

Limbe Wildlife Centre

A collaborative effort between Pandrillus Foundation and the Government of Cameroon, Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife, MINFOF P.O. Box 878, Limbe Republic of Cameroon

Limbe Wildlife Centre (LWC) volunteer veterinarian position description

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The LWC is dedicated to the care and welfare of several primate and non-primate species that have been confiscated from the illegal wildlife pet and bushmeat markets. The volunteer veterinarian role is to aid the veterinary team at LWC, through advising, monitoring, supervising and training staff in the best care that can be provided to the animals at LWC.

Key responsibilities

- Reporting to Pandrillus Project Manager, and on a daily basis to Head Veterinarian
- Providing veterinary services and expertise to all animal species across LWC, including diagnostics, clinical and surgical care, treatment, group health, husbandry, post-mortem examination, and disease response and control
- Engaging with and assisting the veterinary team at LWC with routine procedures and general health checks and provide advice on best practice care of wildlife
- Keeping the inventory updated and vet clinic stocked
- Keeping animal records updated on the database
- Occasional after-hours care in case of emergencies
- Taking care of the medical needs of the volunteer house pets, and occasionally, of pets of members of the public
- Assisting with other projects depending on the needs of the centre at the time.
- In charge for instructing, managing and teaching short term volunteer/students vets
- Doing the morning and afternoon medication rounds
- In charge for special diets being prepared and given (together with the keepers/Animal Care Manager)
- Doing emergency procedures and managing animals that have symptoms of illness
- Keeping the clinic clean and organized
- Monitoring animal health and behaviour everyday
- Running the clinic on Sundays when the rest of the veterinary team is off
- Taking care of the medical needs of the volunteer house pets (dogs and cats)
- Effective written and verbal communication skills required, including the ability to design and deliver training seminars and the capacity to deal or negotiate sensitively with complex, emotive or contentious issues while engaging with a range of stakeholders



- Vets are required to work as directed by the Project Manager, but by default 6 days a week with one day off and to be on-call potentially at any time in case of emergency (when possible, and if agreed by management, an extra half day off (or occasionally full day) can be arranged)
- On occasion, especially at the start of the assignment, you may be asked to help out and gain experience working some mornings on the various sections, such as chimpanzees or kitchen, or with special infant care
- The vet is subjected to strict hygiene, safety and rehabilitation rules and procedures all actions, in particular with animals, need to be approved

Conditions

Volunteer veterinarians who commit to work at LWC for a minimum of 12 months receive:

- Living stipend of CFA 150,000 per month
- Free accommodation at the Volunteer House
- Free lunch at LWC
- A return flight ticket, at the value of no more than US\$1000, can be negotiated with the manager
- Up to four weeks leave can potentially be agreed with management, depending on vet clinic requirements
- The vet work six days a week, working hours are 8am-5pm with a 1 hour lunch break at noon

Application Requirements

Please send your CV, veterinary diploma and a cover letter to info@limbewildlife.org

Your cover letter should:

- Explain why you feel you should be considered for this post: how you, your skills and your experience fit what we are looking for
- Why you are interested in this opportunity
- Your availability and for how long

