



# VETERINARY INTERNSHIP WITH A VETERINARY SCHOOL

*Collaborate with vets and students to tackle animal health issues and promote sustainable veterinary care.*

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ARUSHA, TANZANIA



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# A PROGRAM WITH A PURPOSE

Voices for Animal Welfare (VFAW), in partnership with the **Tengeru Campus of the Livestock Training Agency**, offers a Veterinary Practice and Animal Welfare Program in Arusha, Tanzania. This program provides hands-on training, clinical practice, and community outreach, equipping participants with veterinary skills while promoting animal welfare in local communities.

Immerse yourself in Tanzanian culture and work closely with veterinary professionals and students to address **animal health challenges and advocate for sustainable veterinary care**. Participants will assist in disease prevention, diagnosis, and treatment, contributing to meaningful animal welfare initiatives.



## Who can apply?

- Veterinary **students**, animal science **majors**, and recent **graduates**.
- Applicants aged **18+** with fluency in **English**.
- Must have a **rabies** vaccination and bring a **laptop**.

## WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

This program is ideal for veterinary students, recent graduates, animal science majors, and volunteers passionate about animal welfare, veterinary care, and community outreach. More than just a hands-on experience, this program is designed to be an **exchange of expertise** and learning, a space for open discussions where participants and local professionals share knowledge, experiences, and **innovative solutions** to animal health challenges. By working closely with veterinary professionals and communities in Tanzania, you will not only develop your practical skills but also gain a **deeper understanding of the complex relationship between animal health, welfare, and local culture**. When you return home, you won't just take new skills with you, you will become a VFAW **Ambassador**, equipped to advocate for sustainable veterinary care and improved animal welfare in your own community and beyond.

## YOUR ROLE



- **Veterinary Support:** Participate in disease diagnosis, treatment, and surgical procedures under supervision.
- **Animal Care Management:** Assist in housing, feeding, and disease control for animals.
- **Community Engagement:** Educate farmers and local families on sustainable animal management practices.
- **Workshops and Training:** Contribute to practical workshops focused on veterinary techniques and animal health management.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Technical Skills:** Build expertise in clinical veterinary practices, including preventive care and surgical techniques.
- **Leadership and Communication:** Develop teamwork, public speaking, and educational outreach skills.
- **Global Networking:** Collaborate with local and international veterinarians and expand your professional network.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Gain insight into Tanzania's veterinary practices and community dynamics while adapting to cross-cultural environments.
- **Career Preparation:** Prepare for careers in veterinary medicine, animal welfare advocacy, and global development programs.

## VOLUNTEER COMPONENT

In addition, participants are also **volunteers supporting the community.**

Activities may include:

- Organizing animals vaccination **campaigns.**
- Promoting **awareness** about animal welfare through education and advocacy.
- Assisting with **shelter** construction and supporting rescued animals.



# INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND CROSS-PROGRAMS

This program is conducted alongside other **VFAW programs**, including:

- Animal Photography Internship
- Tanzanian Law and Animal Law Internship
- Teaching Animal Welfare in a Primary School Program

**Collaboration Days:** Four times per month, volunteers from all programs come together for joint activities, fostering teamwork, and providing a broader understanding of animal welfare initiatives.

## WHY CHOOSE TANZANIA?

Tanzania is renowned for its breathtaking landscapes, rich biodiversity, and iconic wildlife, including elephants, lions, and rhinos. It offers a **unique setting to combine legal training with animal welfare advocacy.**

While Tanzania's natural beauty captivates visitors, it also highlights **the urgent need for stronger animal protection laws and sustainable reforms.** Cultural practices, economic challenges, and limited resources often affect animal welfare, making it a prime location for impactful programs aimed at promoting legal advocacy and education.

Choosing Tanzania means not only contributing to meaningful change but also immersing yourself in a **vibrant culture**, exploring world-famous sites like Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater, and experiencing safaris that bring you closer to the animals you aim to protect.

By joining this program, you'll be part of efforts to strengthen animal welfare laws, raise awareness, and create sustainable solutions, all while gaining invaluable legal experience and exploring one of **Africa's most inspiring destinations.**



**Arusha** is a vibrant city located in northern Tanzania, nestled at the foot of Mount Meru. Known as the safari capital of Tanzania, Arusha serves as the starting point for exploring some of Africa's most iconic wildlife destinations, including Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, and Mount Kilimanjaro.



# OUR GALLERY





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# TYPICAL DAY

## Morning Veterinary Training (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

- Start your day at the Tengeru Campus Veterinary School, gaining hands-on experience under the supervision of experienced veterinarians.
- Assist with disease diagnosis, treatments, and surgical procedures for animals.
- Participate in animal health management, including feeding, housing, and disease prevention.
- Work with veterinary students to develop practical solutions for animal welfare challenges.
- Observe and learn about Tanzania's veterinary practices and approaches to animal care.

