

Lilongwe Wildlife Centre – Volunteer Testimonial

My name is Tina (Christine) and I'm currently a volunteer at the Lilongwe Wildlife Centre. I can honestly say that my time here has been packed with a whole lot of exciting events and every day is different!

Besides working at the Centre and being involved in all aspects of the day-to-day running which includes cutting fruit, feeding, cleaning and enrichment (my favourite task is to bottle-feed the gorgeous orphaned baby vervet monkeys!) I was lucky enough to experience the arrival of "Bella" – a beautiful lioness which was rescued from a zoo in Romania. I had the chance to meet various people of the Born Free Foundation – the major sponsor of the LWC – from several countries who had come to Malawi to greet our new amazing addition to the Centre!

But not only this... a week later a film crew from Sky TV arrived to make a documentary about the work of the Centre... filming the health check of "Kambuku" – our leopard, the troop of baboons ("Jack's Group") in Kasungu NP which was released back into the wild last December, LSPCA Community Clinics (where we vaccinate dogs and cats and inform and educate people about general animal care and welfare), as well as the relocation of "Ida" – a female baboon and a blue monkey from 'Mua Mission' – Malawi's last remaining zoo – to the LWC.

I truly can say my stay here has been amazing and a fantastic and valuable experience to my degree in 'Animal Conservation' and has exceeded all my expectations! I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in wildlife and hands-on experience with animals.

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