

Veterinary Advisor – Part Time (18 hours p/w)

Contract type: 12-month Fixed Term Contract

Location: Remote (online)

Reporting to: Veterinary Advisor and Senior Veterinary Advisor

Salary: Competitive and commensurate with experience

SPAN – The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad – is the longest-established global charity for working animals in low resource environments. Since 1923, we have supported the welfare of working animals, including donkeys, horses, mules, oxen, water buffalo, and camels, in communities that depend on working animals for their livelihoods. Today, we support working animals across 18 countries, through a series of global programmes and partnerships. Our vision is a world where every working animal lives a healthy and valued life.

To fulfil our ambitious vision for SPANA's 2023-2027 strategy, we are seeking to recruit an outstanding candidate to join our Global Animal Welfare team. SPANA aims to sustainably ensure the welfare of working animals in low- and middle-income countries, including working equids, bovids and camelids that support the livelihoods of numerous communities through their work in agriculture, transport and supply chains among others.

The veterinary advisor will be responsible for supporting the delivery of SPANA's global animal welfare strategy, providing technical expertise in working animal health and welfare, across a broad range of species. Providing essential technical support and advice to the communications and fundraising teams, global programmes department, and education teams will form a key component of this role, along with supporting the development of SPANA's quality framework.

Key responsibilities

- Supporting the delivery of quality veterinary care in SPANA associated projects, including the production of technical support tools and guidelines.
- Supporting the fundraising, communication and supporter care teams by providing technical expertise and proofreading of appeals, newsletters, or social media content for technical accuracy.
- Working closely with colleagues within the global programmes teams to assist in the selection, planning, and implementation of SPANA programmes and partnerships by providing technical veterinary expertise.
- Supporting the education team with technical veterinary input for a competency framework and the creation of community training materials, that benefit the welfare of working animals globally.
- Technical monitoring, auditing, and support (including overseeing procurement where needed) to all global veterinary clinical and teaching projects (including mobile clinics, permanent centres and clinical skills centres).
- Supporting the integration of services for working animals within existing animal health systems, through promoting the collaboration of different agents in the animal health, laboratory, pharmaceutical and agricultural sectors.

It should be noted that the job specification is not exhaustive, and the remit may develop over time.

About you

Knowledge, Training and Qualifications

- Qualified Veterinarian with a minimum of 3 years of clinical practice experience.
- Clinical experience in mixed practice, experience in bovines and camelids is desirable.
- Further qualifications in animal welfare, epidemiology or One Health is desirable.
- Strong interest in One Health concepts and community-level interventions.
- Understanding of the role and socioeconomic importance of working animals in low-income communities.

Experience

- Experience of working or living in low-income countries and for welfare/humanitarian/development NGOs is highly desirable.
- Experience of monitoring and further developing technical standards in veterinary medicine.
- Experience of communicating and working with other stakeholders collaboratively.

Skills and Attributes

- Good knowledge and strong motivation for animal welfare.
- Ability to be a strong team player with an empowering and collaborative working style, excellent communication and interpersonal skills as well as strong cultural sensitivity.
- Ability to think holistically and integrate needs and concepts of One Health, with a creative approach to problem-solving.
- Interest in epidemiology, herd health, preventive medicine and disease surveillance.
- High level of fluency in English (written and spoken). Basic level of French or Arabic is desirable.
- Ability and willingness to travel to overseas projects independently as well as to SPANA's head office in the UK as required.