



REMOTE NORTHERN TERRITORY COMMUNITY VETERINARIAN

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Do you have an interest in public health, animal welfare and Indigenous culture? Considered combining work and further study? Would you like to travel in, and help protect, some of the most beautiful wilderness areas of the Northern Territory? Talk to us about what skill and experience and time you have to contribute to our team!

Over the last 3 years Roper Gulf Regional Council (RGRC) has established an in house veterinary program servicing the 12 remote Aboriginal communities in our region. We are now designing the right team to carry our program forward. Flexible workplace arrangements and seasonal contracts will be considered.

Our program brings significant benefits to communities by fostering a “One Health, One Welfare” model of animal management and care.

Our program is designed to:

- improve and maintain animal health and welfare in remote communities
- improve animal control via education, consultation and the development of culturally sensitive, acceptable and effective animal management strategies
- create significant reduction in zoonotic disease transmission
- increase public safety and decrease animal based stressors for people living in remote communities
- enhance the human-animal bond by providing access to routine veterinary care, delivering animal behaviour education and engaging with stakeholders to better enable responsible animal ownership
- decrease the potential for feral animal invasion of unique wilderness areas in the Northern Territory
- be responsible with Council funding, ensuring a financially accountable, sustainable and flexible program is maintained

The cornerstones of the program are large scale desexing and parasite control programs combined with school based and adult education delivery. The building of capacity within communities is critical to the sustainability of our programs. Working with Elected Members, Animal Management Workers and Ranger Groups from communities contributes to the success of the programs.

Suitable veterinarians will require a desire to work in a cross cultural environment, a sound surgical skill level and the ability to work independently in the field. Care, patience, flexibility and practicality are all essential to being happy in the work.

The positions requires extensive overnight remote travel. A car and equipment is provided.

The successful candidates will be accompanied and mentored by the incumbent veterinarian for an introductory period.

Remuneration is commensurate with experience.

If you would like to discuss this unique opportunity further please contact Dr Samantha Phelan on 0428818244 or email samantha.phelan@ropergulf.nt.gov.au