



VETERINARIANS WITHOUT BORDERS NORTHERN ANIMAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Volunteer placement description

Job Titles	Registered Veterinary Technician or Veterinarian		
Country	Canada		
Placement location	Mid-sized town		Comments: the placement will take place in remote, often fly-in communities in the Territories. Please note that the locations could have extreme weather and environmental conditions. Internet access and/or a phone signal cannot always be guaranteed.
	Rural town/village	X	
	Various		
Duration (Months)	Approximately 10 to 14 days		
Time frame	September/October 2025		
Eligibility requirements	Open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada <u>only</u> .		
Language Requirements	<u>Essential:</u> English		
Academic Qualifications	<u>Essential:</u> <u>-Registered veterinary technician with Provincial association.</u> <u>-Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, completion of NAVLE, and registration with provincial veterinary association.</u>		
Professional Background / Skills	<u>Essential:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest in One Health and veterinary access for Northern Canada communities• Ability to work long, active days• Comfortable working in primitive clinic conditions with limited resources• Cultural sensitivity and effective cross-cultural communication skills• Pro-active attitude• Comfortable living in shared accommodations, possibly with hosts.		

	<p><u>Desirable:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous experience working in remote and/or Indigenous communities • Knowledge of animal health challenges in Northern Canada
Placement goal and responsibilities (preliminary)	<p>Overall Goal: Provide veterinary services to remote community residents in temporary clinic.</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set-up and take-down of mobile clinic • Pre-, peri- and post-surgical patient care • Anesthesia (sedation, induction, maintenance, and recovery) • Medical/surgical assignments on an as needed basis • Supervision of technicians and assistants • Patient discharges • Preparation of medications • Sample collections • Other clinic tasks based on need: administration, restraint of animals, etc. • Represent the project and Veterinarians without Borders in the community. • Share knowledge and answer questions from community members • Communicate surgery related care instructions • Submit a report after placement
About Veterinarians Without Borders	
<p>Veterinarians without Borders (VWB) works for, and with, communities in need to foster the health of animals, people and the environments that sustain us. VWB/VSF works nationally and internationally to train animal health workers, increase food security, and improve animal & public health. VWB/VSF provides volunteer placements for veterinarians and other animal & public health professionals overseas and in Northern Canada.</p>	
About the Project: Northern Animal Health Initiative (NAHI)	
<p>The overall objective of the NAHI program is to improve the access to, and quality of, animal health services within a One Health approach by building new partnerships with northern Canadian communities and leveraging existing partnerships, community assets, expertise, and funding from across Canada. These partnerships include local community organizations, local and Territorial governments and Indigenous leadership, and will seek to collaborate on needed services and enable legislative environments for the effective provision of animal health services.</p>	