CVM FORMS & DOCUMENTS FOR SHORT-TERM TRIP

Thank you for returning the following items to CVM at least ONE MONTH BEFORE your departure date!

☐ Assumption of Risk for International Service

☐ Short-Term Team Member Code of Conduct Form

☐ Emergency Contact Information form

☐ Copy of your flight itinerary (complete arrival & departure information)

☐ CVM $150 Trip Deposit. Please pay as soon as possible after being approved for a team/trip. You may make your trip deposit online at www.cvmusa.org/serve/short-term/pay-fees/

☐ Remainder of your Trip Costs. Your total trip costs minus the trip deposit. Due 6 weeks for your departure date. You may pay your trip costs online at www.cvmusa.org/serve/short-term/pay-fees/

Please send the above to:

Christian Veterinary Mission
Attn: Short-Term Missions Office
19303 Fremont Avenue North Seattle, WA 98133
(206) 546-7344
(206) 546-7458 fax
shortterm@cvmusa.org
PLEASE TAKE COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS ON YOUR SHORT-TERM TRIP

☐ CVM Emergency Phone Numbers (you will receive these via email)

☐ Completed Copy of your Traveler's Health Information Form (you will receive this via email)*

☐ Completed Copy of your Emergency Contact Information form*

☐ Copy of your DVM license

☐ Copy of your personal health insurance policy

☐ Copy of your flight itinerary

* Please give to your host upon arrival
CHRISTIAN VETERINARY MISSION
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE VOLUNTEER
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FORM

This is a Release of Legal Rights – Read and Understand Prior to Signing

Full Name of Volunteer: ____________________________________________
First          MI          Last

Missions Trip Location: ____________________________________________
Country

Dates of Trip/Visit: ______________________________________________
Month          Days          Year

I. _____________________(Volunteer’s Name) will be participating in a volunteer service
project in _____________________ (“Project”), coordinated through Christian
Veterinary Mission, a division of CRISTA Ministries/CVM (referred to herein as “CVM”).

I hereby agree as follows:

1. Risks of domestic volunteer service

   I understand that participation in this Project involves risks associated with traveling to and within,
   and returning from, one or more locations; political, legal, social and economic conditions; different
   standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; and other
   potential hazards based on the nature of the volunteer work to be performed. I have made my own
   investigation of the risks associated with this Project and I am willing to accept these risks. I further
   understand that CVM cannot assume responsibility or liability for any acts of terrorism which may
   affect volunteers and I agree to abide by any evacuation order that may be issued by CVM.

2. Independent Activity

   Although CVM is facilitating this volunteer service, I understand that neither CVM nor any of its
   officers, directors, employees, volunteers or affiliates will be supervising me at all times. I will at all
   times remain responsible for my own safety and will not hold CVM liable for any injuries to my person
   or property or any other losses as a result of my participation in the Project.

3. Service Arrangements
I understand that CVM does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any non-CVM host organization, host family, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of goods or services involved in the Project. I understand that CVM is not responsible for matters that are beyond its control. I hereby release CVM from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense arising out of any such matters.

4. Standards of Conduct

I understand that each culture has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, food, drink, politics, drug use and behavior. I recognize that behavior which violates those laws or standards could harm CVM’s relations with those cultures and the institutions therein, as well as my own health and safety. I will become informed of, and will abide by, all such laws and standards for each culture to or through which I will travel during the Project. I have read CVM’s Code of Conduct Policy and will comply with it.

5. Project Changes

CVM may, in its sole discretion, determine that circumstances within an area may require the cancellation of the Project. CVM will provide me with as much advance notice as possible of its intention to cancel the Project in which I will participate. I also understand that CVM or the host may prematurely terminate the Project. I accept all responsibility for loss or additional expenses due to delays or other changes in the means of transportation, other services, or sickness, weather, strikes or other unforeseen causes. If I become detached from the Project group, fail to meet a departure bus, airplane or train, or become sick or injured, I will at my own expense seek out, contact and reach the Project group at its next available destination. CVM bears no liability for any losses or claims incurred by me in connection with my own early termination from the Project or CVM’s termination of its participation in the Project.

6. Health and Safety

A. I have consulted with a medical doctor with regard to my personal medical needs. There are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict my participation in this Project.

B. I am aware of all applicable personal medical needs. I have arranged, through insurance or otherwise, to meet any and all needs for payment of medical costs while I participate in the Project. I recognize that CVM is not obligated to attend to any of my medical or medication needs and I assume all risk and responsibility therefore. If I require medical treatment or hospital care in an area or in the United States during the course of the Project, CVM is not responsible for the cost or quality of such treatment or care.

