



Animal Care, Croatia



Availability: We welcome new volunteers twice a month every month of the year. Your arrival date should be the Sunday before an Introduction Day!

Project Start & End Days: Sundays

Project Workdays: Monday to Fridays (weekends are free)

Support Provided: Orientation event on arrival (including an introduction to Croatia and its culture, volunteer experience, overview of programs, practical information, safety guidelines)

- Guided city tour
- The best tips to discover the city!
- Allocation and coordination of a work placement in an impactful non-profit project

- Introduction on the first day of volunteering
- Ongoing support throughout the stay
- 24h/7 emergency support
- All the tools and materials you'll need for this program!

Age Requirement: 18 years old

Airport Pick Up: Pick up at the international airport in Split & transfer to the accommodation – on Sunday between 08:00 am. and 08:00 pm.

Location of Project: The project is located in Split, Croatia

Meals Provided & Accommodation: The volunteer program fees include 3 home-made and delicious meals a day! (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Local style. Vegetarian, gluten-free and meals for lactose-intolerant are also available upon request)

Accommodation at a dormitory in a local hostel, female, or mixed dormitory with private bathroom, and free WIFI. Private rooms may be available at your accommodation as well for an extra cost, please contact us.

Background to this Program: This program supports the welfare and protection of dogs and cats at the local shelter. Pet shelters play an important role in Croatia due to the high number of cats and dogs that are abandoned by their families for a number of reasons. Animal shelters are often overcrowded, and volunteers play an important role in giving time and love to animals, promoting their health and well-being and giving them the best chance of being adopted. The shelters also aim to raise awareness around animal abandonment and reduce future abandonment rates, as well as help to find homes for strays.

Your tasks will vary day-to-day but can include assisting with bathing and brushing dogs, providing companionship by playing, walking and socializing with the animals and helping to measure and weigh them. Playing with the animals each day is very important as it enables them to get along with people, while also giving them fun, active time in their day. You may also assist with taking photos and recording small videos to build an ID book for each animal to help promote their adoption. Volunteers can also help to improve conditions for the animals by taking care of green spaces in the shelter and helping with small construction projects such as building dog runs and fences.

What our Volunteers do on the Project:

After the initial orientation, you will join the morning or afternoon shift at your placement and will work for approximately 3 to 5 hours per day. The transport between accommodation and the volunteer project is not included, the transfer is easy by public bus.

Please note that the starting times and daily workload can vary depending on the schedule of each specific project. A typical daily schedule will look as follows:

- **07:00 am – 10:00 am** | Breakfast at the volunteer's accommodation
- **10:00 am – 12:30 pm** | Travel to project to join local placement staff and begin work on your volunteer project
- **12:30 pm – 02:00 pm** | Lunch is served at the accommodation. In the morning you can grab a “packed lunch” to have in the city or at your placement.
- **02:00 pm – 07:30 pm** | Explore the city, relax, enroll other activities
- **08:00 pm – 10:00 pm** | Dinner at the accommodation. After dinner you will have the remainder of the evening free to relax and use as you wish.

Conditions:

- Minimum age: 16 years old
- Minimum English level required: Basic
- Police record required: upon registration
- Copy of passport required: upon registration

Participants under 18 years of age must present a letter of parental consent.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

We just recommend you to bring comfortable clothes adjusted to the time of the year!