

In order to provide context and foundation, the author's background is as follows.

He holds a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Missouri and a Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine from the Epidemiology Graduate Group at the University of California-Davis. He has written and co-authored peer-reviewed journal articles with infectious disease physicians and entomologists from the University of Arizona School of Medicine and the University of California-Riverside, and has served as a reviewer for the Journal of Vector-Borne Disease. Over the course of his career, he has provided clinics, supplies, and consulting in several Latin American countries, and seen veterinary medicine firsthand in places ranging from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. He has done field medicine with the San Carlos Apache tribe, the Hopi tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and has worked with, for, volunteered, and/or served as consultant with the following:

Arizona Department of Health, Arizona Humane Society, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Best Friends Animal Society, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Humane Society of the United States (Rural Area Veterinary Services), Indian Health Services (IHS), Maricopa County Department of Health, Missouri Department of Conservation, Mountain Gorilla Project, National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Parker Project, Primate Foundation of Arizona (PFA), St. Louis Zoo, and various animal rescue groups and field clinics in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Mexico, and Cuba.

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