

The BVA Overseas Group



What is the BVA Overseas Group?

- Group within the BVA
- Links the BVA and its members with veterinary work in the developing world
- Double remit:
 - Assisting vets and vet students abroad
 - Assisting vets and vet students who wish to work abroad



What does the Overseas Group do?

Main role:

- Provides information, advice and contacts

Also:

- BVA BookAid Scheme
- Disaster Management Resource
- BVA Overseas Travel Grant



BVA BookAid Scheme

- 2nd hand veterinary textbooks donated
- Group co-ordinates book collection
- Group arranges distribution to places of need, e.g. with travelling vets and students
- Please volunteer to take some books with you!



BVA Overseas Travel Grant

- Instituted in 1983
- Awarded annually to undergraduates attending a UK veterinary school
- Applicants required to be in clinical years
- Project criteria:
 - developing country
 - of benefit to student & country concerned



Recent project examples

- “Study of harness injuries in equids at the Animal Care in Egypt (ACE) clinic in Luxor”
- “Cultural perception of animals in India: the effects on animal welfare and veterinary medicine”



Why does the Overseas Group exist?

- To promote animal & human welfare in the developing world
- By encouraging & facilitating the provision of veterinary services in the developing world
- By facilitating transfer of knowledge & expertise to & from the developing world



What can the Overseas Group do for me?

- *Vets abroad:*
 - Information & contacts
 - Books
- *Vets at home*
 - Information and contacts
 - List of organisations requiring assistance
 - On-line trip-planning guidance notes: "Working overseas as a volunteer"



“Working overseas as a volunteer”



- General comments & advice
- Cat neutering programmes
- Street dog population control
- Contributing to animal welfare in developing countries
- Donkeys
- North Africa
- India
- Personal safety
- China
- Peru

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What can I do for the Overseas Group?

- Travelling abroad?
Please contact the Group!!
 - Group relies on network of contacts
- Please consider taking some books with you
 - Valued by host
 - Nice goodwill gesture





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Thank you!