



## Animal care program in Lisbon



**Join our Animal Care project in Lisbon to support the welfare of abandoned dogs and cats. Gain experience in local shelters, helping keep animals healthy and active for a better chance at finding new homes.**

Our Animal Care project offers volunteers the opportunity to support local shelters dedicated to the welfare of abandoned dogs and cats. These nonprofit organizations aim to protect animals, provide companionship, and raise awareness about animal abandonment to facilitate adoptions.

You will support non-profits that rescue and protect cats that have been lost or abandoned. Animal shelters play an important role in Lisbon due to the high number of cats and dogs that are abandoned by their families for a number of reasons. These 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.

Your tasks will vary day-to-day but can include assisting with **playing** and **socializing** with the **cats and dogs**, **feeding** them, **cleaning** the cat wooden house, assisting with

some **veterinary tasks**, supporting the adoption events, maintaining the garden, and **taking photos and videos** of the cats to help promote their adoption. Playing with the animals each day is very important as it enables them to be more social with people and it makes it easier for them to be adopted later.

### **What to Expect:**

- **Animal Care:** Assist with feeding, socializing, and playing with the animals to ensure they remain active and healthy.
- **Shelter Maintenance:** Help clean cages and kennels, maintain outdoor spaces, and ensure a clean and safe environment for the animals.
- **Adoption Support:** Participate in adoption events and contribute to communication campaigns to raise awareness and support for the shelters.

### **Daily Tasks:**

- Feeding
- Socializing and Playing
- Cleaning
- General Maintenance
- Adoption Event

### **Meals**

Yes, the volunteer program fees include three home-made and delicious meals a day! (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

### **Do I need to speak the local language?**

No, you don't need to have any previous skills in the local language! Our guides and staff are all comfortable speaking English as well! But we always encourage our participants to get acquainted with some of the most basic terms and expressions, as even just a simple "Good morning!" in the local language can be a great icebreaker to start interacting with the locals!

There are also language lessons available for volunteers. The language lessons can be booked before or on the arrival. Lessons are taught by a professional teacher and tailored to each volunteer's current language level.

### **Does this program require a high level of physical fitness?**

No! All activities within this program only require a medium or low level of physical fitness!

### **What is the accommodation like? Could I stay in a private room?**

What we can assure you is that we want to make your stay with us as comfortable as possible! In most cases, you will stay along with the other participants in dormitory-style rooms. Private rooms may be available at your accommodation as well for an extra cost.

## **What do I need to pack for my trip?**

We prepared a little list of essentials which can assist you with your packing:

- Basics (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner...)
- Medication contact lenses, glasses
- Clothes according to the local weather and the project you applied for
- Plug adapters and power converters
- Unlocked mobile phone – we will give you a Portuguese SIM card that you can charge according to your needs
- Laptop, tablet or smartphone so you have access to Wi-Fi almost everywhere
- Camera (if you want to capture all the unforgettable moments.)

## **Shall I bring special clothes to participate in this volunteer program?**

There is no mandatory dress code for taking part in this program, so we just recommend you to bring comfortable clothes adjusted to the time of the year!

## **Will I have time for some sight-seeing as well?**

Of course! We want you to really get to know your natural and cultural surroundings and will provide you with useful tips and tricks that will help you discover the location of your stay like a local!

Your shifts will generally last between **3 and 5 hours per day** and will take place either in the morning, in the afternoon or in the evening, which will leave you with plenty of free time to go explore, take a stroll around your surroundings, catch the most important sites, interact with the locals or simply go and relax! And of course, you will have your weekends off as well!