## Afternoon Community Outreach and Planning (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

- Spend your afternoons collaborating with fellow interns and preparing for outreach programs.
- Plan educational campaigns to promote sustainable animal welfare practices in local communities.
- Participate in awareness programs focusing on vaccination campaigns, disease prevention, and responsible animal care.
- Engage in team discussions to review daily activities and share insights.
- Explore local culture through informal activities and interactions with the community.

## Evening Relax and Explore (Free Time)

- Unwind at your accommodation, which features a bar and swimming pool.
- Enjoy dinner with fellow interns and share insights from the day.
- Take part in optional cultural activities, group outings, or simply relax.

## Weekends Time Off and Excursions

- Weekends are generally off, allowing you time to rest, explore the area, or participate in additional activities.
- Safari trips, such as the 3-day Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater experience, may be scheduled on weekends (please note that Safari is only available in the full package option).
- Additional trips and excursions can be organized upon request, offering you more opportunities to discover Tanzania's beauty and culture.

# YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Participants will stay at **Arusha Lodge & Safari** (formerly known as Vijiji Center Lodge and Safari), a comfortable and welcoming lodge located in Arusha, Tanzania. Some of our activities, such as afternoon workshops, will also take place at the lodge.

## **About the Lodge:**

The Arusha Lodge & Safari Center offers a relaxing environment surrounded by nature, providing a perfect base for both exploration and relaxation. It combines modern amenities with a traditional African atmosphere, giving participants a unique cultural experience.

## **Shared Accommodation:**

Participants will stay in **triple rooms** with shared facilities, designed for a cozy and social experience.

## **Room Features:**

- Comfortable Beds with mosquito nets.
- Private Bathrooms with showers and hot water.
- Free Wi-Fi access in common areas.
- Daily Housekeeping services.

## **Facilities and Amenities:**

- Swimming Pool to relax and cool off after activities.
- Restaurant and Bar offering delicious meals, including local and international cuisine.
- Lounge and Garden Areas for socializing and unwinding.
- Safe and Secure Premises with 24/7 staff assistance.

## **Location Highlights:**

- Conveniently located near Arusha town, allowing easy access to local markets, shops, and attractions.
- Ideal starting point for safari tours and other excursions.
- Peaceful surroundings, perfect for relaxing after busy days of activities and excursions.



# YOUR ACCOMMODATION



# MEALS

Participants will enjoy a **vegetarian** menu throughout their stay, as part of our commitment to promoting animal welfare and sustainable practices. For us, embracing a plant-based diet is an essential step in aligning with our values and mission.

## Meals Provided:

### 1. Breakfast:

- Fresh fruits (e.g., bananas, papayas, and mangos).
- Porridge, bread, and spreads (e.g., peanut butter, jam).
- Tea, coffee, and juice.

### 2. Lunch (Snack):

- A light snack will be provided to keep participants energized throughout the day.

### 3. Dinner:

- Balanced vegetarian meals made with locally sourced and seasonal ingredients.
- Main dishes include rice, pasta, or potatoes served with vegetables, legumes, and beans.
- Occasional specialties such as vegetarian curries, stews, and soups.

## Dietary Requirements:

- Special Diets: Vegan, gluten-free, or other dietary preferences can be accommodated with prior notice.

## Drinks:

- Unlimited access to water, tea, and coffee during meals.
- Fresh juices available with breakfast.
- Additional drinks (e.g., sodas or alcoholic beverages) can be purchased at the lodge.





# ABOUT US

Voices for Animal Welfare (VFAW) is an international non-governmental organization dedicated to advocating for the rights and well-being of animals. Founded by Vanessa Vichi, VFAW was born out of a deep commitment to bridging the gap between continents, cultures, and communities to create a world where animals are treated with respect, empathy, and compassion.

## **Our Mission**

At VFAW, our mission is to ensure the welfare and protection of animals, regardless of their species or location. We aim to inspire a global shift in how animals are perceived and treated, fostering a culture of empathy and responsibility. By focusing on international collaboration, we work to connect individuals, organizations, and communities from Europe and Africa, creating opportunities to share knowledge, resources, and experiences that drive meaningful change.

## **Our Vision**

We envision a future where all animals live free from suffering, cruelty, and neglect. A world where humans coexist with animals harmoniously, acknowledging their intrinsic value and the critical role they play in the ecosystem. VFAW is committed to building stronger ties between Europe and Africa, recognizing the unique challenges and opportunities in each region, and working collectively to address them.

## **Why VFAW?**

VFAW stands out as a unique organization because it not only focuses on animal welfare but also emphasizes creating human connections between Europe and Africa. By fostering collaboration across cultures and continents, we aim to create a united approach to tackling animal welfare issues. We believe that by working together, we can learn from each other's strengths, address challenges more effectively, and ultimately make the world a kinder place for animals and humans alike.

