

# Field Veterinary Program For Vet and Pre-Vet Students



## Travel – Serve – Learn In Costa Rica, Nicaragua, & Panama

**We Need You Because:** International Service Learning is dedicated to sending healthcare teams to meet the needs of underserved communities internationally, but *we are dependent upon students* to provide the fieldwork associated with our method of veterinary outreach. Our staff of veterinarians cannot possibly provide the essential village by village, farm by farm screenings which must precede our field clinics. *We train students* to offer such field assistance!

**You Need Us Because:** No other international healthcare provider offers this level of hands-on opportunity for vet and pre-vet students. You will not only receive supervised hands-on experience, but field-related seminars as well. A *letter of recommendation* from us will be a real asset as you apply for professional school admission.

ISL offers a unique and exciting opportunity to experience veterinary field work first-hand in the challenging contexts of both “outback” and urban Central America. You may be traveling by 4X4’s, motorized river canoes, horseback, bus, cab, and foot. Experience the irony of incredible natural beauty amidst profound poverty — **and make a difference!**

### Basic Training Seminars Provided

Teams consist of ten to fourteen students and are led by professional veterinary staff.

Each program includes:

**Veterinary Public Health • Tropical Vet Medicine • Vet/Med Spanish**

*For more information on this program contact  
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one adventure at a time*

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## In the Field

Students will assist with: clinics providing vaccinations and immunizations for parasite control and nutrition supplementation — spay/neuter clinics — minor surgery — community vet health surveying/screenings and family/farm visits — community education in schools and other venues — wildlife veterinary field trips.

## Additional/Optional Areas of Field Study

- **Endangered Species and Tropical Bird Disease.** The role of disease in endangering species, such as tropical birds — treatment and control.
- **Zoonotic Diseases.** How diseases that transfer between animals and humans are prevented and treated. Study of most common types.
- **Impact of Disease on Latin America.** How European/other incoming sources have affected humans and animals.
- **Indigenous and Natural Vet Medicine.** The history/use/collection/classification of natural medicines, as well as the study of how local people provide veterinary care for their animals using traditional methods.
- **The Role of Myth, Legend, and Indigenous Beliefs in the Practice of Vet Medicine.** Vet practitioners in the “Developed World” are often baffled by the continued preference of many indigenous peoples for long-held traditions over modern vet medicine. Explore “why.”
- **Parasite/Tick Study.** Collection, study, and identification.
- **Issues in Artificial Insemination.** Implications and problems in the utilization of A.I. in remote locations.
- **Veterinary Care Delivery Systems — a Comparison and Contrast.** Explore differences between our U.S. system of medical services delivery and that of developing countries.
- **The Sky’s the Limit!** Using the expertise and extensive resources of our staff, you can create your own independent study under the guidance of a sponsoring professor. Notify ISL at least two months in advance.

## What Vet Participants Say...

*“The experience with ISL has been invaluable both educationally and personally. I learned a lot from the staff that we worked with as well as my fellow pre-vet teammates. I also met a lot of amazing people.”*

**Brittany T. — Columbia School of General Studies**

*“I enjoyed how much interaction we got on the vet team. We got to do almost as much as the doctors.”*

**Jessica B. — University of Illinois**

*“Do it! It is an awesome experience that you will never forget. You will get more out of this than you can ever give.”*

**Roberto A. — Texas A&M University**

*“It is great to know that I actually made a difference in someone’s life. This was probably the best experience of my life so far.”* **Kathy M. — Tulane University**

Trip cost can be **greatly reduced** through our GSM Sponsorship Program. Cost does not include airfare or \$85 application fee, but does include all land/water transport, housing, two meals per day, border/security costs, staff accompaniment, translators, supplies and equipment, and training seminars.

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