

Woof Woof...Who let the Vets Out?



The three vets taking some time out with their new friends



A happy canine, all "pawed" out

Each of the 15 villages that are a part of the extended Sigatoka River Safari family received a nice surprise recently when three final year Veterinary students, Valerie Ouellette, Laurie Morin and Christina Plante spent some time at each village assisting the people on how to better take care of their animals with the resources available around them.

Stephanie Ferairra, Founder and CEO of Canine Street Rescue (C.S.R) in Los Angeles, U.S.A was overjoyed when the three final year vet students volunteered to head to Fiji and help out with the villages in the interior of the Navosa province.

"I was so excited when Valerie, Laurie and Christina joined Canine Street Rescue and Sigatoka River Safari to help the village animals," said Stephanie Ferairra, CEO of Canine Street Rescue. "When they heard about the mission, they did not hesitate at all and their passion to love, care for and help these animals out was purely out of the greatness of their hearts".

The students who travelled up the Sigatoka River with the assistance of Sigatoka River Safari were overwhelmed with the reception and warm welcome they received at each village.

"All the people in the village would come out and see what we were doing and it has been a once in a lifetime experience for us and to see the happiness in the people and helping out the village dogs and other animals was well worth it," said Laurie Morin, one of the final year student vets.

Sigatoka River Safari Managing Director, Jay Whyte was happy with the assistance from C.S.R.

"The program has been warmly received by the villagers and they appreciate the assistance being given to them," Jay said. "This initiative will have long lasting effects for all involved. The villages have welcomed the girls into their homes and have learnt a lot from on how to better take of their dogs and the animals they have in the village," he added.

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Meanwhile, C.S.R are planning another trip in June with their resident veterinarian to spray and neuter the dogs at each village.

“The three student vets have helped us out by gathering data on the village dogs, performing physical and nutritional exams, compiling charts, noting general health status, testing for certain parasites and other illness and the information they have managed to gather will help us better prepare for June,” Stephanie said.

This is not the first time that C.S.R has partnered with Sigatoka River Safari. It all began last year when Stephanie Ferreira came to Fiji and visited Koroua Village with Sigatoka River Safari. During her visit to the village she fell in love with one of the dogs and made arrangements to 'adopt' the dog and before long the dog affectionately named JOY was winging her way to California, U.S.A.

Read Joy's story here - [Click Here.](#)



Hard at work at the valley.



The girls check on another canine friend



A young boy waits patiently for his kitten to be examined



A piglet's lucky day

Taunk Family from India Enjoys Fiji!



Mr. and Mrs. Taunk at Koroua Village

Deepak and Darshna Taunk from Jamshedpur, India were lured into visiting Fiji after their son raved about the great time he had in Fiji during his honeymoon in November last year.

Darshana Taunk is the Managing Director of Eastern Travels Agency, a leading travel agency in India.

“Our son kept telling us that we had to go to Fiji and finally we are here and Fiji is so beautiful,” Mr. Deepak Taunk said. “Sigatoka River Safari has showed us what

life is like in a Fijian village and the experience with the people in the village has been amazing,” he added.

Travelling to Fiji via Hong Kong, the couple along with their daughter are in Fiji for 12 days with the assistance of Rosie Holidays.

Darshana hopes to include travel packages to Fiji that would enable visitors from India to spend time visiting different parts of Fiji and taking time out to do activities such as Sigatoka River Safari.

20 reasons to visit Fiji and Safari is #2!

Sigatoka River Safari and Off-Road Cave Safari recently were named as the 2 best reason to visit Fiji...only second to diving.

Managing Director, Jay Whyte, credits the dedication of his team and the people of the valley for making Sigatoka River Safari and Off-Road Cave Safari an unforgettable experience for all.

“We only learnt of the article when it popped up in our Google alerts and it was a quite a nice surprise to see both our tours listed in at number 2 in the top 20 reasons to visit Fiji,” Jay said. “This is a testament of the work by the hardworking Safari team and of course the people of the valley”.

Read the full article by Sydney Morning Herald’s, Belinda Jackson [here](#).

Catch another article online from earlier this month:

MSN’s Wendy Hoddinett, on her experience on Off-Road Cave Safari, Read More [here](#).

Plus on Trip Advisor... “Female Capt Joe was gorgeous, she shouldn't be a boat Capt she should be Miss Fiji” ...read up on Sigatoka River Safari’s latest comments on Trip Advisor.

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Get your Safari gear now at River Safari HQ!

Sigatoka River Safari's River Safari HQ office located on the main street in Sigatoka Town now has a wide range of merchandise available.

With different hats from \$25 and T-shirts from \$20, the River Safari HQ is the perfect place for you buy that gift for a friend or a family member.

Please call 6501721 and ask to speak to Maria Work for more information!



Imraaz Ali

Name: Imraaz Ali
From: Born in Ba, Raised in Sigatoka, Fiji
Position: Accountant
Drink: Coca-Cola
Food: Chicken Chow Mein
Sport: Soccer
Best Memory at Work: Winning employee of the year for 2011. I really wasn't expecting it.
Best Work Tip: Be honest and to always give your 100% with everything that you do.

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