

Welcome and thank you for attending!

Taking a walk on the wild-side will lead you through the why's, what it involves and how to's of making hands-on travel learning the greatest addition to your veterinary science program!

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I am an LVT in NYS with a specialty in clinical pathology. I have had the pleasure of working as an instructional support technician at SUNY Delhi for the past 7 years in their AAS and BS veterinary sciences program and currently teach an on-line clinical pathology MS class at Lincoln Memorial University.

I am not an employee of any companies mentioned in this presentation, although I am hosting an Ecolife booth in the vendor area. I am a vet tech educator, and avid traveler, who has participated in making these trips possible for vet tech students. I have accompanied students on three SoutAfrican and one Peruvian adventures.



The presentation and slides I am showing address a lot of questions you might have but if you want to learn more, please reach out to me

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All of the photos are my own from trips to South Africa and Peru.

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### 3 W's

My reason for hosting this information session is multifold but mainly, we as vet tech educators want to expand our horizons, offer educational opportunities and help guide students in just how incredible this career path is.

Your vet sci program is already great and you are here at this conference to learn how to make it even better. Why add a travel abroad experience to the already busy curriculum? 4

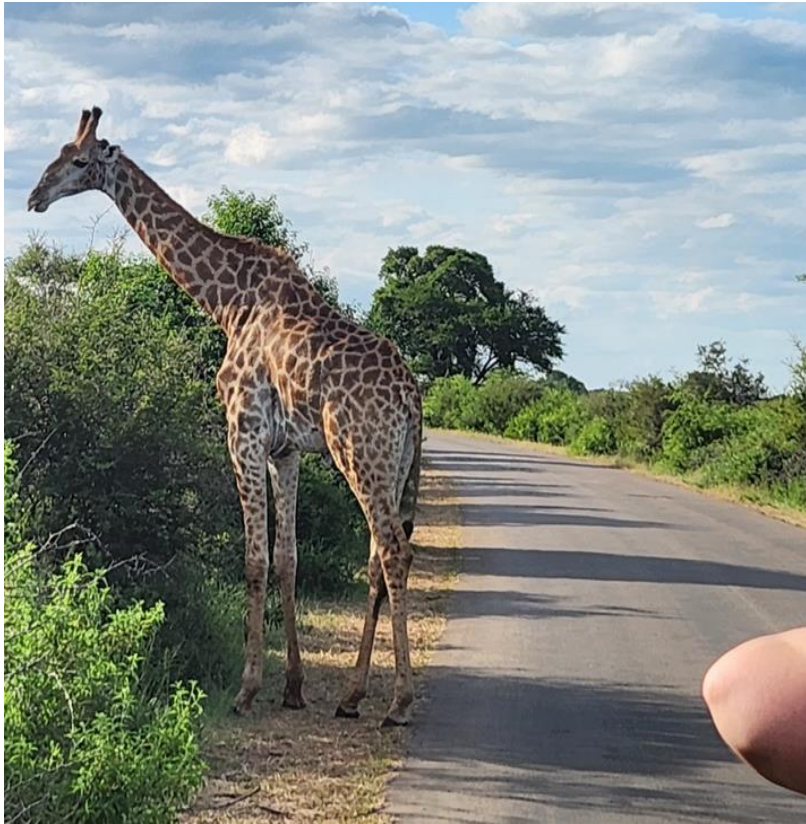




# WHY

## take students on a study trip abroad?

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What do travel learning experiences offer that cannot be duplicated in a college classroom or lab.



I see students return from this trip with a sense of confidence that goes beyond preceptorships/internships skills.

Braving air travel, immediately seeing and working with wild animals, meeting new professionals, living in different situations, trying new foods, and working with familiar species in vastly different settings, are all part of why student return from a vet sci educational trip changed, more confident and more focused on their career path(s).

