



# VETERINARY SCIENCE FULL COURSE

## 2026 DATES

**WV2** - 26 May to 12 June

**WV3** - 02 June to 19 June

**WV4** - 16 June to 3 July

**WV5** - 23 June to 10 July

**WV6** - 07 July to 24 July

**WV7** - 14 July to 31 July

**WV8** - 28 July to 14 Aug

**WV9** - 04 Aug to 21 Aug

**WV11** - 25 Aug to 11 Sep

**Please note:** We use the US Dollar as our base rate, so the EUR price may change at any time due to exchange rate fluctuations.

## COST

**\$3 995** - US Dollar

**€3 495** - Euro

Eight spaces are available per group (to give you the best experience possible!) We work on a first come first served basis. [Complete the application form](#) to register your interest in the Live4Now Veterinary Sciences Course.

## ABOUT THE VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAMME

The **Wild Vets** programme is **specialised wildlife veterinary and conservation course** designed for **students and professionals in the veterinary sciences** who want to **deepen their understanding of wildlife medicine** and gain **practical learning experience** in South Africa.

Over three action-packed weeks, you'll: Learn from **experienced wildlife vets** and **game capture specialists**, participate in **lectures, workshops, and practical sessions**, join **conservation activities** on Big 5 reserves and assist in the care, rehabilitation, and protection of wildlife

**Food, accommodation, ground transport, and all activities are included.**

Please note: Due to the **unpredictability of nature**, the exact order of activities may change to give you the **best possible experience**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US

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# COURSE OUTLINE



## DAY 1 - ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

Today we will pick you up at **O.R. Tambo International Airport** in Johannesburg. You will be taken to a **Big 5 game reserve** where you'll spend the next three days.

Settle into your **student lodge**, surrounded by **giraffes, rhinos, elephants, lions, leopards, and antelope**.

**You will attend an orientation session** introducing the programme and outlining the incredible experiences ahead.



## DAY 2 to 5 - BIG 5 GAME RESERVE CONSERVATION

Spend three immersive days on a **Big 5 private reserve**, where you'll gain insights into conservation management and wildlife monitoring. Activities include:

**Camera Trap Surveys** - Set up and analyse camera traps to study animal movements and population density.

**Tracking & Spoor Identification** - Learn how to read **tracks, feeding patterns, dung middens, and behaviour** of large mammals.



## DAY 2 to 5 - CONTINUE...

**Telemetry Training** - Use radio telemetry to locate animals in the bush and monitor their ranges.

**Game drives & a night Drive** - Spot lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos, buffalo, hyenas, and more, both during the day and after dark.

**Anti-Poaching Unit (APU) Interaction** - Meet the dedicated team working to **protect wildlife** from poaching and learn about their daily challenges.



## DAY 2 to 5 - CONTINUE...

**Bird Ringing & Identification** - Participate in bird monitoring, species identification, and ecological data collection.

**Disease & Reserve Health Management** - Understand wildlife disease risks and how they affect ecosystems. You will learn about animal diseases and the risks involved to the reserve.

**Potential Conservation Intervention (*not guaranteed*)** - If the opportunity arises, you may assist with activities such as **collaring a predator, rhino dehorning, translocation, or medical interventions**.





## DAY 6 & 7- KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

**DAY 6** - Today you will make your way to a guest house just outside the KNP. Making your way into the park first thing Sunday morning!!

**DAY 7** - Today you will travel through the world-famous park to go to Hoedspruit. Here you will enjoy a **wildlife safari**. Later you will meet with the **state vet** to learn about **wildlife disease control and management strategies** in one of Africa's largest ecosystems.



## DAY 8 - WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTRE

Visit a leading **wildlife rehabilitation and endangered species breeding centre**. Learn about:

The vital role rehabilitation plays in conservation.

Breeding programmes for endangered species.

The challenges of reintroducing wildlife into natural habitats.



## DAY 9 & 10 - AVIAN AND SMALL MAMMAL COURSE

A **two-day certified course** with a wildlife vet covering:

Husbandry and care of birds and small mammals, safe handling techniques, biosecurity, hygiene, preventative medicine, common diseases, diagnostics, and treatments, **first aid, anaesthesia, and surgical techniques**.

Earn a **certificate** upon completion!



## DAY 11, 12, 15 & 17 - WILDLIFE VET FIELDWORK

Spend **four days** accompanying wildlife vets and game capture specialists on real cases.

Observe and assist with **treatments, relocations, darting, and surgical interventions** (when required).

Gain first-hand insight into the daily challenges faced by wildlife veterinarians.

***Exact activities depend on vet bookings and wildlife needs at the time.***



### DAY 13 - COMMUNITY VET CLINIC

Spend the morning assisting a **Community Vet Clinic** that provides veterinary care in **underprivileged rural areas**.

Help deliver **primary healthcare to domestic animals**, support **education initiatives** teaching pet owners and farmers about animal welfare.

The Saturday afternoon is yours to **relax** at the lodge, have a **snooze** or a **swim** and **recharge** for the week ahead!



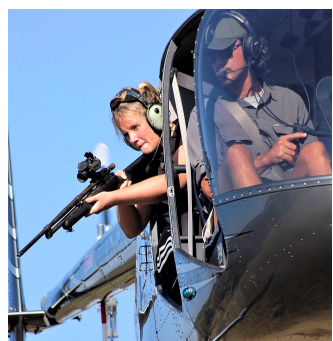
### DAY 14 - ADVANCED VETERINARY REPTILE COURSE

A **full-day course** focused on reptile medicine:

Reptile husbandry and handling safety, health assessments and common diseases, anaesthesia, first aid, and emergency response.

Get practical experience, including a **reptile necropsy**.

Earn a **certificate** upon completion!



### DAY 16 - K9 CONSERVATION, DART GUN PRACTICAL AND HELICOPTER FLIP

Spend the morning with a **K9 anti-poaching unit**, learning how trained dogs are used in **wildlife crime prevention**. In the afternoon you will attend a darting lecture and practical - learn about different dart guns, prepare tranquilizer darts, and **practice darting techniques**.

If conditions allow, you'll also experience **darting from a helicopter** - an unforgettable highlight of the programme!



### DAY 15 & 17 - WILDLIFE VET FIELDWORK (as mentioned above)

### DAY 18 - ROAD TRIP!

Most of today will be spent **driving back to JHB**. After today you will have one more day left!

Enjoy the drive through the beautiful countryside!



### **DAY 19 (MORNING) - WILDLIFE VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

Today you will be accompanying a vet at a **wildlife veterinary hospital**. The hospital is a non-profit organisation that treats small to medium-sized wild animals with the goal that they will be **rehabilitated and released**.

The hospital has a dedicated veterinarian present on a full-time basis. The rehabilitation part of the hospital is run and overseen by a **wildlife rehabilitation specialist**.

### **DAY 19 (AFTERNOON) - DEPARTURE**

Today is also a sad day as we have to say goodbye. We will take you to **Johannesburg international airport (O.R Tambo)** where you will make your way back home. We are sure this experience will never be forgotten and will benefit you throughout your career!

