

I have just concluded my second visit to the Esther Honey Foundation clinic in the Cook Islands. Once again, I had a great experience and leave feeling very good about the animal care we provided.



Working at EHF is a genuinely unique experience. You are visiting and working in a truly beautiful and exotic location. More importantly, as you work at the clinic, you meet wonderful people and have the opportunity to appreciate the local environment. You're not just a tourist! So while you can certainly enjoy the beaches, snorkeling, etc., I was equally impressed by the friendly people and their culture.

The veterinary work is both challenging and rewarding. We treated injured pets and fish-poisoned animals, desexed dogs/cats, and cared for an assortment of dogs, cats, goats, pigs and a horse.

You can be truly gratified that you are helping the animals of Rarotonga.

One case stands out: a dog that had been hit by a car and had multiple injuries, including a hip fracture. We treated her injuries, performed an FHO, and discharged her to a very appreciative family. It is unimaginable to think how this sweet dog may have suffered without our care.

Another huge plus to the EHF experience is the opportunity to work with a dedicated and international group of volunteers. Our staff came from New Zealand, Sweden, the UK, Canada and Rarotonga. Sharing the different views and methods of veterinary care from around the world is an enlightening experience.

So it's work, fun, and enlightening! I wholeheartedly recommend EHF and the CI to anyone looking for a great way to use their veterinary skills and enjoy a wonderful travel experience.

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