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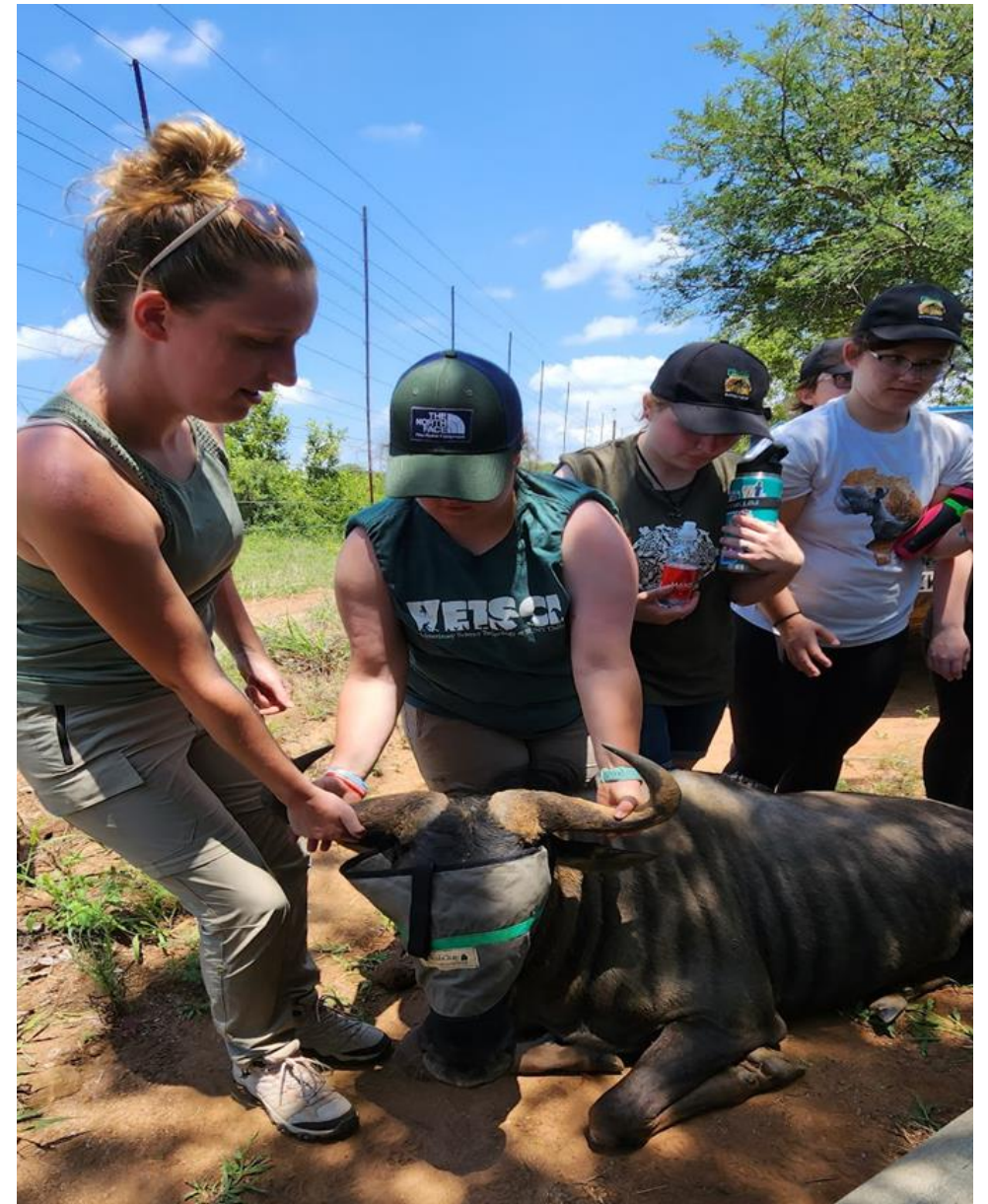






Soon to be graduates are so focused on classes that learning about all this profession has to offer them can get lost with the academia, funneling them into a path that may not be a great fit for all that they have learned.

