

# N/a'an ku sê Veterinary Wildlife Experience



## About N/a'an ku sê

N/a'an ku sê Wildlife Sanctuary boasts an incredible variety of magnificent wildlife, all on a 3,500 hectare reserve located in the heart of the Namibian bush. Currently, N/a'an ku sê Wildlife Sanctuary provides a home to a number of baboons, vervet monkeys, lions, leopards, cheetahs, wild dogs, genets and caracals, with porcupines, oryx, hartebeest, kudus and many more animals in need of the care that the sanctuary provides, adding to this wild mix. Each and every animal has its very own, often tragic, story... many were rescued from farmers who had trapped them or found themselves in a situation where hand raising was inevitable, due to losing their mothers at extremely young ages.

The N/a'an ku sê Foundation's motto is to "keep the wild in the wild" and we strive to remain true to this adage. However, animals hand raised through necessity can unfortunately never fully embrace natural freedom, and are thus held in semi-captivity at the N/a'an ku sê Wildlife Sanctuary, where they are given a life as much in tune with their natural instincts as possible, while simultaneously remaining in the safety the sanctuary provides – safety that would be irrevocably jeopardized in releasing habituated or even semi-habituated animals.

N/a'an ku sê is thrilled to announce the introduction of its ten-day Wildlife Veterinary Wildlife Experience specifically designed for students in the veterinary field wishing to gain more insight into the world of veterinary care on a wildlife sanctuary. This can be combined with one or more of our other projects for the ultimate experience.

## Veterinary Wildlife Experience



This experience is offered 3 times a year, in February, April and September. It runs for 10 days, Monday through Friday with a weekend off in between and then Monday through Friday the following week. You should plan your arrival for the Sunday prior to the start date and your departure for the Saturday or Sunday at the end of the experience. You are however also more than welcome to combine your stay with some wildlife or research volunteering at our sanctuary or research sites, in which case we would recommend you extend your stay after the experience.

It is the responsibility, but above all the passion, of the N/a'an ku sê Wildlife Sanctuary to afford every animal the best quality of life, rigorously monitoring their health and meticulously maintaining both their physical and emotional wellbeing.

The dedicated N/a'an ku sê veterinary team intervenes where necessary, with each animal also undergoing stringent annual check-ups. Each day the resident veterinarian is in charge of addressing any health or behavioral issues. The annual check-ups involve all animals being anesthetized, weighed, checked, vaccinated, sampled and any health issues addressed. This health check also allows the veterinary team to implant their contraception, collect data and samples for research purposes, collect blood for a general check-up and address dental issues.

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The veterinary wildlife experience will be held during the annual check-up of N/a'an ku se's many animals, and veterinary students can experience and will be exposed to the anesthesia, handling and welfare of animals. This can consist of:



- classes and presentations about wildlife capture, behavior and anesthesia
- participating in the capture and anesthesia of N/a'an ku se resident animals
- sampling and health checks
- daily veterinary activities performed by our wildlife veterinarians
- And on an *ad hoc* basis, participating in other veterinary activities that may arise. This could include the capture and movement of wild animals or collaring of wild caught predators.



Each group will be limited to 10 veterinary students, ensuring that activities remain hands on. Our main focus is to give students as much practical training in the Veterinary Wildlife field as possible.



## Accommodation and Food



We have two options of accommodation at the Wildlife Sanctuary; volunteer rooms with up to four people (same gender) sharing each room, or large tents with a living and bedroom area to be shared by up to two people (same gender or a couple). The rooms are basic but our single beds are comfortable with bedding provided (duvets and pillows). Showers and toilet facilities are communal and hot water is supplied by solar energy and therefore sometimes

restricted. Power sockets for electrical items are available in communal areas.

Three balanced meals a day will be provided at our beautiful lapa. Any dietary restrictions should be communicated upon booking so that we can accommodate as best as possible.



## Sound like a great way to visit Africa? Then book your trip now!

N/a'an ku se is one of those places where some people grow in mind, heart and soul and just plain find themselves. They find their family, their friends, their home and their future here. Many staff members were once volunteers who couldn't quite bring themselves to leave. Many volunteers come back time after time to be together with the animals and people they fell in love with. We'd love to add you to that legacy.

- Visit us on Facebook and Instagram and talk to past and future volunteers at: [www.facebook.com/naankuse](http://www.facebook.com/naankuse), [www.instagram.com/naankuse\\_foundation/](http://www.instagram.com/naankuse_foundation/)
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## We look forward to welcoming you to N/a'an ku se!

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