

2023 Sample Schedule: Dog Sanctuary*

DAY ONE: ARRIVAL IN HOUSTON

Registration at a hotel nearby the George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)
Group introductions and welcome dinner

DAY TWO: JOURNEY TO COSTA RICA

Group flight with chaperone from IAH to Juan Santamaría
International Airport (SJO)
Introduction to Teaching Veterinary Staff
Setting Expectations & Goals
Orientation and Welcome Dinner

Days Three-Six are full day excursions on site at the Land of Strays veterinary clinic

DAY THREE: WELCOME TO THE LAND OF STRAYS

Orientation and group hike through the sanctuary grounds
Lecture & Lab Rotation^

- Safe Handling and Restraint Techniques
- Anatomy and Directional Terminology
- Small Animal Behavior

Cultural Art Project

^Students will be split into groups and rotate through each animal care activity



DAY FOUR: DOMESTICATED ANIMAL CARE

Lecture & Lab Rotation

Practice Physical Exams & Taking Stray History

Ear and Skin Cytology

Injection and Catheter Placement Lab

Diagnostic Techniques

Dance Lessons

DAY FIVE: RESCATE WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER

Full day visit to the Rescate Wildlife Rescue Center, including

Tour of Center

Case Study Scenarios

Suture Techniques and Practice

Return to San José with stop at a Scenic Waterfall

Spanish Trivia Game

DAY SIX: HIKE WITH DOGS

Hike With Dogs: Help Lead Hundreds of Dogs on Their Walk

Lecture & Lab Rotation

Health Physiology and Heartworm

Hematology and Surgery Prep Lab

Game Night

DAY SEVEN: SPAY AND NEUTER PROJECT

Full Day Project Applying Skills and Training at a Spay and Neuter Clinic

Trip Evaluations and Farewell Dinner

DAY EIGHT: CLOSEOUT AND DEPARTURE

Closing Session and Address: Program Debrief and Departure

Provided transport to the airport

Return group flight to IAH

**This sample schedule is provided as an example of the overall quality and scope of a typical program experience and is not intended to represent a specific 2023 schedule. The schedules and details vary between sessions.*

