Background

WSAVA is dedicated to the continuing development of companion animal care around the world. WSAVA’s Animal Wellness & Welfare Committee (AWWC) aspires to make welfare issues an everyday consideration for veterinary practitioners worldwide, ensuring that the WSAVA becomes an influential and respected partner within international welfare. This very important work is proudly supported by WALTHAM® CLAW (Community Led Animal Welfare) is an internationally known, well-respected animal welfare organization in Johannesburg, South Africa that is proudly supported as a flagship project of IFAW.

CLAW helps people and animals in impoverished townships, providing life-saving support for up to 700 animals a week and acting as the only provider of animal healthcare in most of the townships in which they work. Since 1999, CLAW mobile teams of veterinarians and community volunteers have treated, vaccinated and sterilized thousands of pets. CLAW also provides other mobile services such as flea treatment, de-worming, emergency care, adoption services, humane euthanasia, pet education, and community awareness events.

More information about the project can be found:
- On CLAW’s Website: www.claw-sa.org/
- A video of the project is also available on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2SPebwMXcl%20

Veterinary Volunteer Registration

International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) Community Led Animal Welfare program (CLAW)
Outreach Program sponsored by AWWC & WALTHAM®
Johannesburg, South Africa
8 – 13 September 2014
World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) Congress

Volunteers

Due to the sensitive nature of CLAW’s work and the conditions under which volunteers will work, CLAW has requested that potential volunteers be screened, recognizing that it will be both physically and emotionally challenging. This will help ensure a positive, successful experience for everyone. In addition, it will help identify expertise that individuals may wish to utilize during their time with CLAW.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please complete this form, attach a brief CV & send to the WSAVA office – wsvasecretariat@gmail.com. Please include a short statement on why you would like to volunteer in the Gauteng township Outreach Program, as well as any other pertinent information – e.g. experience with vaccination &/or animal sterilisation programs, volunteer outreach - you think may be useful in assisting us with your application.
WSAVA Volunteer Proposal

Overview

WSAVAs Animal Wellness & Welfare Committee (AWWC) is offering the opportunity for veterinarians to spend time with CLAW and its team prior to the 2014 WSAVA World Congress in Cape Town, South Africa. The experience would require the volunteers to travel to Johannesburg. CLAW welcomes volunteer veterinarians who wish to learn about assisting animals in underserved communities, and offer their time and compassion towards improving the health and well-being of people and their pets.

- Volunteer numbers are restricted to a maximum of 10 veterinarians
- When: For 6 days prior to the WSAVA Congress
- Where: At the CLAW clinic and surrounding townships in Johannesburg, South Africa.

During this time, volunteer veterinarians would assist CLAW during their mobile veterinary clinics. These clinics bring vaccines, deworming, as well as flea & tick treatments to animals in impoverished townships. In addition, volunteers would be able to assist with diagnostics, education and outreach. They will have the opportunity to see the communities CLAW serves and understand local social, health and veterinary concerns.

- Assist during mobile veterinary clinics.
- Provide basic care such as vaccination and parasite treatments
- Learn about the challenges in underserved communities and how veterinarians can play an important role in addressing them.

Veterinary volunteers will not only learn about the medical aspects of working in underserved communities, but how veterinary medicine can be used as part of a holistic approach that creates long-term improvements for people and animals. A visit to the project is a very moving and emotional experience for those who visit. Many have not previously seen people and animals facing the scope and depth of problems they will witness in these communities. Volunteers should be prepared for a powerful, meaningful experience under challenging conditions, but they will also be inspired and moved by the incredible work of CLAW and its staff.

Prior to Visit

CLAW and IFAW will prepare volunteers for their experience. Prior to the trip, they will get:

- Information about the project, including scope, services and what to anticipate.
- A briefing on visiting Johannesburg and project sites, including considerations for safety and respectfully interacting with community members.
- Directions for where to book local accommodations, as well as recommendations for meals, transport and sight-seeing.
- A “wish-list” of specific items volunteers can source at home and bring to the project.

Arranging Local Logistics*

CLAW will arrange transport and coordination of volunteer veterinarians to/from and during mobile clinics, will help the veterinarians register locally, & can organize tours of the clinic as well as other program initiatives. CLAW will help with local logistics including housing, meals and other transport by recommending services.

- CLAW arranges transport to/from and coordination of all project activities.
- CLAW helps veterinarians register locally. (*Note: Veterinarians licensed in Great Britain have reciprocity with South Africa and may have their registration fee waived).
- CLAW recommends local accommodations, meals and other transport.

Volunteers will be responsible for:

- Arranging and paying for flights.
- Transport to/from airport to local lodging.
- Booking accommodations at the Soofah Guesthouse: www.sooffah.com (the guesthouse will include bed and breakfast, but volunteers will be responsible for other meals).
- Pre-travel health checks, medications & vaccinations.

Volunteer Expenses

All expenses related to housing, food and transport for volunteers will be the responsibility of the volunteers themselves. The table below details those additional anticipated expenses for volunteer food and housing.

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*N.B. While WSAVA endeavours to ensure all information is accurate at the time of printing, WSAVA cannot be held responsible for program changes or cancellations that occur in circumstances beyond our control.