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Confidence: using the knowledge  
they have to be challenged in  
unfamiliar situations

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The very first question asked, before any other details are seen or considered is COST.

Definitely the financial part of it but the cost of time in an already packed college schedule.





# A few cost estimates

(not including airfare)

**EcoLife Vets-in-the-Wild** South Africa 15 Day Expeditions - US\$3,300. (22 Day Expeditions - \$4 980)

**C.E.L.A. Belize** Wildlife Health 14 days Program tuition is \$3,380

**Live4Now W!ld Vets** South Africa 14 days COURSE COST: \$3,350

**Loop Abroad** Thailand Prevet and Vet Tech Tuition 14 day program is \$3,950.

**Disneys Animal Kingdom Resort Florida** 10 days based on 4 people per room, park tickets incl) per person \$2,611 (food/bev. not included, estimated at \$75 to \$100 per person per day = \$3,361 (no educational component or CE)





The surprises of exploring financial support is part of taking a walk on the wild side!

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How, in reality, can you make a trip abroad possible? There is a method and help is available!



# Internet search pics all the possibilities...

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✦ AI Overview

Veterinary study abroad programs offer valuable hands-on experience and cultural immersion for students interested in animal care and conservation. Popular options include **semester-long programs in Costa Rica, Thailand, and South Africa**, as well as shorter internships and volunteer opportunities in various locations. These programs often focus on diverse aspects of veterinary medicine, from wildlife rehabilitation to small animal clinical practice. [🔗](#)

**Popular Veterinary Study Abroad Programs:**

**Global Veterinary Semester Abroad (Loop Abroad):**  
This program spans 12 weeks across Costa Rica, Thailand, and South Africa, offering a comprehensive experience in animal care and conservation. [🔗](#)

**CELA Belize:**  
This program offers intensive, hands-on veterinary study programs in Belize, providing pre-veterinary students with valuable experience for their applications. [🔗](#)

**EcoLife Expeditions:**  
Offers educational study abroad programs in South Africa, focusing on veterinary science, wildlife conservation, and marine biology. [🔗](#)

**Operation Wallacea:**  
Known for high ratings, this program offers various locations and focuses on research and conservation. [🔗](#)

## Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine:

Offers the Expanding Horizons Program, providing students with opportunities to experience veterinary medicine and conduct research in developing nations. [🔗](#)

## University of Queensland:

Australia's only accredited undergraduate veterinary science program that qualifies graduates to practice both locally and internationally. [🔗](#)

## International Veterinary Students' Association (IVSA):

Offers exchange programs and opportunities for veterinary students to gain international experience. [🔗](#)

## Other Notable Programs and Opportunities: [🔗](#)

- **American University of Beirut:** Offers veterinary programs with international opportunities.
- **University of Bristol:** Offers a PG Diploma in Veterinary Clinical Practice. [🔗](#)
- **Veterinarians Without Borders:** Provides volunteer opportunities for veterinarians and students. [🔗](#)
- **World Vets:** Offers various volunteer opportunities for veterinarians and students. [🔗](#)





Present to staff  
and  
administration



There are so many possibilities so let me show you one learning abroad example that I am familiar with to act as a more specific guideline.

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# What is EcoLife?

Based in South Africa, Prof. Wouter van Hoven DSc. Pr.Sci.Nat. Professor extraordinaire, NW University Retired Director, Center for Wildlife Management, University of Pretoria, founded the EcoLife program. His story is an amazing and passionate adventure with experiences worth staying up late by a campfire to listen to!

From their website <https://www.ecolife.co.za/index.html> website “We offer exciting hands-on, in-depth educational expeditions to students and professionals in wildlife conservation and veterinary science. Anyone with a keen interest in wildlife conservation- come and enjoy a behind the scenes experience with us!”

In addition to their 2 or 3 week Vets-in-the-Wild, Professional Vets and Veterinary Technicians, Wildlife Care, and Wildlife Conservation educational programs they can customize their itineraries for groups with specific interest.

