

# DOMESTIC ANIMAL SHELTER PROGRAMME



VOLUNTEERING  
FACTSHEET



## ABOUT

This shelter provides a crucial role for the communities of Imizamo Yethu, Hangberg and the greater Hout Bay area.

Situated on a large plot in Hout Bay, Western Cape, this organisation provides shelter for its rescues through housing an extensive cat garden, cat sanctuary, outdoor and indoor kennel areas, as well as indoor rooms for those animals in treatment or rehabilitation.

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Due to the nature of our work and the fact that we are a working shelter, each volunteer is required to complete a mandatory orientation before interacting with any animals. Orientations can be booked through the office.

- You can choose how often and when you volunteer. It is great if you can commit to a regular day to come in, but we understand that this is your free time. Our volunteer time for dog walking is between 9am and 1pm daily.
- Volunteers can do different types of work. You aren't forced to do any tasks you aren't comfortable with. Some people brush cats and dogs, some spend time sitting in the Cat Garden or help out with walking dogs. Others help with cleaning of rooms, washing of litter trays and food bowls, etc.
- You can also offer your help by sorting and pricing goods for the Garage Sales, you can help with weeding and gardening, doing environmental clean-ups on the farm and along the river bank, or by doing simple handyman work; tiling and painting, fixing of kennels and fences, etc.

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FIND YOUR VOICE



## OTHER WAYS TO HELP

- Collect dog and cat food and newspapers at your school or work. Donate old household goods, books, second-hand clothing to sell at the monthly garage sales for fundraising.
- Link from your blog or website to ours. Or chat to our staff or fundraising team to find other ways to put your skills and connections to good use.

## WHAT TO WEAR?

- Comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

## ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- You can book accommodation with EC Cape Town, or arrange your own accommodation close to the centre/s.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- You need to book an Uber or private taxi to reach this project. Cannot be reached by other public transport.

## MINIMUM AGE

- 18

## MINIMUM LEVEL OF ENGLISH REQUIRED

- Upper Intermediate

## SKILLS/PERSONALITY TRAITS REQUIRED

- Not required

## APPLICATION

- Write a motivation letter and provide a short CV.
- Complete the EC application form.



## ARRIVAL

- Arrival at Cape Town International Airport
- Date of arrival is flexible, however: volunteers are required to attend orientation
- Start at the project on a Wednesday

## WHICH TRANSFERS ARE INCLUDED?

- Arrival transfer if accommodation is booked with EC Cape Town
- You will need to make your own way to the project each day. This can be by Uber or private taxi.

## WHAT TO BRING?

- Donation in dog or cat food is welcome.

## VACCINATIONS

- Volunteers must have had their 2 Covid vaccinations

## WHERE IS THE PROJECT BASED?

- Hout Bay – Cape Town

## WORKING?

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## **COSTS?**

Placement fee: **€400** (non-refundable)

- This includes a donation of R1500 to the project and a personal dog lead to walk the dogs on the property.
- The volunteer will get a lead after the orientation to walk dogs on the property.

## **PROBATION?**

- N/A.

## **SICK DAYS?**

- Inform the Centre if you were planned to go in, that you are not well.

## **WHAT IS INCLUDED?**

- Project placement and all correspondence with the project
- Arrival and departure transfers if accommodation is booked with EC Cape Town
- Arrival orientation
- Support services from both the project and EC Cape Town
- Access to all EC Cape Town student activities. (Charges may apply for these activities, such as transport costs or entry fees, etc.)
- 24/7 assistance on EC Cape Town's emergency phone for the duration of your stay

## **WHAT IS EXCLUDED?**

- Visa application fees
- Travel insurance (available at €20 per week if booked with EC)
- Flights
- Spending money
- Local transport to and from the project
- Laundry

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS?**

- Standard EC Terms and Conditions apply.