7. Abduction, Detention, or Kidnapping

If any CVM volunteer, staff or family member of staff is abducted, CVM will not accede to any demands for ransom. In the case of a hostage situation, CVM volunteers and family members if present would be immediately moved to a safe location as determined by the host and CVM. By signing this form I understand and agree with this policy.
8. Assumption of Risk and Release of Claims

Knowing the risks described above, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Project, I agree on behalf of my family, heirs and personal representatives to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Project. I and my heirs and successors and assigns agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless CVM, its past and present trustees, officers, employees, agents and the heirs, successors and assigns of each from any and all loss, cost, damage, liability or expense (including reasonable attorney’s fees) resulting in or arising from my participation in the Project (including periods in transit to or from any country where the Project is being conducted).

9. Health Insurance

I attest here that I have medical insurance and that I have contacted my health insurance provider, letting them know of my travels and ensuring that I have medical coverage in the area in which I am serving, including any and all medical evacuation, transportation, or health services required. I agree that if I do not have medical insurance coverage in the location in which I am serving I will either: get temporary coverage prior to the trip departure, or inform CVM of my lack of coverage and forfeit my participation in this service. I agree to bring my health insurance card with me during my service, in the event that medical care is needed.

10. Professional Liability

CVM/CRISTA does not provide any professional liability insurance for staff or veterinary professional volunteers. Any veterinary professionals providing services should have their own coverage based on the services they provide. AVMA PLIT informed CVM in September 2015 that veterinarians with PLIT, registered under the state in which they live or have their principal practice, will be covered in the areas where they volunteer. Currently the AVMA-PLIT program provides free Professional Liability to Veterinary Students so CVM encourages ALL VET STUDENTS to sign up for PLIT as they are also involved in providing care. Go to https://www.avmaplit.com/products/student-liability/ to sign up before your short-term trip. (Vet Techs do not need PLIT coverage).

I have carefully read this Assumption of Risk and Release Form before signing it. No representations, statements or inducements, oral or written, apart from the foregoing written statement have been made. I understand that returning this completed form constitutes my agreement with the above.

Date __________________________________________________________ Volunteer Signature ______________________________________________
CHRISTIAN VETERINARY MISSION
SHORT-TERM TEAM MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

SHORT TERM TEAM MINISTRY OBJECTIVE:
The objective of CVM Short-Term Mission teams is to provide opportunities for veterinarians, technicians and vet students to use their skills, faith and abilities in Christian service alongside national leaders and missionaries in ministries with similar values, partnering with them in the long-term goals and vision for their communities.

SHORT TERM TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT:
As you prepare for your mission trip, please remember that the person best equipped to minister in a cross-cultural setting is the person who is spiritually prepared, so regular time in prayer and Bible reading should be an integral part of your preparation. No matter what task you will be undertaking, the Christ-like attitudes of a learner and a servant are some of the most important assets you can have. This humble attitude will help you to minister and to be ministered to in the name of Christ. It will also help you to be flexible as you face cultural challenges and language barriers. During your mission trip, we challenge you to strive to be an encouragement and a testimony to your fellow team members as well as to the missionaries and nationals with whom you will come in contact.

To further ensure a successful trip that will (1) maintain a God-honoring standard for the team and Christian Veterinary Mission, (2) portray a proper testimony to all people impacted by the team, and (3) have a vital impact on each team member, your senders (CVM and your supporters), and the community in which you minister, Christian Veterinary Mission has established the following guidelines:

Each team member is expected to and must agree to:

- Be willing and prepared to exhibit a servant’s attitude at all times.
- Be willing to be flexible in all types of circumstances.
- Be willing to fully submit to team and/or host site leadership, seeking to promote an attitude of unity, cooperation and respect for those in leadership.
- Be willing to live, sleep, travel, eat and work as part of the group, in conditions that may be less than ideal.
- Be willing to accomplish whatever task is assigned whether on the job-site, in the kitchen, or while traveling.
- Be willing to dress by the standards which are appropriate for the culture, seeking to never be a distraction or bring offense by what is worn.
- Be willing to abstain from conduct, as requested by team and missionary leaders, which might be offensive to others or may be contrary to a clear testimony for Jesus Christ, realizing that customs vary greatly from culture to culture. In particular, team members may be asked to refrain from using tobacco, alcoholic beverages, offensive language or abusive drugs, and must agree to keep interaction with others at the highest standards of respect, modesty and morality and refrain from anything else that would negatively impact the witness of the local host/Christian Community at any time, including while traveling to and from the host site.
- Be willing to serve with your heart fully devoted to the ministry. Please take the time to understand your host country’s cultural interpretation of interpersonal relationships and refrain from public displays of affection and pairing off as a couple.
- Show respect for those on the team and at the host location who may have doctrinal beliefs and practices different from their own, understanding that the doctrinal beliefs and practices of the host will be what is held as the standard while serving on location.

I have read and agree to abide by what is expected above.

Volunteer signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of an emergency during your trip, CVM needs the information below on whom to contact (someone not on the trip with you). Please complete this form in its entirety.

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