FROM PAGODAS TO PRIVATE PRACTICE

Dr. Catherine Wood '07 has always loved adventure. From helping abandoned cats in Cambodia, to teaching surgical skills in Malawi, the Cestone Scholar alumna has applied her veterinary skills across the globe since graduating from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. She’s now embracing her next challenge—opening her own practice in Brooklyn, which she hopes will not only help local animals, but also partner with veterinary clinics in the developing world to help improve the standard of care in their home countries.

As a veterinary student at Cornell, Wood was fascinated by different cultures and loved to travel. "I remember talking to [vice president of animal health at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium] Dr. Randy Junge about a lemur project in Madagascar. He asked if I was particularly interested in Lemur cats. Dr. [Noha] Abou-Madi [clinical associate professor of zoological medicine] replied for me that I was particularly interested in airplanes," Wood recalls. That passion for the unfamiliar led her to her first foray into international animal welfare work, practicing at the Lilongwe SPCA in Malawi. "I couldn't have pointed to Malawi on a map at that point," Wood recalls of the first time she heard about the outreach opportunity. "Much of the country is destitute and the project was very new at that stage, but I fell in love with the warmth of the people and the "Let’s make a plan" attitude to crises. My dear friend there says you cry twice: ‘When you arrive and when you leave,’ that was very true."
Wood's next adventure was in Cambodia at the Angkor Center for Conservation.

Now, Wood, along with her fellow alum Dr. Erica Morgan '03, is opening a private practice in Brooklyn, named "All Creatures" in honor of the beloved James Herriot stories, and with the goal of treating a multitude of species. And, while she’s putting roots down in her home country, her future travels are far from over. "Hopefully, through sound financial management and by attracting like-minded people, All Creatures might be able to regularly participate in international relief work," she adds.

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Friday, June 10, 2016, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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