

Choose and Train Your Vet Assist by OVAID



Recruitment of a veterinarian to work in wildlife is not easy. This is because high commitment is needed and also the basic knowledge is weak. In addition, challenges will almost always be faced when working in the field. These things will eventually make the candidate not last long to work in the field.

In 2016, SOCP (Sumatra Orangutan Conservation Program) opened a vacancy for the position of veterinarian in Sumatran Orangutan Quarantine Center- North Sumatra. On this occasion, SOCP tried the latest program for the 3 strongest candidates to take part in one month's work internship at the Quarantine Center. This is intended to choose candidates who are truly interested and have high learning desires. For 1 month the three candidates will attend daily routine activities, interact with all keepers and also know a little about the working conditions that will later become their workplace. This is pretty good, because in one month we will see well who the candidates who really have passion are. On that occasion we made a choice on one of the candidates, drh. Meuthya. She is one of the veterinarians graduated from Syiah Kuala University-Aceh.

After getting the expected veterinarian, the training process is also one of the most important keys to creating a qualified veterinarian. On this occasion the SOCP received assistance from Dr. Nigel Hicks as Founder of OVAID to help with the training process. The activities included in the training activities are referring to how a veterinarian works systematically in handling a case. Nigel gave several positive inputs regarding the management of the clinic, as well as recording data. During the training process Meuthya gets direct assistance on every occasion, this is positive enough to build her confidence when handling a case. The results obtained were also very satisfying, creating Meuthya who was able to work systematically and discipline.

Not all centers have many veterinarians. SOCP only has 1 veterinarian in charge in the daily, for this reason, it will be a big obstacle if the vet in charge also has to double to provide training to the new vet. With the assistance program from OVAID, SOCP now has a new veterinarian who is reliable. Luckily, until now, Meuthya still feels very comfortable and enjoys working at the Sumatra Orangutan Quarantine Center.

In addition to assisting in the mentoring of the training process, OVAID also provided considerable contributions. OVAID has donated the anesthesia machine which is a dream to get it. In addition to providing the engine, OVAID also accommodates trainers to operate the machine. And again the trainer was tasked to ensure the vet team was able and confident in the use of the anesthesia machine. Thank you OVAID for all the assistance that we have had so far. With OVAID, SOCP felt a lot of progress was happen.