



## Supervising Veterinarians



# SA WorldVets

Dr Chris “Bossie” Boshoff and his wife, Dr Nina Boshoff, live and work in South Africa and contribute to the SAWorld Vets programme in complementary roles. Dr Bossie Boshoff is the programme’s lead wildlife veterinarian, bringing extensive hands-on experience in wildlife veterinary medicine, conservation, and management across a wide range of species and clinical scenarios in the African bush.

Dr Nina Boshoff is involved in the programme through her work with a local charitable organisation that provides primary veterinary care to underprivileged communities. She contributes a focused component on community-based veterinary medicine and animal welfare.

Throughout the programme, Drs Boshoff work closely with students, answering questions, providing mentorship, and guiding them through the challenges and realities of wildlife veterinary practice. Their hands-on approach ensures that students not only develop technical skills, but also build the confidence, clinical judgement, and adaptability required to succeed in this demanding field.



### **Dr Chris “Bossie” Boshoff**

*Lead Veterinarian – SAWorld Vets*

Dr Chris “Bossie” Boshoff, lead veterinarian at SAWorld Vets, knew from an early age that his calling was wildlife veterinary medicine. While still a student, he sought out every opportunity to gain experience in the wildlife sector, volunteering alongside both private and State Veterinarians whenever possible.

After qualifying as a veterinarian in 2007 from the world-renowned **Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort**, Dr Boshoff began his career as a wildlife veterinarian on a private game farm. He later established his own wildlife veterinary practice, **Wild Game Vet**, and is now recognised as one of the

most experienced wildlife veterinarians in South Africa. His expertise includes game capture and transport, as well as the complex physiological principles underpinning chemical immobilisation.

Dr Boshoff works across South Africa's remarkable diversity of wildlife species and is involved in almost all aspects of wildlife veterinary practice, including conservation, anti-poaching initiatives, stud game development, and wildlife management. The unpredictable and demanding nature of this work means no two days are ever the same—his caseload may range from darting an escaped cheetah and collaring elephants, to measuring high-value antelope or treating rhinos that have survived poaching attempts. He is always accompanied by his personal protection dog, **K9 Klara**, who is also an experienced tracking dog.

Outside of his veterinary work, Dr Boshoff enjoys testing his fishing skills across a variety of species, riding motorbikes through the mud, following sport—particularly South Africa's favourites, cricket and rugby—and seeing just how far he can drive a golf ball down the fairway.

### **Dr Nina Boshoff**

*Assistant Veterinarian – SAWorld Vets  
Founder of Hoedspruit Animal Outreach (HALO)*

Dr Nina Boshoff qualified as a veterinarian from the **Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort** in 2013. She spent her first year working as a wildlife veterinarian at a wildlife rehabilitation, breeding, and conservation centre, where she gained hands-on experience with some of Africa's most endangered species, including cheetah, African wild dog, Southern Ground Hornbill, and the black-footed cat. This early exposure provided valuable insight into the complex challenges of wildlife conservation, rehabilitation, and education.

She later specialised in veterinary behaviour before moving into poultry veterinary medicine, working for a large broiler company. With a strong passion for animal welfare and community upliftment, Dr Boshoff went on to found **Hoedspruit Animal Outreach (HALO)**, as well as the **Hoedspruit Community Veterinary Clinic (CVC)** in collaboration with the South African Veterinary Association. These organisations work closely to provide underprivileged communities with access to primary veterinary care, animal welfare education, and mass vaccination



programmes aimed at protecting domestic animals, wildlife, and human health from diseases such as rabies and distemper.

In addition to her community-based work, Dr Nina continues to maintain her connection to wildlife veterinary medicine by assisting at **Wild Game Vet**, working alongside Dr Chris Boshoff. This allows her to remain involved in field-based wildlife practice while contributing a broader welfare and community perspective to the programme.

Outside of her professional work, Dr Nina enjoys training and riding horses, reading fantasy literature, spending time with her dogs, and gradually transforming her home into a jungle through her love of houseplants.



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