

Announcement: Improving animal welfare and public health a veterinary training course for vets and paravets working on animal birth control projects

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10th December 2008 : FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL ORGANISATIONS, VETERINARIANS AND PARAVETERINIANS WORKING WITH ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL PROJECTS

The National Institute of Animal Welfare, along with the Animal Welfare Board of India and Australian NGO, Vets Beyond Borders, will be conducting a series of intensive and specialised clinical training programmes for veterinary personnel, commencing in February 2009 for an initial period of six months. This initiative will be delivered under the banner Project Vet-Train.

Vets Beyond Borders (VBB) is a not-for-profit organisation which establishes and supports animal welfare projects in India and the Asia-Pacific region. VBB places a high priority on providing continuing education, enabling veterinary personnel to develop and refine their clinical skills.

The training programmes, targetting veterinarians and paraveterinarians, will be of three weeks duration and will be conducted at the National Institute of Animal Welfare (Ministry of Environment and Forests), Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana. Training will be delivered by a team of highly-experienced, international veterinary educators and clinicians assembled by VBB, utilising specialised clinical equipment and up-to-date training materials produced specifically for this programme.

A summary of the content of the two courses is attached to this notice. The programmes will be provided free of charge to all trainees. Boarding and lodging will also be provided at no cost to Vet-Train participants. Registrants will be instructed in current protocols applicable to animal birth control surgery and pre- and post-operative management of surgical patients, in order to enhance the quality of veterinary care provided by Animal Birth Control Programmes. This project provides a valuable opportunity for veterinarians working with animal welfare and stray-dog programmes to refine their surgical skills. The training will also be very useful for veterinarians working with Government Veterinary Hospitals. Formal certification of Vet-Train training will be provided to all trainees following completion of their course.

Schedule of Training Sessions

Maximum of 24 trainees per session:

First session: 4th-23rd February 2009

Second session: 4th-23rd March 2009

Third session: 4th-23rd April 2009

Fourth session: 4th-23rd May 2009

Fifth session: 4th-23rd June 2009

Sixth session: 29th June-18th July 2009

REGISTRATION:

In view of the limited numbers of trainee positions that are available, all interested veterinarians and paraveterinarians are invited to email their CV.s, details of current employer and dates of their availability, at their earliest convenience, to: Dr Ian Douglas (Project Director): vettrain@vetsbeyondborders.org

CLINICAL TRAINING MODULE 1(v)

Essentials of veterinary technique as applied to animal welfare projects.

SUMMARY: Surgical biology, Principles of Surgical technique, Clinical pharmacology-Properties, mode of action, side-effects, indications and contra-indications, anaesthetic technique, Empirical laboratory procedures, Oncology - Transmissible venereal tumour, Parasitic disease (skin and intestinal) - Diagnosis and management, Record keeping - Clinical, dispensary, sterile supply, work-data, staff, Presentation of Vet-Train Certificates-accreditation / attendance.

CLINICAL TRAINING MODULE 1(p)

Essentials of paraveterinary technique as applied to animal welfare projects.

SUMMARY:

Operational issues

Aims, Facilities: kennels, isolation, dispensary, sterile supply, operating theatre, laboratory, dog kitchen, Staff duties: veterinarians, paraveterinarians/dog catchers, kennelhands, drivers.

Operational protocols:

Kennels, Isolation, Sterile supply, Dispensary, Operating theatre, Laboratory, Dog kitchen, Waste management, Clinical techniques, Humane dog-catching, restraint and handling, Pre-operative assessment of surgical patient, General anaesthesia: premedication, induction, maintenance and monitoring, Surgical nursing: pre-, intra- and post-operative, Peri-operative monitoring, In-patient management, Management of suspect infectious patient (esp. rabies), Laboratory procedures, Chemotherapy protocols (vincristine), Record keeping Presentation of Vet-Train certificates - accreditation / attendance.