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Dear team,

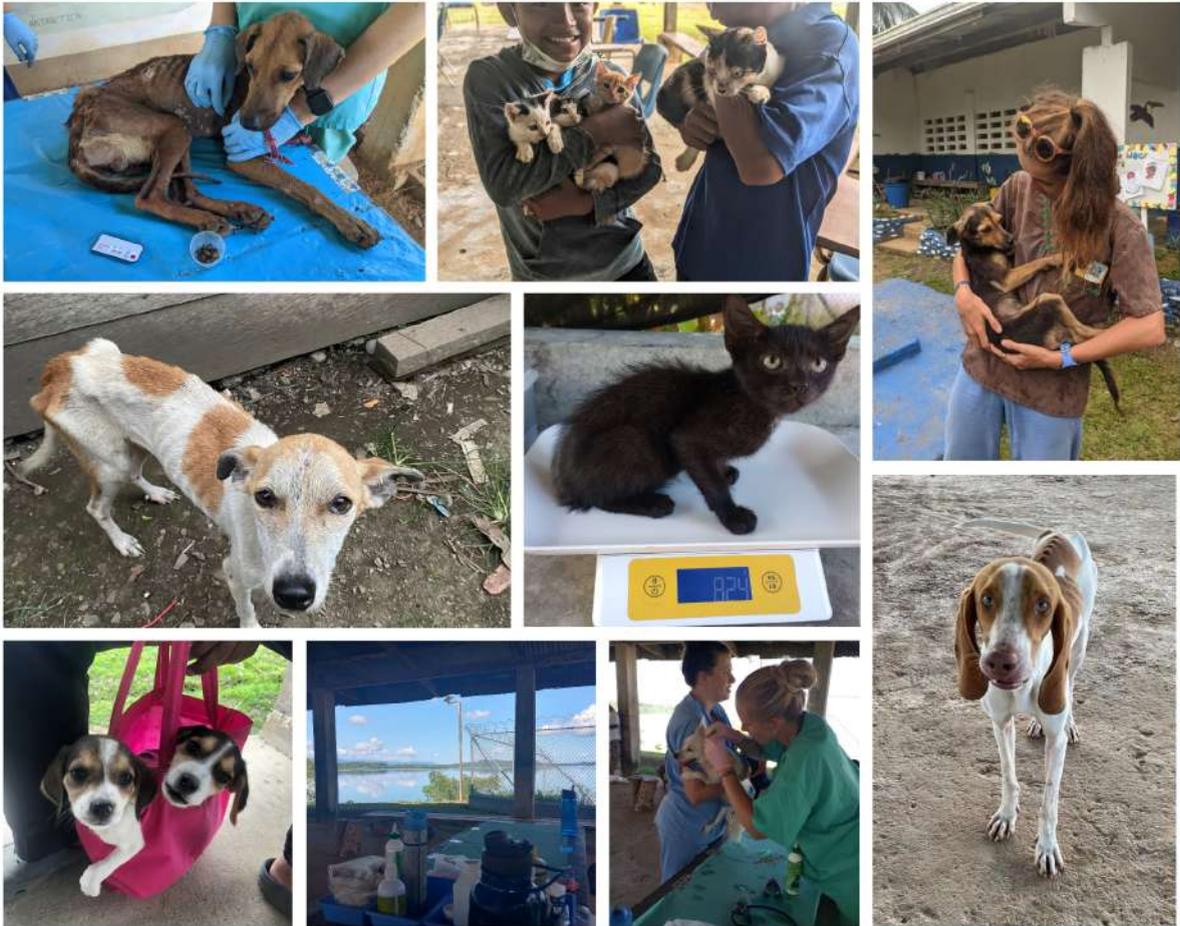
I am the Coordinator of the Floating Doctors Veterinary Program in Panama. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit medical team that has treated patients in Haiti, Honduras and Panama. We are currently located in the Bocas del Toro region of Panama, where our volunteers regularly serve 30 indigenous communities scattered over an area of 10,000 square miles of jungle-clad mountains and mangrove labyrinths. We deploy our teams in remote communities to provide healthcare, education, veterinary care, and community development services. Since 2010 we have treated more than 70,000 patients.

Usually, during the clinics, the veterinarians have consultations mostly for dogs and cats. Our veterinary program is focused on prevention and the clinic is usually very busy. However, our veterinarians are generally only able to see a limited number of patients per day. While this can have a big impact, we try to provide prevention and vaccinations to all patients who visit the clinic. By doing so, we hope to prevent the development of infections and diseases. The clinics run weekly and we return to each community every three months. At the moment we are treating around 100 animals per week, to whom we supply antiparasites (ectoparasites and endoparasites) and perform a general check-up. One of the bigger problems we find in the communities is malnutrition and lots of parasites. We are also performing some spay and neuter clinics in the communities and in partnership with other NGOs.

We work with volunteers from around the world, which we recommend to come for at least 3 weeks to have a full experience, but they can come for a minimum of 1 week if they choose. We also have paid positions for already licensed veterinarians.

You can also check out our website ([www.floatingdoctors.com](http://www.floatingdoctors.com)), Facebook (Floating Doctors) or Instagram (@FloatingDoctors) for more information on what we do and photos of our team in action.

I am attaching some photos so that you can see what our clinics are like in the communities.



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