

# Africa vet experience

Looking for an exceptional clinical veterinary placement? **Africa Vet Experience** offers an unrivalled opportunity to improve your diagnostic and surgical skills in Malawi - 'the warm heart of Africa'. The highly practical course offers invaluable work experience with small animals, farm animals and equines. The animals you can expect to work with include: dogs, cats, goats, chickens, pigs and donkeys. The **Africa Vet Experience** programme is delivered by the Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals (LSPCA), in partnership with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA, UK) and Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS).



The **Africa Vet Experience** programme is centred around our **community veterinary clinics**, so you will be making a real contribution to the treatment of animals that would never otherwise see a vet. You will also spend time at the new **LSPCA clinic** and learn how we make the best use of the veterinary resources available. There will be opportunities to experience Malawi's wildlife during an overnight stay in a **national park**.



Our **in-depth lecture programme** complements and supports the clinical work. In addition to presentations on surgical techniques, the programme includes 'shelter medicine', 'the role of vets in reintroduction programmes', 'the role of vets in animal welfare' and case studies of specific tropical diseases. Lecture notes will be provided.



**Africa Vet Experience** is an **adventurous experience of a lifetime** as well as an innovative, fully supported way to **develop your clinical skills**. Participation in this course also supports LSPCA's vital on-going work to deliver free veterinary services in low-income communities. Why go for anything less?



## CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES

- ➔ Assist in spay and neuter operations
- ➔ Administer and monitor anaesthetics
- ➔ Manual restraint
- ➔ Diagnosis and treatment of:  
dogs, cats, farm animals, donkeys
- ➔ Animal welfare of domestic and farm animals
- ➔ Field diagnostics
- ➔ Behavioural assessments of dogs and cats



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## COURSE TUTORS

The course tutors are experienced vets who will ensure excellent clinical supervision, and through discussions and the lecture programme, provide a real insight into the difference veterinary care can make in low-income communities. The course is delivered by the veterinary team at LSPCA, the only animal welfare charity in Malawi. Read about LSPCA's veterinary and education programmes at [www.lilongwespcas.org](http://www.lilongwespcas.org) and [www.facebook.com/lspca](http://www.facebook.com/lspca)

Dr Richard Ssuna is the Africa Vet Experience course director and programmes director of LSPCA. Richard is an experienced veterinarian who has trained in Uganda, the UK and US. Vets from the UK and Malawi will also be teaching on the course. RSPCA International ([www.rspca.org.uk/international](http://www.rspca.org.uk/international)) supports LSPCA and is a partner on this course with Worldwide Veterinary Services ([www.wvs.org.uk](http://www.wvs.org.uk)). Joe Inglis, UK vet and TV presenter is an enthusiastic patron of LSPCA, "I am delighted to be an LSPCA patron, it's a wonderful organisation and they make a real difference for animals in Malawi".

## Course itinerary

- DAY 1** Airport pick up, welcome and orientation at hotel | welcome dinner
- DAY 2** Tour of LSPCA veterinary clinic and kennels | lectures on surgical techniques
- DAY 3** Spay and neuter day at a community veterinary clinic
- Day 4** Spay and neuter day at a community veterinary clinic | lectures on shelter medicine and animal welfare
- DAY 5** Livestock treatment at a community clinic | lectures on tropical diseases
- DAY 6** Tour of Lilongwe Wildlife Centre | veterinary work at LSPCA clinics and kennels
- DAY 7** Livestock treatment at a community clinic | travel to national park | lectures on captive and wild animal health
- DAY 8** Game drive/walks | lectures on the veterinary role in reintroduction programmes | travel to Lilongwe
- DAY 9** Spay and neuter day at a community veterinary clinic
- DAY 10** Spay and neuter day at a community veterinary clinic
- DAY 11** Donkey treatment day at a community clinic | leaving party
- DAY 12** Depart

## BOOKING INFORMATION

Places are limited on this course so please contact us to reserve your place by emailing [africavetexperience@gmail.com](mailto:africavetexperience@gmail.com)

A deposit will secure your place and full payment must be received 6 weeks prior to course commencement.

**Course dates:** 24 March – 4 April 2013  
4 – 15 August 2013

**Cost:** £1650.00

**Course costs include:** All accommodation (shared) and food throughout the course  
Airport transfers on specified course arrival and departure dates  
All in-country travel, permits and entry fees to national park  
Notebook, pen, sim card, Africa Vet Experience scrub shirt  
Lecture notes and course certificate

Air travel to and from Malawi and alcoholic beverages are not included.

## INSURANCE AND HEALTH

All participants must book travel insurance for the Africa Vet Experience course. You should insure that the policy includes working with animals and has full repatriation cover. Please check with your local doctor or travel clinic for details of which vaccinations you require for Malawi. You may need to allow several weeks before travel to complete a course for some vaccinations. Rabies vaccination is a requirement of the course and proof of vaccination will be requested. Anti-malarial medication is recommended. Information on travel health is available on [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk)



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