PRIMATE MEDICINE & HUSBANDRY
A WILDLIFE VET EXPERIENCE

This intensive 8 day experience is designed especially to give you a hands-on introduction to wildlife veterinary medicine. Based at one of Africa’s top rehabilitation facilities under the instruction of Malawi’s leading wildlife veterinarian you will be taught through both lectures and wet labs. You’ll also be helping out with the annual health monitoring programme, which includes physical exams, patient monitoring, and sample collection and analysis. Space in each course is limited to just 6-8 participants to allow for individual instruction and maximal participation. You are also invited to extend your stay at one of LWT’s other welfare and conservation projects to gain experience in areas like animal husbandry or conservation research. Vet students please note that this course can count towards EMS (Extra Mural Studies).

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

DAY 1: Arrival, sanctuary orientation and introductions.

DAY 2: Lectures & wet labs in parasitology, haematology & pharmacology.

DAY 3: Lectures and clinical observations in primate infectious & non-infectious diseases, emergency management, husbandry, and primate behaviour.

DAY 4: Primate health checks. Lecture/lab in avian exams & procedures.

DAY 5: Primate health checks. Lecture/lab in small mammal rehabilitation.

DAY 6: Primate health checks. Lecture in reptile rehabilitation, lecture and lab on suture patterns in rehabilitation.

DAY 7: Lecture in carnivore rehabilitation medicine. Lecture and practical lab in remote capture systems. Travel to Kuti Wildlife Reserve. Game drive.


DAY 9: Summary and departure.

Full itinerary available upon request.

STAYING LONGER

Course participants are offered a discounted rate to join any of the following volunteer programmes:

- Lilongwe Wildlife Centre: http://www.lilongwewildlife.org/index/get-involved/volunteer/
- Bat Conservation: http://www.lilongwewildlife.org/african-bat-conservation/
- Kuti Wildlife Reserve: http://www.kuti-malawi.org/
ABOUT LILONGWE WILDLIFE TRUST

Lilongwe Wildlife Trust is a wildlife welfare and conservation charity working to protect wildlife and habitats in Malawi.

Our award winning project, Lilongwe Wildlife Centre, is the country’s only wildlife sanctuary and is recognised worldwide for its excellent animal welfare standards with top accreditations from both PASA and the Born Free Foundation. The sanctuary is home to over 200 orphaned and injured animals, from vervets and baboons to lions and hyenas who are rehabilitated and released back into the wild wherever possible.

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in Africa with a fast growing population and the world’s 5th highest rate of deforestation. Working with the communities to address problems such as habitat destruction, human-wildlife conflict and the illegal wildlife trade is an important part of the Trust’s work and over 30,000 local school children take part in their education programme each year. LWT also runs a number of national welfare and conservation initiatives including the government’s nationwide wildlife emergency response unit (WERU) which was set up to deal with wildlife in distress.

Find out more at www.lilongwewildlife.org.

ABOUT DR AMANDA SALB

Amanda received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Louisiana State University, US, in 2004. For the next seven years she practiced in the United States and Canada in a variety of settings focusing on zoo and exotic animal medicine. She received her Master of Science studying Wildlife Epidemiology in 2011, and went on to work as a project manager and instructor for local conservation NGO’s in Belize, Botswana, and Namibia.

After completing the course on the Chemical & Physical Restraint of Wild Animals in Zimbabwe, Amanda came to Malawi as Lilongwe Wildlife Centre’s veterinarian. As the only in-country veterinarian trained in the capture of wildlife, she now runs the Wildlife Emergency Response Unit and spends the majority of her time in the national parks dealing with anything from snared rhino and elephant to collaring of lions and relocating hyenas.


HOW MUCH? USD1760/GBP1100. Incl. food, accommodation, airport transfers, course materials, t shirt and certificate. Excludes flights.

Additional weeks at partner projects available at a discounted rate of GBP450/wk (or GBP350/wk for 5+ wks).

QUESTIONS & HOW TO APPLY? Please email lilongwewildlife@gmail.com or call 00 265 993 800289.