Click [here](#) to meet our Team.

## ABOUT OUR PARTNER

**LITA Tengeru** is a recognized leader in animal welfare education, community outreach, and veterinary training in Tanzania. Through its practical learning approach and deep connection with local communities, **LITA Tengeru** plays a vital role in promoting ethical livestock practices while improving the health and well-being of animals across the region.

At the heart of **LITA Tengeru's** work is its commitment to integrating animal welfare principles into its training programs. Students are not only equipped with veterinary skills to diagnose, treat, and prevent animal diseases, but are also taught the importance of compassionate animal care and humane livestock management practices. This holistic approach ensures that graduates leave with both technical competence and a strong ethical foundation.

**LITA Tengeru** is also actively engaged in community outreach programs, working with small-scale farmers and pastoralist communities to promote animal welfare awareness and improve livestock handling practices. Through workshops, veterinary clinics, and on-farm training sessions, the institution helps bridge the gap between traditional practices and modern, welfare-conscious approaches, ensuring better health outcomes for animals and improved livelihoods for farmers.

In partnership with **Voices for Animal Welfare (VfAW)**, **LITA Tengeru** provides international interns and volunteers with the opportunity to engage directly with local communities and animal care professionals. Together, VfAW and LITA Tengeru collaborate on educational programs, community sensitization campaigns, and hands-on veterinary outreach, fostering a culture of compassion and responsible animal care across Tanzania.

**Website:** <https://www.lita.go.tz>



# PROGRAMS FEES

## START DATES (MINIMUM STAY 1 MONTH)

**1st** of June | **1st** of July | **1st** of August | **1st** of September

You can choose between the **full package** or the **half package**.

### FULL PACKAGE

**FEES:** 84 Euros per Day | 625 per Week | 2500 Euros per month

| ACCOMMODATION   | MEALS   | PICK UP   | DROP OFF  | SAFARI  | EXTRA TRIPS IN THE AREA   | DAILY TRANSPORT IN A BAJAJI   | NGO FEES  |
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### What's Included in Your Fees

- **Accommodation:** Shared triple rooms in a secure, comfortable lodge with a bar and swimming pool.
- **Meals:** Breakfast, dinner, and a snack for lunch.
- **Safari Experience:** 3-day safari in Serengeti and Ngorongoro, including camping and meals.
- **Airport Transfers:** Pick-up and drop-off at Kilimanjaro or Arusha airports.
- **Minor Excursions:** Additional trips in and around Arusha to explore the area.
- **Daily transportation in a Bajaji (except during week-ends):** to and from the internship location and our lodge.
- **NGO Fees:** Contributions to support ongoing animal welfare programs, local staff, and operational expenses.

**Payment methods:** PayPal or Bank Transfer. Payment in 3 installments is possible\*.

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of 700 EUR is required to secure your spot in the program. This deposit covers administrative and preparatory costs and cannot be refunded under any circumstances. However, if you have **travel insurance** (mandatory for this program), you may be able to claim this amount back from your insurance provider in case of unforeseen issues.

\*The first installment is a non-refundable deposit of 700 EUR.



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## HALF PACKAGE

**FEES:** 38 Euros per day | 295 Euros per week | 1178 Euros per month

| ACCOMMODATION | MEALS | PICK UP | DROP OFF | SAFARI | EXTRA TRIPS IN THE AREA | DAILY TRANSPORT IN A BAJAJI | NGO FEES |
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### What's Included:

- **Accommodation:** Shared triple rooms with a bar and swimming pool.
- **Meals:** Breakfast, dinner, and a snack for lunch.
- **Daily transportation in a Bajaji (except during week-ends):** to and from the internship location and our lodge.
- **Airport Transfers:** Pick-up at Kilimanjaro or Arusha airports.
- **NGO Fees:** Contributions to support ongoing animal welfare programs, local staff, and operational expenses.

**Payment methods:** PayPal or Bank Transfer. Payment in 3 installments is possible\*.

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of 330 EUR is required to secure your spot in the program. This deposit covers administrative and preparatory costs and cannot be refunded under any circumstances. However, if you have **travel insurance** (mandatory for this program), you may be able to claim this amount back from your insurance provider in case of unforeseen issues.

\*The first installment is a non-refundable deposit of 330 EUR.

## HOW TO APPLY

Fill out the **form** on our website [here](#) (click on “Apply here”). Our team will review it as soon as possible and contact you for a chat!

If you're unsure about anything, feel free to contact us or book a call with us [here](#)!

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Read our **Terms and Conditions** [here](#) and our **Refund Policy** [here](#).

Once your application is approved, you will receive a set of **guidelines** with useful tips about everything you will need to know before your departure.

Upon arrival, you will receive a **Welcome Packet** containing important information for your stay, along with a few surprises to thank you for joining our program.

### CONTACT US

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