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Dear Colleague,

As you may be aware, Vets Beyond Borders has entered into a collaboration with the AWBI and the Animal Welfare Division of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, to deliver skills development courses in India in 2009.

All Indian animal welfare groups are encouraged to nominate one veterinarian, one paravet, and also one dog-catcher if your paravets are not involved in dog-catching, to attend one of the six, three-week long, sessions that is being held at the National Institute of Animal Welfare in Faridabad. The application process is detailed in the invitation. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require more information.

Kind regards,

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL ORGANISATIONS,

VETERINARIANS AND PARAVETERINARIANS WORKING WITH ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL PROJECTS

The National Institute of Animal Welfare, along with the Animal Welfare Board of India and Australian NGO, Vets Beyond Borders, will be conducting a series of intensive and specialised clinical training programmes for veterinary personnel, commencing in February 2009 for an initial period of six months. This initiative will be delivered under the banner .Project Vet-Train.

Vets Beyond Borders (VBB) is a not-for-profit organisation which establishes and supports animal welfare projects in India and the Asia-Pacific region. VBB places a high priority on providing continuing education, enabling veterinary personnel to develop and refine their clinical skills.

The training programmes, targeting veterinarians and paraveterinarians, will be of three weeks duration and will be conducted at the National Institute of Animal Welfare (Ministry of Environment and Forests), Ballabhgarh, Faridabad, Haryana. Training will be delivered by a team of highly-experienced, international veterinary educators and clinicians assembled by VBB, utilising specialized clinical equipment and up-to-date training materials produced specifically for this programme.

A summary of the content of the two courses is attached to this notice. The programmes will be provided free of charge to all trainees. Boarding and lodging will also be provided at no cost to Vet-Train participants. Registrants will be instructed in current protocols applicable to animal birth control surgery and pre- and post-operative management of surgical patients, in order to enhance the quality of veterinary care provided by Animal Birth Control Programmes. This project provides a valuable opportunity for veterinarians working with animal welfare and stray-dog programmes to refine their

surgical skills. The training will also be very useful for veterinarians working with Government Veterinary Hospitals. Formal certification of Vet-Train training will be provided to all trainees following completion of their course.

Schedule of Training Sessions (as approved by AWBI):

Maximum of 24 trainees per session:

First session: 4th – 23rd February 2009

Second session: 4th – 23rd March 2009

Third session: 4th – 23rd April 2009

Fourth session: 4th – 23rd May 2009

Fifth session: 4th – 23rd June 2009

Sixth session: 29th June – 18th July 2009

REGISTRATION:

In view of the limited numbers of trainee positions that are available, all interested veterinarians and paraveterinarians are invited to email their CV's, details of current employer and dates of their availability, at their earliest convenience, to:

Dr Ian Douglas (Project Director):

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In collaboration with the Department of Animal Welfare and the Animal Welfare Board of India
CLINICAL TRAINING MODULE 1(v) "The essentials of veterinary technique as applied to animal welfare projects"

SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

Surgical biology

- Wound healing
- Fluid, Electrolytes, Acid-Base therapy
- Haemostasis / DIC
- Blood transfusion
- Surgical aspects of nutrition
- Sepsis / Dehiscence: clinical pathology, diagnosis and management
- Shock: classification, clinical pathology, diagnosis and management
- Antibiotics and the surgical patient
- Implants and suture materials: properties and application

Surgical technique

Principles:

- Surgical asepsis
- Surgical facilities and equipment
- Instrumentation, handling and maintenance of surgical instruments
- Surgical anatomy: abdomen and upper respiratory tract
- Tissue handling, ligation and suturing
- Surgical preparation: patient, surgeon
- Surgical sterilisation (dog and cat)
- Exploratory laparotomy
- Wound management
- Bandages and drains

Clinical techniques:

- Surgical sterilisation techniques: dog and cat
- Non-surgical sterilisation
- Peri-operative management of surgical patient
- Surgical management of immature and debilitated patients
- Pyometra: clinical pathology, diagnosis and management

- Surgical emergency and complication, identification and management
- External coaptation of fractures
- Amputation: limb / digit

Clinical pharmacology

Properties, mode of action, side-effects, indications and contra-indications:

- Sedatives / tranquilisers
- Anti-cholinergics
- Surgical analgesics
- Anaesthetic agents: general and local
- Antibiotics

Anaesthetic technique

- Pre-operative considerations / assessment
- Patient preparation / premedication
- Anaesthetic induction: options
- Anaesthetic maintenance: options
- Patient monitoring: peri- and intra-operative
- Anaesthesia of immature and debilitated patients
- Anaesthetic emergencies, identification and management