamental fishes, as well as the weekly routine visits to the chicken farms (Tuesday and Friday mornings).

The clinic is equipped with:

- One consulting room
- One Operating room
- Kennels for inpatients
- Dispensary for medications
- One autopsy table





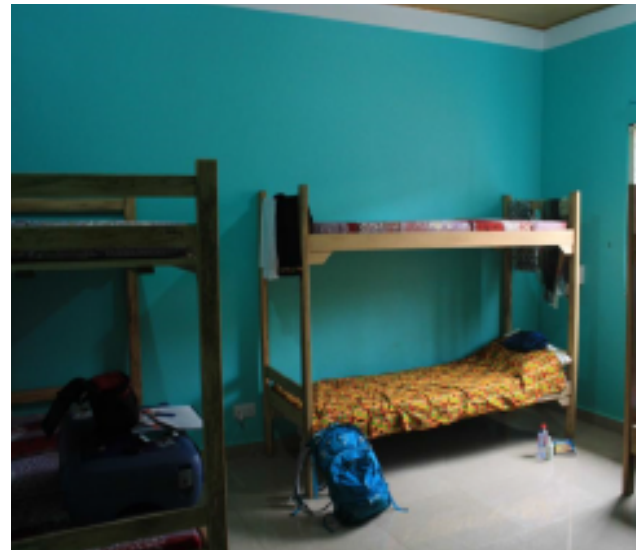
The volunteer house (right) is based in Labadi – a very quiet and safe suburb of the capital city Accra. We are close to the beach (below), city centre, 20 minutes from the airport and all conveniences such as ATMS, pharmacies and convenience stores are within close proximity.

The house itself is comprised of shared single sex room (sharing with up to 6 people), each room is en-suite. There is a large communal living room and kitchen. The house has wifi and you will be sharing the house with other volunteers doing a wide range of different projects, including volunteering with children and community development.

Volunteer coordinators stay in the house to ensure volunteers have 24/7 access to information and help if necessary. Meals will be freshly prepared and cooked every day by our in house chef. Each morning you will have your breakfast at the house before taking the bus (0.50 pence each way) to the vet clinic.

There are a lot of things to do when it comes to social life in Ghana. Your project is your priority, however we have also made provision for you to relax and enjoy this vibrant country. In-country staff will organise regular social activities/ events for you which will be listed on the weekly schedule in the volunteer house. Activities include visiting markets, museums, t shirt making, dance or language lessons, sports, beaches, pool and nights out.

Most weekends our experienced in country team will organise optional travel excursions around Ghana, to see some of the best sites and attractions that the country has to offer. This includes surfing on pristine beaches, canopy walks in Ghana's biggest National Park, visiting history laden slave castles, walking along side elephants, feeding monkeys, swimming in Lakes and waterfalls or climbing mountains.





# PROJECT COST AND DATES

## START DATE

This runs Saturday to Saturday every week of the year. Volunteers fly in to and out of Kotoka International Airport, in the country of Ghana.

## PROJECT FEE

Duration of stay (weeks)	2020 Cost
2 weeks	£900
3 weeks	£1,150
4 weeks	£1,400
5 weeks	£1,650
6 weeks	£1,900
7 weeks	£2,150
8 weeks	£2,400
9 weeks	£2,650
10 weeks	£2,900
11 weeks	£3,150
12 weeks	£3,400

## NOT YOUR 1ST TIME VOLUNTEERING WITH WORLDIDE VETS?

Returning volunteers get

- 5% off the cost of their 2nd project

## What is included:

Want to know what is included in the fee? Good news, it is just about everything including:

- Pre-departure assistance (planning/flights) from our destination specialists
- Your transfers to the project on arrival
- 3 meals a day
- Accommodation
- Drinking water
- Transport relating to the project
- Use of laundry facility

Not included in your fee:

- Your transfer to the airport when departing (we will arrange this for you)
- Bus to vet practice each day (£1 per day)
- Flights
- Travel insurance





# OTHER ACTIVITIES

Accra is the capital City of Ghana. Dotted with historical landmarks whispering of a history where Portuguese, Dutch and then British traders (as early as 1550AD) utilized the town as part of their trading route. Old castles, lighthouses and slave trading prisons are interesting historical relics. There are many restaurants serving every type of food, as well as lively bars and pubs to visit.

## Bojo Beach

Bojo Beach is a clean, inviting white sandy beach, accessible only by taking a little row-ing boat taxi across a clear water lagoon from the mainland. There are sun loungers and refreshments for you to enjoy.



## Visit the market

Dive in to the hustle and bustle of everyday life in Ghana as you visit the local markets. Stool vendors and eager shop-keepers are selling everything from vegetables to batteries, socks to souvenirs.



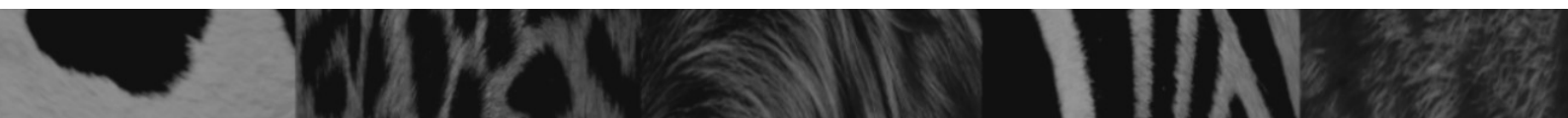
## James fort and beach

For a great view of the city and the busy and colourful fishing harbour climb to the top of the old lighthouse near James Fort, a historical part of the old city.



## Kakum Naitonal Park

Four hours west of Accra is a protected virgin rainforest. With a 350 more long suspended walkway you can see endangered species including Diana monkey, giant bongo ante-lope, yellow-backed duiker and African elephant, as well as hundreds of species of bird and butterfly.



# 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

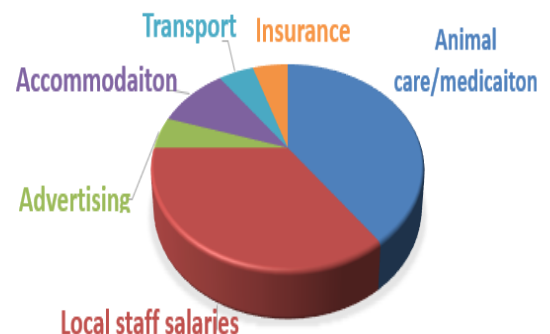
Volunteering with us may allow you to work with animals you could only dream of working with at home, or be part of your career development, studies or just for fun. Either way, we guarantee our projects will blow your socks off.

## 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 Ghana Vet Clinic 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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