

## Report of bush week

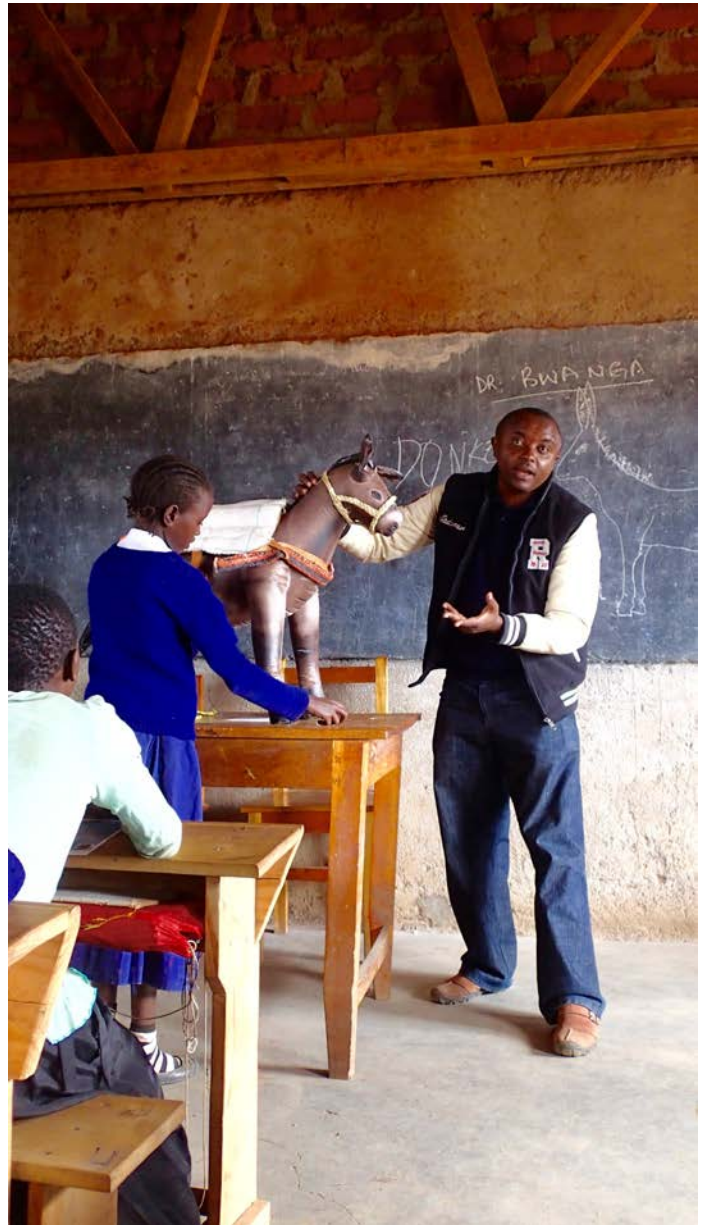
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### School club

We did the school club once during the week and it was also the first activity I got to do after arriving to Terat. It was a bit difficult for me to understand what was being said during the lecture, but I think I got the big picture of what you were teaching the students; you brought up a lot of important things about how to read an animal, how to treat it and how to take care of it. Doctor also gave a lecture about different diseases and how they spread.

In total it seemed to be a very good lecture and the students also seemed to be interested in what you had to say. You managed to make the teaching fun which I think is very important if you want the students to listen and actually learn. Activating them in the teaching like you did when you were demonstrating the 'donkey power' and were scares appear on the donkey is also a good way of making the learning fun and easy to remember.

I don't really feel like I made a contribution to the lecture myself, but it was a good and fun experience. I really believe it's important to teach kids about animal welfare since they are the future, especially in the long run this could mean a big change of the treatment of animals in the area.



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### Training

We did harness training with the massai women most of the days. This was probably my favorite part and also where I felt most valuable. It was a lot of fun to get to interact with the local women, and most of the women seemed to enjoy the harnessing as well.

It was a bit difficult for me to understand what the women's opinions were about the harnessing. Some of them seemed to get very involved though which I think is a good sign. I really hope they'll continue harnessing since it would improve the welfare of donkeys a lot.





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### Donkey clinic

I didn't get to to the donkey clinic during the week so I don't have much to report about it. I think some women brought a few donkeys the second day in Terat, but at the time I was busy helping out with the harnessing so I missed it. We were supposed to have a clinic in Custom but since we went home one day early that didn't happen. This was a bit disappointing because I would really have liked to do the clinic, but I guess there wasn't much to do about it.





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### Radio shows

We did two radio shows during our time in Terat; as with the lectures I didn't understand much of the shows and I also didn't feel like my presence was very valuable. But I do believe the radio show is a really good way of reaching out to people in the area and to tell them about your work and mission. You also seemed to have a lot of fun during the shows, which is a good and important thing!



### Sum up

In total I really enjoyed the whole week, for me this was a very different and rewarding experience. It was also nice to start off my time here out in the field and actually get to see how important and much needed your work is, and how it can make a big difference for the animals but also for the people in the area.

I did have some communication problems which sometimes made me feel a bit less useful but I hope I somehow made a contribution to the work anyway.