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Safety, injury, illness



# USA colleges, University of Pretoria Veterinary College, South African Wildlife College and Hans Hoheisen Wildlife Research Station

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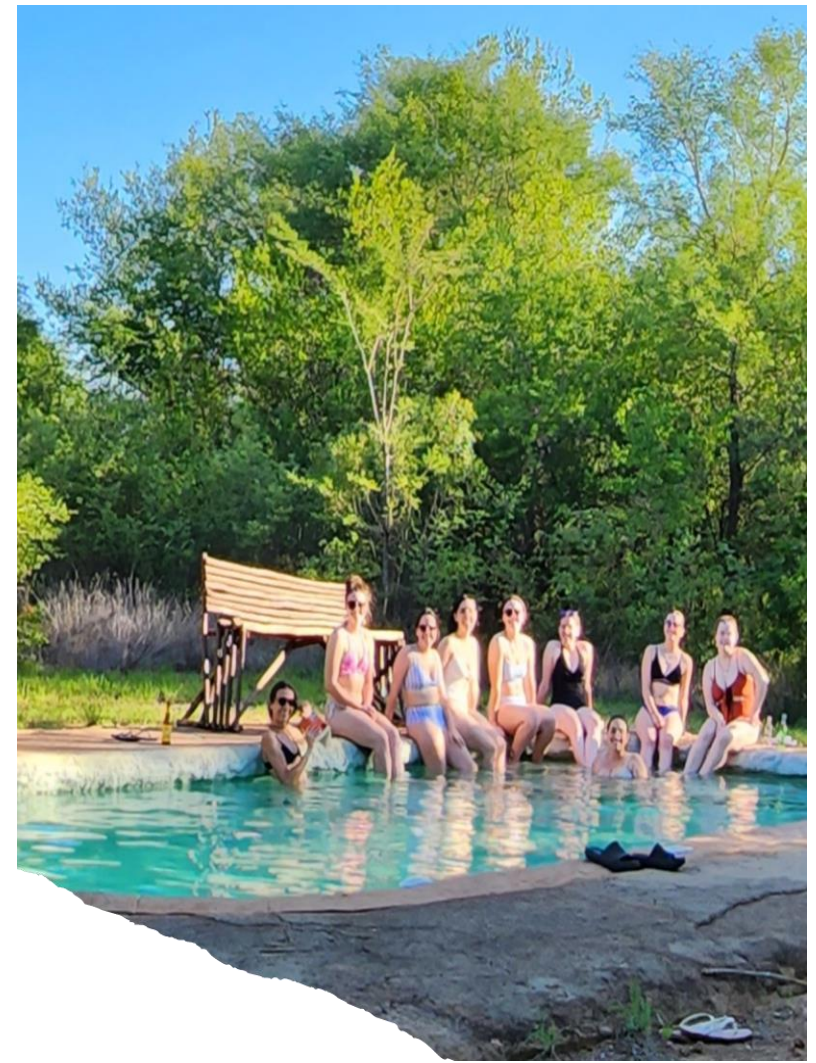


Days typically start early with a full schedule after breakfast. Lunches are often at cafes where local foods are featured, and dinners are hearty delicious meals.

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Learning abroad starts with learning locally:  
Trip Preparation, lessons, information on what  
to expect, health and dietary concerns

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Post – trip learning helps to embed what has been experienced and ripple the effects. Student skills coming in will be much different than the skills they will leave with.



