Veterinarians are called upon when human populations are threatened by diseases from animals, when wildlife populations are poisoned by environmental contaminants and when animal species are endangered. The problems are growing and we need your help.

The Envirovet Program has trained over 400 veterinarians, veterinary students and wildlife biologists from 44 nations in the science and policy of wildlife, public, and ecosystem health. The intensive Summer Institute builds expertise to protect biodiversity and health with a focus on emerging and infectious diseases, chemical contaminants, climate change, and habitat degradation.
Envirovet instruction is state-of-the-art and relevant. The Summer Institute brings today’s issues and career possibilities into the very best teaching facilities. Envirovet engages our students in lectures, labs, and field exercises 60-70 hours a week, for eight weeks.

Envirovet is taught by a world-class faculty of engaged and engaging professionals from academia, government, non-governmental organizations and private industry. Faculty donate their effort and serve as mentors for Envirovet’s uniquely qualified student body, who are largely veterinary students and veterinarians from the world over.

Envirovet takes place in three sessions. The First Session is held at The White Oak Conservation Center in Florida and on St. Catherine’s Island, Georgia. The Second Session takes place at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, near Fort Pierce, Florida.

You can help endow Envirovet. Funding an endowment would ensure that Envirovet fulfills its mission for animals and people — long-term!

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Can you help us help wildlife and public health?

You can help a veterinary student from North America. We have many outstanding students who want to attend Envirovet, but they lack the financial means to cover the course costs. Funding would enable these worthy students to attend the most comprehensive ecosystem health course in the world today.

You can help a young veterinary professional from the developing world. Envirovet needs support to train participants from developing countries, for example Ethiopia, Rwanda, Ecuador, Viet Nam, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka. In countries such as these, a year’s salary may be only a few hundred dollars—or less.

It is impossible to state how crucial it is for these professionals to receive state-of-the-art training in ecosystem health and conservation. With your donation, Envirovet can do the job.

You can help initiate a regional program. Envirovet’s planned regional programs in the Arctic, Africa, Asia and Latin America are poised to protect their ecosystems — and the animal and human populations they support. Funding will help them to head off wildlife health problems before they become human health problems.

Every year, Envirovet helps promising wildlife- and conservation-oriented veterinarians and veterinary students attend the Summer Institute. A contribution to Envirovet ensures that these professionals receive the training required to protect human and wildlife populations as well as the ecosystems on which both depend.

The Third Session is organized in a developing country. To date it has been staged in Kenya, Brazil, South Africa, and Swaziland.

Envirovet’s approach is effective. Graduates of the Summer Institute lead efforts to identify and correct environmental, wildlife and public health problems in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and many island nations.

In addition to the broad-based Summer Institutes, Envirovet is building regional programs around the globe. Envirovet Baltic brings experts together from nations surrounding the Baltic Sea. We are currently assembling new expert groups for Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Arctic.
A Few of Envirovet’s Student Success Stories

Dr. Cheryl Rosa completed a residency in wildlife medicine and a PhD in marine mammal toxicology at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. She is now Wildlife Veterinarian for the North Slope Borough, a largely indigenous community the size of Texas with headquarters in Barrow, Alaska.

Dr. Leslie Dierauf co-edited the book Marine Mammal Medicine; worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Habitat Plan Conservation Coordinator developing public/private partnerships to sustain endangered species in the Southwest; helped initiate the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Environmental Issues; and is Director of the USGS National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

Dr. Tracy DuVernoy was Chief of the Rabies and Vector-borne Diseases Division of Maryland’s Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She then joined the US Department of Agriculture, as epidemiologist specializing in highly pathogenic (H5N1) avian influenza, and is now Team Leader for the Department of Defense, Avian Influenza/Pandemic Influenza Communication Center.

Dr. Todd O’Hara is an Associate Professor at the University of Alaska and an internationally-known marine mammal toxicologist in the Arctic.

Dr. Julio Mercado was a zoo veterinarian at the Mexicali Zoo, taught wildlife ecology and medicine in Baja California, guided field and laboratory studies of rabies in bats, and is field veterinarian of the California condor reintroduction program in Baja California, Mexico.

Dr. Alonso Aguirre studied health problems of endangered sea turtle diseases and Hawaiian monk seals. He is Director for Conservation Medicine for Wildlife Trust, USA, teaches conservation medicine at Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine, and at Columbia University's Center for Environmental Research and Conservation. He organizes conservation courses in Latin America, Europe, and the US. He is also editor of the book Conservation Medicine: Ecological Health in Practice.

Dr. Harriet Aulty is completing a PhD on emerging infectious diseases in lions and their prey in Africa.


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Dr. Pablo Beldomenico is the Wildlife Conservation Society, Field Veterinary Program’s Latin America Regional Epidemiologist. He completed a PhD in the UK. He has worked on chemicals that interfere with hormones and environmental changes that increase parasitism.

Dr. Titus Mlengeya is Chief Veterinarian of the Tanzanian National Parks. His work helps limit disease outbreaks in wildlife and domestic animals.

Dr. Joseph Okori is Principal Veterinary Officer and Head of the Veterinary Unit of Wildlife and National Parks of the Republic of Botswana.

Dr. Jan Myburgh is a toxicologist at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He studies die-offs in fish and crocodiles related to environmental pollution.

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Dr. Catia Dejuste de Paula completed a MS in epidemiology at the University of Sao Paulo, and is now completing a PhD studying endangered amphibians. She has worked as an environmental consultant, in wildlife rehabilitation, for the Brazilian Institute for Conservation Medicine, for IBAMA, the Brazilian Natural Resource Agency, and in the Center for Wildlife Conservation at the Sao Paulo Zoo.

Dr. Rose Musinguzi is a veterinarian who works on integrated health management of mountain gorillas for the Uganda Wildlife Authority as warden in-charge of Mghinga Gorilla National Park.

Dr. Benard Ssebide is a young veterinarian who works in integrated health management of mountain gorillas for the Uganda Wildlife Authority as warden in-charge of Mghinga Gorilla National Park.

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