

# LILONGWE WILDLIFE TRUST

**Job title:** Lilongwe Wildlife Centre Veterinarian, reports to Head of Wildlife Rehabilitation

**Work Location:** Lilongwe Wildlife Centre (primary), Lilongwe, Malawi

**Division/Department:** Wildlife Rescue and Welfare

**Job Description:** This full-time position provides veterinary care for animals presented to and housed at the Lilongwe Wildlife Centre. In addition to the clinical role, this role has a strong focus on providing training and mentorship to LWC's assistant vet and teaching international and national veterinary externs and volunteers. In addition to clinical experience with wild animals/exotics, it is therefore desirable for the Wildlife Centre Veterinarian to have experience in, and be comfortable with, teaching responsibilities.

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## Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

This is a senior staff position, with the individual responsible for the following:

- 1) Veterinary care for animals at the Wildlife Centre. Supervision of the Assistant Veterinarian, Veterinary Nurse and working closely with the Head of Wildlife Rehabilitation and the animal care team to provide care to incoming and resident animals.
- 2) Providing professional training and mentorship for the veterinary team, veterinary student externs and other LWC volunteers. This is a key component of this position and includes:
  - a) providing on-going training and mentoring for the veterinary team to ensure they are competent to carry out all routine veterinary procedures at the Wildlife Centre.
  - b) providing clinical instruction and facilitating practicals focusing on skills and techniques appropriate for wild animals for in-country and international veterinary students on externships at the Wildlife Centre.
  - c) acting as the primary mentor for veterinary student research projects taking place at the Wildlife Centre.
- 3) Stocking and maintaining the veterinary clinic, including ensuring maintenance of equipment (gas anaesthesia machine, etc) and updating SOPs.
- 4) Writing expert veterinary reports for court cases, keeping veterinary records up-to-date.
- 5) Working with the Head of Wildlife Rehabilitation and the Head Veterinarian to contribute to funding applications, grant reports and veterinary research.
- 6) Providing support for off-site rescues/field work and delivering teaching to vet students and other volunteers off-site in basic field conditions.

There is a rotating on-call schedule, the Centre Vet will work 1 in 3 weekends and share holiday on-call.

## Education and/or Work Experience Requirements:

### Essential:

Degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or equivalent

Minimum two years work experience with primary case responsibilities and surgical skills

Experience working with wildlife, (field based/in a zoological setting/with exotic pets)

Clean driving licence and able to drive a manual vehicle, 4x4 experience a plus

Excellent English speaking and writing skills

Ability to deliver a high standard of veterinary care under often basic conditions

### Desirable:

Previous experience in teaching/mentoring vet students and recent graduates

Experience of living/working abroad, particularly in Africa

## Remuneration Package:

Housing (private)

Flight reimbursement at the end of term

Visa fees

Any work-related in-country travel

Personal use of fleet vehicle when available, (fuel at own cost)

**Other notes:**

We are looking to fill this position as soon as possible.

This is a minimum one-year contract, with potential to extend.

There is a three-month probation period for this position.

This role is mainly based at Lilongwe Wildlife Centre, with some field site duties. It can be a physically demanding job, and often requires innovation and adapting to more basic conditions than general veterinary practice in developed countries. LWC and field sites include rough terrain and sometimes work will require short term stays in comfortable, but basic, accommodation. Applicants must therefore be physically fit and able to cope with the above working and living conditions.

Lilongwe Wildlife Trust is committed to ensuring we are an equal opportunities employer and promotes an environment that is free from all forms of unlawful or unfair discrimination and values the diversity of all people. Applications are welcomed from all suitably qualified or experienced people.

**If you would like to apply for this role, please send your CV and letter of interest to [applications@lilongwewildlife.org](mailto:applications@lilongwewildlife.org), including the title of this position in the subject line of the email.**