



# WILDLIFE MEDICINE AND CONSERVATION 2024

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

**Two-weeks of intensive learning on wildlife medicine, husbandry, and conservation.**

### **You will participate in**

Theoretical sessions covering natural history, anatomy, physiology, handling, husbandry, anesthesia, diagnostics, medicine overview, and zoonosis.

### **After the theory, you will apply your knowledge with**

Practical sessions including animal handling, safe capture techniques, environmental enrichment, injection sites, sample collection, physical exam, and diagnostics.

### **Finally, you will apply your knowledge further during**

Clinical days with the veterinarians, differential diagnostics, dose calculations, therapy design, assistance on surgeries and anesthesia (as required), assistance in treatments and necropsies (as required).

### **SPECIES TO BE COVERED**

Neotropical primates  
Neotropical parrots  
Reptiles  
Carnivores

### **TOPICS AND CASE BASED DISCUSSIONS**

Wildlife Medicine  
One Health  
Conservation  
Wildlife Rehabilitation



### **Course starting dates**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> May 13<sup>th</sup> June 17<sup>th</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup> August 19<sup>th</sup>**

More dates may become available, check website regularly.

You are encouraged stay and volunteer a week or two to apply your newly gained knowledge and further develop in husbandry, handling, and enrichment. It also gives you a chance of participating in more medical procedures. During the course you will be assisting with the general animal husbandry and learn to utilize this as a medical tool for prompt diagnostic of underlying medical issues.



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## **COST**

US\$1,800.00 per person

Including:

- Two-week course with all meals and housing at the rescue center
- Flores (FRS) Airport pickup and drop-off
- Two-day overnight trip to the Mayan Temples at Tikal National Park (four meals, guided tour, one night in hotel inside national park, transportation. Does NOT include park entrance fee)

## **TO BE CONSIDERED**

- **COVID REGULATIONS APPLY, please check the ARCAS website under the COVID regulations for the most updated information. Masks will be mandatory in every work that includes animal handling (bring enough).**
- Participants should be fluent in English and/or Spanish (it is better to be bilingual, but it is not mandatory)
- Participants should have medical insurance up to date.
- Up to date vaccinations for rabies, tetanus, hepatitis is recommended. We are a low-risk Malaria area, and mid-risk Dengue/Chikungunya area. (Consult with your physician on these and other precautions)
- Ask about the extra week(s) as volunteer to get the pricing.
- If you are in **clinical rotations** or have 6 participants with a specific date required, contact us and we can schedule a tailored date.



**Our goal is to develop the participant in: Clinical capacity with wildlife, awareness regarding wildlife trade and conservation issues, hands-on experience, and safe handling.**

For more information about the programs contact us at  
[crpeten@arcasguatemala.org](mailto:crpeten@arcasguatemala.org)  
And visit: <https://arcasguatemala.org/arcas-veterinary-student-program/>



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## PACKING LIST and GENERAL INFORMATION

### Minimum Equipment per student for practices:

- Stethoscope
- At least three scrub tops (not brightly colored)
- Digital wristwatch
- Rubber boots
- Masks (mandatory in every animal handling)
- Nonsterile gloves for sized XS and XL (If allergic to latex bring your own - all sizes)

### Minimum travel equipment:

- Flashlight (head mounted is better)
- Work clothes
- Comfortable footwear
- Sun block
- Mosquito repellent
- At least two pairs of long pants
- Towel
- Personal toiletries

### Should know:

- Flores (Local capital city) has internet access, supermarkets, laundry services and ATMs (Maestro cards are not reliable to work, Visa and MasterCard are recommended).
- Bed linen and pillows are provided.
- Purified water is readily available at the Rescue Center.
- 110V electricity, type A and Type B function normally.
- There is mobile signal at the center, most providers with roaming services have signal.
- Internet is available at a minimum cost (Q25 – \$3.5).
- Laundry service is available onsite for an extra cost (Q25 – \$3.5) or a hand sink is readily available to use with your own detergent.
- COVID testing may be needed if symptomatic or suspicious, tests will be charged (or asked to be replaced), restrictions and regulations may apply depending on results.
- If you want to make an extra donation of supplies to the Rescue Center, please ask for our Wishlist.



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**Payment for Veterinary Program**

**DEPOSIT to reserve space: \$500**

***Payments should be completed at least 1 month before the start date of the course.*** Copy of the transfer confirmation should be sent to ARCAS by email

**PREFERRED METHOD**

**International bank transfer**

Beneficiary Bank: BANCO G & T CONTINENTAL, S.A.  
Address: 6a Avenida 9-08 Zona 09, Guatemala Centro America  
Phone: (502) 23386801, 23386868  
SWIFT: GTCOGTGC

**Beneficiary Info:**

Beneficiary's Account: 061-5806003-5  
Beneficiary's Name: Asociación rescate y conservación de vida silvestre  
IBAN account: GT17 GTCO 0201 0000 0061 5806 0035

Bank service fee for Guatemala: \$40, please add that to the transfer total.

On comments write: "Vet Program \*month\*, \*last name\*"

**If your bank requires an intermediary bank:**

Intermediary Bank:  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
100 WEST 33RD STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10001  
U.S.A.  
ABA: 026009593  
SWIFT: BOFAUS3N

**Secondary METHOD**

**If you would like to use PAYPAL** (3.5% surcharge which you have to add to the transfer). Head to our website, [www.arcasguatemala.org](http://www.arcasguatemala.org) and click on donate now. Follow the instructions. In "write a note" you **MUST** fill in the information: "Vet Program \*month\*, \*last name\*"

**Refund policy:**

Deposit is nonrefundable.

Cancellation up to 3 weeks before start date: 50% (minus service fees)

Cancellation 3 weeks or less before start date: NO REFUND

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