Plenty of choices, start with a few suggestions and expand from here

- Ecolife Expeditions South Africa <https://www.ecolife.co.za/vets.html>
- see also <https://sunydelhi.exposure.co/vetscisouthafrica2020>
- C.E.L.A. Belize <https://celabelize.com/faculty-led-groups/> and [admissions@celabelize.com](mailto:admissions@celabelize.com)
- Live4Now W!ld Vets <https://www.live4now.co.za/about/> email [info@live4now.co.za](mailto:info@live4now.co.za)
- World Vets International Aid for Animals <https://worldvets.org/volunteer/upcoming-projects/>



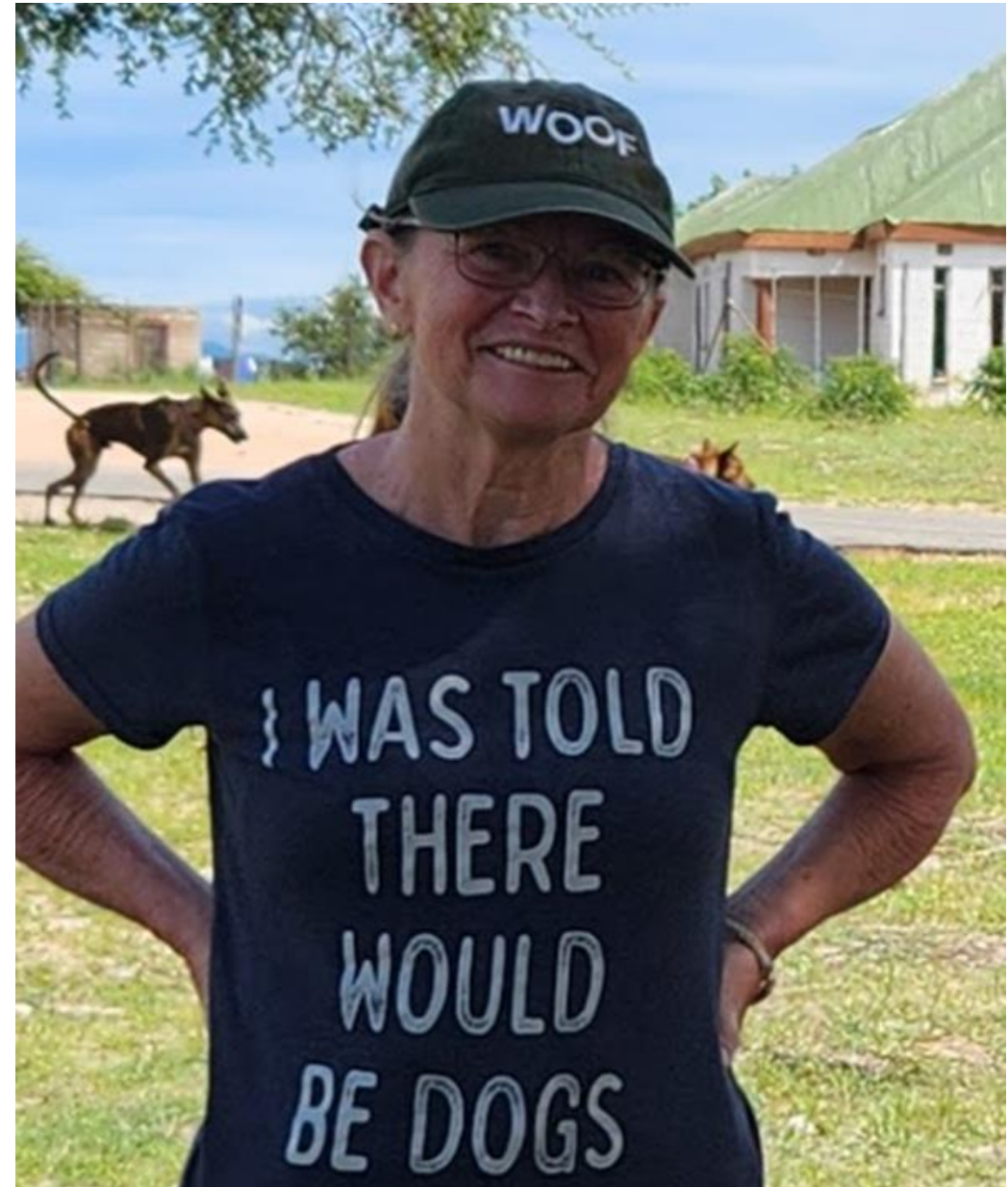
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